

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 1

7th September 2018



Welcome back!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a fun filled summer whatever you have been doing. It has been lovely to welcome children and their families into school this week with many 'bouncing' in to start in their new classes! We strongly believe in partnership working to achieve the best for all our children so I would like to start the year by encouraging you to take a full and active part in school life and remember that we will always welcome communication with you about your child in whatever form suits you best— in person, by phone, letter or email.

Friends of School AGM

Our Friends of Pickering Infant School will be holding their AGM in the school hall on Friday 14th September at 2.30 pm. Every parent and carer of a child at our school is automatically a member and your support for this hugely important organisation is crucial. Please come along if at all possible. They are recruiting for new committee members as per information sent out before the holidays and reattached to this newsletter. Please do give serious consideration to these exciting opportunities to really make a difference within our school community.

Handouts

Email:

Hard copies:

- ✚ Sept/Oct Diary Sheet
- ✚ Bus Children only - collection letter
- ✚ Y2 Sing Squad letter
- ✚ Swimming letter Hedgehog class and half Badger class

Staffing updates

There are a few bits of exciting news to share from our staff over the summer:

Mr Palmer has been successful in securing his first, very well deserved headship at Kilham C of E Primary School whilst Mrs Casey has been successful in securing a new post at Barrowcliff Primary School in Scarborough. Both staff will be a huge loss to our school but we know that they will enjoy the new challenges ahead. Updates about associated recruitment will follow.

Miss Rennard, our Nursery class teacher, is now sporting a very shiny ring having become engaged to her partner over the summer holidays!

Mrs Smeaton, Hedgehog class teacher, is very pleased to announce that she is pregnant again with baby due in Spring 2019.

Congratulations to all of the above staff from all of us at school.

Change of Details

Please remember to let school know if you have changed your mobile phone number, landline number, email address or move house over the

summer holidays so that we can amend our records accordingly. Also, if there is any other information relating to your child, ie medical issues, that we need to know about please call at the office so that their records can be updated. Thank you.

Gardening help required



We have been very fortunate in the past to have some really dedicated volunteers helping us to keep our garden areas looking smart with the help of our children. We are seeking people who would like to help us with this—both expert gardeners who can offer advice and guidance as well as green fingered novices who would be willing to give a little time to actually doing this. If you can offer any time, please do let Mrs Carter, our volunteers leader, know either in person or by calling into the office.

Mental health and emotions

We are doing a lot of work in school at the moment encouraging children to talk about and recognise their emotions and the range of emotions and feelings that we all feel at different times. As part of this

work, we are using 'Feelings Trees' in each classroom where children will have the opportunity to express how they are feeling by placing their own picture in different places on the tree. Part of this is also to help children to indicate if they would like to talk to someone about how they are feeling. You can support this by talking to your child at home about feeling and emotions and encouraging them to use the Feelings Tree. We try to avoid language that suggests that some emotions are 'good or bad' but focus on recognising and dealing with different emotions.

Email Addresses

For reporting absences or changes to collection arrangements please use

Mrs Close's email address;

admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For any other enquires please use

Mrs Newby's email address;

admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For class based queries please use class email addresses. Remember that these are checked daily before 8.50am. Your email will be read but you may not get an immediate response. Further information can be found in the attached letter.

Parking

A quick reminder for all parents that the staff car park in front of school is for staff only. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lanes and parking tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. It is essential these are clear at the start and end of the school day.

We know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult but please remember that we have the parking permit system in place to help with this. For a charge of £5, an annual permit can be purchased for Eastgate car park for parking until 9.15am and between 3.15pm and 3.30pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase a permit.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our parents who make use of this scheme or who ensure that they park safely and courteously around school.

Birthday Assembly

Our first Birthday Assembly of the school year will be on Friday 28th September at 2.30pm



We hold a Birthday Assembly for each month of the year during which children whose birthday it is are invited to come out to the front of the hall to blow out the birthday candles. All parents are welcome at

any of our Birthday Assemblies.

Class and School email addresses

Mrs Goff and Mrs Smeaton	hedgehogs@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Green	rabbits@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Corton	owls@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Carter	badgers@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Smith	squirrels@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Duck and Mrs Dunsmore	butterfly@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Bointon	ladybird@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Rennard	nursery@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Office

General - Mrs Newby	admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Absences/change in collection arrangements etc.—Mrs Close	admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

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

For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

CHILDREN'S SUMMER ART COMPETITION

" MY CHILDHOOD RYEDALE "

Create an image to show what you love about growing up in Ryedale.

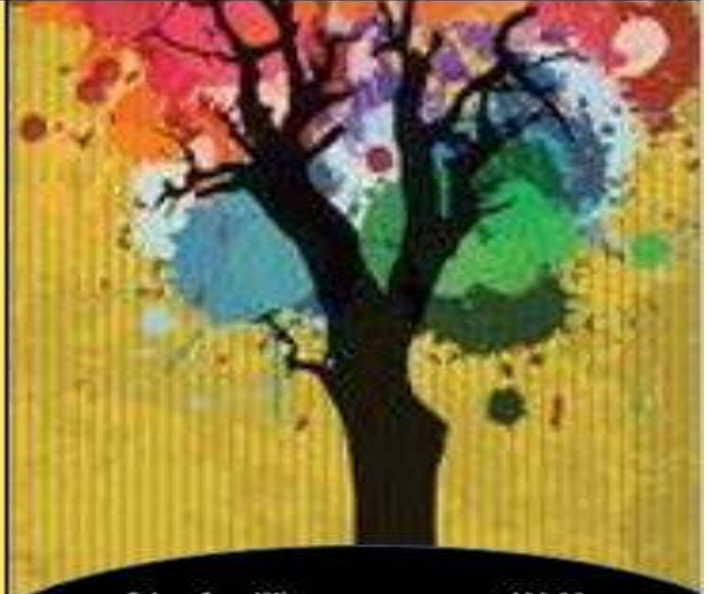
- ✳ Use any medium you like, crayons, paint, pencils, collage, chalk, charcoal etc
- ✳ Paper must be A4 (landscape or portrait)

Age groups:

- ✳ Under 5's
- ✳ 6 – 11 years
- ✳ 12 – 15 years
- ✳ 16 – 18 years

On reverse please write:

- ✳ Name.
- ✳ Age.
- ✳ Phone number.
- ✳ What your creative piece is called.
- ✳ Write "YES" if you happy for artwork to be used to publicise the event.



Prizes for: Winner, runner up and highly commended in each age group.

Organisers - the Mother Anti-Frecklers.

Competition closes: **13 September 2018** Judging panel: local artists + dignitaries

Send entry to : **Memorial Hall, Potter Hill, Pickering, YO18 8AA**



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Ian Ahearn Ph:07484 735392
The Bandroom, Outgang Rd, PICKERING

<http://www.stapesilverband.co.uk/>
Email: stapesilverband@btinternet.com

Amazing opportunity for children (and parents?!) to learn a Brass instrument!

Tuesday nights from 6pm. Lessons are 15-20mins with opportunity to play with the Training Band once confident and making progress.

£25 per annum includes the provision of a borrowing instrument.

See the above Contacts for further information or chat with Mrs Durant.