

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 15

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### Family involvement

It has been yet another busy term at Pickering Infant and Nursery School! There have been a number of things that we have needed to work closely with parents on this term and we have greatly appreciated your time, patience and support. This is on top of all of the great things that you do every day to support your child and their learning journey; everything from getting children to school on time to hearing them read and working with class teachers on next steps in learning. Your support with our many Friends of School events is also incredibly important. Most recently your support during our Ofsted Inspection, completing the children's survey with your child, completing Parent View and talking to our inspector on Thursday, was a vital part of the day. The letter from Ofsted is expected to be back with us ten school days from the end of this week. We expect to be able to share this with parents next half term.

We are looking for some talented members of our school community to help us please to make some curtains for the front of new storage areas and to create a new birthday cake for us for Birthday Assemblies. If you, or anyone that you know, can help, please contact the school office in the usual ways; in person; by phone on 01751472620; by email at [admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Your continued support and involvement is what makes our school the fabulous place that it is! Thank you!

### Handouts:

- 🌀 Bus children only collection letter
- 🌀 Summer Term Menu
- 🌀 May Diary Sheet
- 🌀 Sponsored Bounce forms
- 🌀 Football letters
- 🌀 Parent Governor vacancy letter

### Emails:

- 🌀 Attendance letter

**School re-opens after the Easter Holidays on**

**Tuesday 30th April 2019**



## Swimming Rabbits and part Badger

### Classes

Week 7 Swimming will commence on Tuesday 30th April - the first day back after the Easter Holidays.

### Clubs

Please note clubs do not re-start until the second week back after the Easter break.

### Sponsored Bounce



Your child will be bringing home with them today a Sponsored bounce form ready for our bounce on 17th May.

All money raised is used by Friends of School (FoS) to pay for school resources, subsidise school trips, pay for visitors, maths packs, PE bags when children come into reception and all of the other things that we are able to have in school thanks to the fundraising efforts of FoS and the generous donations from parents at and for events.

If sponsors are happy for FoS to claim gift aid, please make sure that full names are included.

### Mrs Rose

Mrs Fiona Rose, who has worked as a teaching assistant in our school for over ten years took a step back from

school life in December 2017 following a diagnosis of cancer. Unfortunately, due to her ongoing ill health, Mrs Rose will be retiring from her post with immediate effect. This is a huge loss to our school. I know that there are so many families who have appreciated Mrs Rose's warmth and kindness as well as the high levels of support that she has given our children and staff in the classroom. I am sure that you will join me in thanking Mrs Rose for her commitment to our school for so long. If anyone would like to contribute a message of thanks or to a small gift of appreciation for Mrs Rose then please send any messages written on white paper and any donations to the school office by Friday 10th May.

### Thank you

Mrs Ellerby, who had been our lollipop lady for many years, has been enjoying her semi-retirement. She was unfortunately ill at the end of last term and so was unable to join in the celebrations. She would like to say a huge thank you for the gifts that the children made in school and for the kindness of families throughout her time with us.

### Bunny Drive

We hope that families who attended the Bunny Drive had a wonderful time! A huge thank you to our FoS who did a fabulous job of organising and running the event.

### Bags 2 School

If you are clearing out cupboards and wardrobes over the holidays, please put things to one side for Bags2School. Bags will be sent home after the holidays.

### After School Club

We are delighted to be able to share that Mrs Rose Davis and Miss Emily Green have been appointed as our Assistants for our newly established After School Club. We have been busy working together to discuss the provision, which will be launched after the Easter Holidays.

### Book Fair

Our Book Fair has been a big hit as

usual. Families bought £463.50 worth of books, which has raised almost £220 of books for us to spend on books for school. That's fabulous news, thank you.

### New Forest School Resources

Miss Corton has taken over the role of leading Science and Learning Outside of the Classroom while Mrs Smeaton is on maternity leave. She has recently used funds from FoS to update our resources available for the children for Forest School. A

big thank you to our FoS and to the families who support their events which enable us to purchase resources like



these for the children. There are new sets of waterproof trousers, tanks and magnifying glasses.

*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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Hello everyone.

It has been a busy term for the Governing Body, one where we have been lucky enough to enjoy trips outside of school, time in the classrooms with children, Sing-up Day, swimming lessons, cricket lessons and learning walks with the teachers. While these are great fun at the time, they also help Governors get a better understanding of the school which in turn helps us to deliver on our 3 main aims. These are, to ensure the strategic direction of the school; to hold the Headteacher to account for the performance of the school and its pupils; and to oversee the financial performance of the school.

This term we have been delighted to welcome a new Local Authority Governor, Catherine Lockwood. For the first time we now have a governor who is on the Governing Bodies of both the Infant and the Junior school. I believe this can only help bring the two schools closer together and continue to build on the theme of increased collaboration between us.

We have also said farewell from the main Governing Body to Stephen Knight who has been a governor at our school for many years. Stephen was also my predecessor as the Chair of Governors, and I would like to place on record our thanks for the positive contribution Stephen has made to the school over that time. We are fortunate that Stephen has agreed to stay on as an Associate Governor to provide Health & Safety advice to the school.

We now have 3 spare places on the Governing Body. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in becoming a School Governor or if you have any questions about the role please do not hesitate to contact me on [cofg@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:cofg@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk) or via the school office. The Governors section on the school website also provides further information.

I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break.

Neil Herring

Chair of Governors