

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 5

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Remembrance Activities and Poppies for Peace

On both sides of the half term break children have been busily involved in projects in Pickering which commemorate 100 years since World War I. We have made poppies to decorate the town's war memorial in St Peter's and St Paul's church along with many other organisations. The thousand poppies will be on display over the weekend so please go along and have a look. Children also worked with Rosie Goodwin, community artist who has been leading a project called 'Poppies for Peace' with schools across Ryedale. This has helped children develop their historical understanding as well as create their own poppies to represent some of the stories they have learnt about. All the poppies made feature in an exhibition at Beck Isle Museum throughout November and there is **free entry to the museum on Saturday 24th November**. Finally, we have finished the week with an assembly of remembrance which has been an opportunity for singing squad to perform some songs related to the era as well as the school community remembering the sacrifices made across the years.

Handouts

Email:

Hard copies:

- Pickering Panto
Ticket draw letter
- School lunch
letter for packed
lunch children only
- Individual photos

Date to be added to Diary Sheet

December Birthday Assembly

Friday 14th December 2.30pm



Safety Week

This week has been Safety Week in school with children learning about a variety of safety related topics such as strangers, medicine, road safety, internet safety, and firework. We continue to focus on safety throughout the year and talk to the children about everyone being and feeling safe being the most important part of our school. Please take the time to consider following up on this work at home. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Breakfast Club

We still have spaces available at our Breakfast Club and are still finding that parents don't know it's there! Based in the porta cabin from 8am Monday to Friday, we provide a nutritious breakfast and fun activities for your child while you get a head start to the day! We have very reasonable prices and flexibility about which days you need. Contact the office for more details.

Mrs Gillam's return

Mrs Gillam would like to say a huge thank you for the warm welcome back into our school community.

School Caretaker

North Yorkshire County Council are currently looking for a caretaker for our school. This is a great opportunity for someone with the right skills to be part of our school community. Please see the link below for further details.

https://atsv7.wcn.co.uk/search_engine/jobs.cgi?SID=amNvZGU9MTc1MjA4MyZvd25lci01MDUwMDE3Jm93bmVydHlwZT1mYWlyJnBvc3RpbmdfY29kZT00MjgmdnRfdGVtcGxhdGU9MTE5Nw

Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo)

Earlier this term, we carried out the recruitment process for our new SENDCo. This will be a shared role on a 0.6 contract (3 days a week) working across both the Infant and the Junior School, a model that both schools were keen to continue with following the departure of Mrs Long. Mrs Rebecca Sealy was successfully appointed and will start with us in January 2019. In the meantime, Mrs Claire Green will continue to act as our Interim SENDCo.



Children in Need Day

On Friday 16th November the children and staff are invited to come to school wearing 'spots' - anything from headbands, a full outfit or a few drawn spots on their face. Staff will bake buns/small cakes for the children to have at 'picnic time'. Any monetary donations will be collected and donated to the Children in Need appeal but all the children will receive a baked treat.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 23rd November

Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a gift or prize for the Christmas Fair. The items can be taken into the classroom where a member of Friends of School (FOS) will collect them.

We would be extremely grateful for home baked goods for our fair. Please bring any donations of cakes, buns, etc for the fair on the morning of 7th December.

Your support in these events is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Clubs

After School Clubs restart next week

Mondays

Art Club and Gardening Club

12th, 19th, 26th Nov, 3rd Dec,
14th, 21st, 28th Jan 4th, 11th Feb

Football Club

12th, 19th, 26th Nov, 3rd, 10th Dec

Wednesdays

Gymnastics Club

14th, 21st, 28th Nov, 5th Dec.
16th, 23rd, 30th Jan, 6th, 13th Feb

Thursdays

Recorder Club and Lexia Club

15th, 22nd, 29th Nov, 6th Dec.
17th, 24th, 31st Jan, 7th, 14th Feb

Parking

A quick reminder for all parents that the staff car park in the front of the school is for staff only. The bus lanes must be left clear at all times, including dropping off children for breakfast club and nursery. There have been a number of occasions where parents have used the car park or the bus lane which has caused considerable issues, including relating to the safety of our children. We know that parking on the street around the 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 3.15–3.40pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you wish 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. This has a positive impact on the safety of our children and on maintaining a positive relationship with our neighbours on Ruffa Lane.

Tractor Tyre

We have a large tractor tyre that we no longer need on the school site. This is free to a good home.

If anyone feels that they could upcycle this item, please contact the office to arrange to collect it from the school site.



Wanted : Old and Broken Wax Crayons

If your child/ children have any old or broken wax crayons which they no longer use, and you are willing to donate them to school, Year 1 classes would like them for a project they are working on in class. Any donated crayons can be left at the school office. Thank you.

Community News

Every Friday at Pickering town library is 'Smiley Time' which is a time for pre school children and their parents or carers to enjoy meeting other children, sharing stories, playing games and having fun all led by community worker, Karen Pattison.

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

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