

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 7

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A busy time of year!

Those of you that follow us on Twitter @PickeringInfant will have picked up on the sense of busyness in school at the moment. Our whole school writing week was another huge success with lots of children making great progress with their writing targets — please continue to practise these at home too. We have had visits from the author of this year's Key Stage 1 Christmas production — for which rehearsals are now in full flow — and our Nursery and Reception children have enjoyed fun sessions in school with their parents. Our staff team have been incredibly busy too with ongoing development of work for pre school children across Pickering and continued participation in a regional maths teacher research group, including our colleagues at the Junior School. Work has started on the redevelopment of our Forest School area and there are some amusing pictures on Twitter of the workmen knee deep in the pond!

Friends of School have been busily organising tonight's Christmas fair and are hugely appreciative of the offers of help and support they have received this year.

Handouts

-  Christmas Concert Tickets
-  Spring Term Dinner Menu
-  January/February Diary Sheet
-  Bus children only letter



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Staffing update

Mrs Howarth, our school cook, is pleased to announce that she has secured a new job as cook at Norton Community Primary School. Although

Mrs Howarth is not directly employed by our school, she is absolutely a huge part of our school community and it is with great sadness that we will bid her farewell.

During her time with us, Mrs Howarth has always gone above and beyond what is asked of her to make sure that all of our children, whatever their dietary requirement, are well nourished during the school day. She is so passionate about what she does and our loss will be a huge gain to Norton. Although subject to the usual final processes being completed, it is likely that Mrs Howarth will be starting her new role in January.

Computer Games

As Christmas draws near and children share their Christmas lists (of various lengths!) we are hearing that a number of children are requesting computer games that are not age appropriate. We wanted to share with parents that games such

as Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty have been rated as suitable for adults aged 18 or over. This is because they have violent and sexual content that is unsuitable for children below the age of 18. As disappointing as it is for children to hear, it is our role as adults to keep our children safe and protected from age inappropriate content such as that contained in these games.

Phonics

We are working really hard on phonics across the school at the moment and are delighted with the support that children are being given at home. We recognise that many parents didn't learn phonics themselves when at school so we try our best to support you supporting your children with key skills that help both reading and writing. There are lots of things shared on our class newsletters but if you ever want to ask a question or need some more help then please just ask. We all want the very best outcomes for our children and the best way to achieve this is working together. Your child's class teacher will always make time to meet with you to provide advice as required.

FOOD ALLERGIES & INTOLERANCES



Please speak to the catering team if you require information

Reminders

10th to 14th December – Christmas Post Box open

11th December - School Christmas Dinner

12th December - Town Carol Service

14th December - December Birthday Assembly 2.30pm

17th, 18th, 19th December - Christmas Concerts

20th December - School Church Carol Service 2pm

21st December - Christmas Jumper Day

School closes for Christmas

PLEASE NOTE - *There will be no after school clubs weeks beginning 10th and 17th December EXCEPT Football Monday 19th only*



Please note the afternoon Christmas Concert Performances start

Y1 and Y2 1.20pm

Nursery and Reception 2.20pm

NOT 1.30 AND 2.30 AS STATED ON THE TICKETS

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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