# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School School Newsletter

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# <u>Listening!</u>

During assemblies and in classrooms this week the children and staff have been talking about the key skills of a good listener.

We have agreed that, to be a good listener, you should;

- Look at the speaker
- Take turns to speak
- One person speaks at a time
- Respond to the other speaker
- Use your face to show feeling

Children will earn themselves a raffle ticket for being particularly good listeners or showing improving skills in the above list. These raffle tickets get put into central boxes in the hall and, during Friday celebration assembly, names are drawn out to receive prizes.

We would welcome, nominations from parents for your own and, equally, other children who you notice doing particularly well with the list above or showing significant improvements. Please send these via class emails where possible or through the school office.

## Handouts:

Bags to School collection bags

#### Attachments:

- Y2 Maths Week
- Friends of School Bags2 School letter
- Y2 SATs leaflet

Congratulations to Squirrel Class with 94% attendance for the period 1st April to 3rd May 2019



# Reminders.....

- Monday 6th May—May Day School Closed
- Monday 13th May—Sports Day (weather permitting)
- Friday 17th May—Sponsored Bounce
- Monday 20th May-
- Bags2school collection day
- Coffee and Chat
- Reserve Sports Day
- Friday 24th May—May birthday assembly 9.10am

# <u>Clubs</u>

Wednesday 8th May Gymnastic Club restarts

Thursday 9th May Recorder Club restarts

Monday 13th May—Gardening Club, Art Club and Football Club restart

# Bags2School

Hopefully you've had chance to clear out the cupboards and wardrobes ahead of our FoS Bags2School collection. There's still time if you haven't! There should be a Bags2School bag in your child's book bag tonight. Please bring any bags of unwanted clothing (no uniforms) to

the school car park before 9am on Monday 20th May. FoS are given money for the weight of clothing collected that will go towards school resources and projects.

### **Trespassers**

Now that it is lighter in the evenings we have unfortunately had some unwanted and destructive visitors onto the school site. Young people from Pickering have entered our school site and destroyed a banner from the front of school, damaged a play shed in the Nursery playground and the Reception gate. They are also putting their own safety at risk by climbing on the school building.

Their damage means that children are not able to use some of their learning resources and it is wasting valuable and scarce school funding.

Your support, as last year, is invaluable in helping to spot and report any incidents of this unacceptable behaviour. If anyone sees anyone on the school site that you don't think should be there, please ring 101 to let the police know and contact school during school hours. Your support in protecting our lovely school is, as always, greatly appreciated.

## Coffee and Chat

Our School Behaviour Policy is due for review in the autumn term and we would like to begin this process as soon as possible to get opinions and ideas from as much of our school community as possible. I would like to invite parents and carers into school on Monday 20th May at 5.30pm for a chat about what parents like about our current policy and any ideas of how we might change it, if needed.

# Year Two SATs

May is the month where Year Two children across England and Wales take part in the Statutory Key Stage One Assessments (commonly known as SATs). For children in Year Two, we aim to keep them as 'low key' as possible whilst allowing them the best opportunity to show what they are capable of. There is a leaflet attached about the assessments.

Many children may not have even noticed that they are taking part in anything different to their usual classroom work, which is as we intend. In preparation for the assessments, the best things that parents can do is what you usually do to prepare children for school ensure that they get a good night sleep, eat a good breakfast, be positive about school and your child's efforts and achievements and do their usual home learning activities. If you have any questions, please come and speak to your child's class teacher or to me

# After School Club

This week has seen the successful launch of our After School Club. A huge thank you to Mrs Davis and Miss Green for their time and energy in making it such a successful start! Further details of our After School Club are available at the school office.

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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