

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 3

5th October 2018



### A Message from the Chair of Governors

Hello everyone, while it may only feel like a few weeks since

Mrs Gillam went on maternity leave, we have been busy planning the leadership structure for when she returns. I am very pleased to say Mrs Gillam will be back in school as Head Teacher after the October half term break. Initially this will be on a part-time basis until Christmas with the Head's role shared between Mrs Gillam and Mr Newton, Mrs Gillam will then be back full-time from December 17th. Mr Palmer will return to the Junior School on a full time basis from October half term before moving on to his headship in January.

I would also like to inform you that Mr Newton has accepted a secondment opportunity working with both Huntington Research School in York and York City Council. This will initially be for 2 days a week in November and December before becoming a full-time secondment in January 2019 for a 12-month period. Mr Newton will then return to our school in December 2019.

The governors are conscious that changes to the leadership structure may cause a period of uncertainty for pupils, parents and staff. We are, however, delighted that we have been able to secure a structure that enables Mrs Gillam to have a phased return to school and allows Mr Newton to pursue an exciting opportunity outside of the Infant school.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Neil Herring

Handouts week  
beginning 1st Oct

Email:

Hard copies:

- ❧ Individual School photos and covering letter
- ❧ Y2— *Applying for a Junior School Place*
- ❧ Nursery Children— *Applying for a school place*

## Exciting News!

We are delighted to announce that Pickering Pre-School Playgroup will be moving into the portacabin at school from Monday 5th November.

They will still remain Pickering PreSchool Playgroup, a charity run playgroup but will be renting the building from the school. They have been based at the Parish Hall for over 40 years so this is the end of an era for them but is a fantastic opportunity to develop their setting and enable the children to have a greater variation in learning experiences. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them onto the school site.

## New Website


We are delighted to be launching our new website which can be found at the same domain as the previous website <http://pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

The website has a whole host of useful information on it however we would love to receive your feedback about it. We are particularly grateful to Oliver Newby for the hard work that he has put in to supporting the school in building this

website.

Remember we are also now on Twitter and can be found @PickeringInfant Please do follow us for updates about school life!


## Harvest Festival



Our annual Harvest Festival will take place at 2.30 in the school hall on Thursday 18th October. Families are welcome to attend, including young children. As part of our Harvest Festival we are collecting donations for Ryedale Foodbank . Items that they really need are packets of instant mash, UHT fruit juice, ready made custard and instant coffee amongst other goods—they have plenty of UHT milk and tinned meats. If you would like to donate any items please bring into school on Wednesday 17th or Thursday 18th October. Thank you.

## Parent Coffee & Chat

Our first meeting of the school year between parents and I will be on Tuesday 16th October at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity to come and have a chat with me about school life and ways in which we can improve. We welcome all parents to this forum. Please note that this is not



the right place to discuss individual issues relating to your child—as always to do this please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or make an appointment to see me in person.

### **Absences**

Please telephone or email the school, preferably first thing in the morning, on the first day of absence. Please keep us informed if the absence continues.

In the case of diarrhoea and/or sickness, please keep your child off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

Tel: 01751 472620 or email [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### **Threadworms**

We have had one or two parents who have reported to us that their child has had threadworms. There is no need to exclude a pupil from school whilst having the treatment, Thorough handwashing is always encouraged in school encouraged in school after using the toilet and before having food.

### **Head lice/Nits**



Head lice are an ongoing pest in schools across the country and out is no exception. Please be vigilant, checking your child's hair daily and treating when necessary. You will have to keep checking to make sure that all the eggs have gone even after treatment. Contact the doctors' surgery or the pharmacy for further information.

### **Registering for School**



Do you have a toddler or know of anyone that does? Are they registered with us for a Nursery/School place? If it is your/their intention for your/their child to attend our school, please make sure that they are registered as this helps us with future plans. This is particularly important if your child was born between :

01/09/15—31/08/16 for Nursery place September 2019

01/09/14—31/08/15 for School place September 2019

Current Nursery parents please don't forget to complete your on line application for your child's place in Reception for September 2019

*Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone.*

*Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the office, together with term time dates, holiday forms, uniform order forms*

*Tel: 01751 472620      email: [admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)*

*For attendance/absences - [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)*

## **Community News**

“Duck Duck Goose” will be shown at Potter Hill Family Cinema on Saturday 6th October at 6:30pm. Donation only.



Refreshments available at the start & during the interval.