

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

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Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th February was national Safer Internet Day. With increasing access to devices that connect to the internet, it is vital that we all know how to keep ourselves and our children safe online.

O₂ and NSPCC have teamed up to create a website (<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>) with lots of great, straight forward advice and support for parents.

Their TEAM tips to help keep your children safe when thinking about age ratings are particularly useful;

Talk to your child regularly about what games, apps and sites they are using. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried by anything they've seen.

Explore the game and look on the Net Aware site for age rating information on the most popular sites, apps and games. Net Aware also tells you what young people and parents think the minimum age for that platform should be. You can also a look at the [Games Rating Authority](#) or a breakdown of the content you can expect to see in different console games, helping you to make an informed decision.



Agree: Make sure your child knows how to report or block other users. Help them apply privacy settings, where possible so that they control who can see their profile.

Manage: Check out the game yourself to see if it lets you play with or against other players and if you can set it to 'private'. They may be able to talk to other players through the game itself, the console network e.g. X Box Live. Turn on [parental controls](#) on gaming consoles to help prevent children from downloading games that aren't appropriate for their age or from seeing harmful material.

For more information on age ratings, you can speak to an expert advisor - call the free O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline on 0808 800 5002.

Handouts

Hard copies:

-  Swimming letter - Rabbits/Badgers (those who have not already been swimming)
-  Football letter— Year One and Two children only



Attendance News

Congratulations to Owl Class who are class of the month for January with 99% attendance!

Reminders

February Birthday Assembly —
Friday 22nd February 2.30pm

Parents Evening

Tuesday 5th March and
Wednesday 7th March

Sign up sheets for Parents' Evenings will be outside the classrooms week beginning the 18th February. If you are unable to get into school to book an appointment please contact the school office 01751 472620 or email adim2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Absence due to Sickness and Diarrhoea

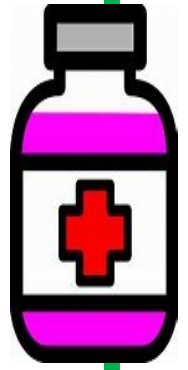
Just a reminder that, if your child is unwell, they should stay at home until fully recovered. Children should not return to school for 48 hours after sickness and/or diarrhoea has occurred in order to reduce the impact of such infections on the school and the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Medicines in School

If your child requires *prescribed medicine four times a day*, but is

still well enough to come to school, please contact the school office who will advise you on our policy for the administration of medicines.



Clubs

Mon 11th — last Gardening and Art Club Block 1

Wed 13th - last Gymnastic Club Block 1

Thurs 14th - last Recorder Club Block 1

Mon 18th - last Football Club

Lexia Club will continue until further notice.

Block Two clubs will start week beginning 11th March and a letter confirming your child's club for that block will be sent home week beginning 18th February. Letters for the new football club will be in Year One and Two children book bags tonight. If you don't have one, please ask at the office.

Teaching Assistant Staffing Changes

Mrs Gray (Teaching Assistant in Year Two and at Lunchtime) will be

leaving us on Friday 15th February. She has only been with us for a short time but has been a welcoming and friendly face in school, supporting the children with their learning during this year. To accommodate this change Mrs Kim Sowden will be joining the Year Two team along with Mrs Kelly, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Cook who will continue as a Teaching Assistant along side her School Administrator role. Mrs Kate Davis will work in Butterfly Class every morning from Monday 18th February.

Policy Review

There are a number of school policies due for renewal over the coming months that we would like parental input on when rewriting them. The first two will be our Packed Lunch Policy (PL) and our Sex and Relationships Policy (SRE).

We will be inviting a number of parents to meet in school with me and the teacher who is subject leader responsible for the policy. Your support in developing these policies so that they reflect what is most appropriate for our school and school community is vital and we'd really appreciate your time in doing this. If you don't receive an invitation but would like to come along then please send Mrs Close and Mrs Cook an email on admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk so they can add your name. Both current policies are available on our school website. The meeting date for these will be;

SRE—Friday 8th March 9-10am

PL—Wednesday 6th March 6pm
(During Parents Evening)

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

Community News

PICKERING LIBRARY

Free Half Term Event - 11am Friday 1st March

Story-time and Craft Session

Pre-school and up to age 8

Just come along on the day

For further details contact Pickering Library 01609 533624

