

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 1

6th September 2019



### Welcome back!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a fun filled summer whatever you have been doing. It has been lovely to welcome children and their families into school this week with many 'bouncing' in to start in their new classes! We strongly believe in partnership working to achieve the best for all our children so I would like to start the year by encouraging you to take a full and active part in school life and remember that we will always welcome communication with you about your child in whatever form suits you best— in person, by phone, letter or email.

### Friends of School AGM

Our Friends of Pickering Infant School will be holding their AGM in the school hall **TODAY** at 3.20 pm. Every parent and carer of a child at our school is automatically a member and your support for this hugely important organisation is crucial. Please come along if at all possible. They are recruiting for new committee members as per information sent out before the holidays. Please do give serious consideration to these exciting opportunities to really make a difference within our school community. There will be a free crèche provided for the children of our school for this short meeting. This will be in Squirrel Class and is for children who attend Pickering Infant and Nursery School only.

### Handouts

#### Email:

- ✿ Facebook letter
- ✿ Parent Governor Vacancy nomination form
- ✿ FoS AGM reminder
- ✿ Football Club— Y1 and 2 only

#### Hard copies:

- ✿ Sept/Oct Diary Sheet
- ✿ Bus Children only - collection letter
- ✿ Staffing update letter— Hedgehogs only
- ✿ Swimming letter Badger class
- ✿ Food allergy and intolerances form—Reception only

### **Sharing Information**

We share information with parents through Parent Mail and through some paper letters. If information has been shared or is being shared with you other than in the newsletter, this will be listed in the handouts section on the front cover of the newsletter. If you have not received any of these, for any reason, please contact the office for another copy. There were a few disappointed families at the end of last year who missed out on summer concert tickets. The letters are sent out to everybody but, despite everyone's best efforts, sometimes they get lost in transit! Please check the handouts list to ensure that you have got the information that you should have.

### **Staffing updates**

We welcome our new caretaker, Mr Richard Johnson, and Kirsty Johnson in the permanent post as school cleaner to Pickering Infant School.

### **Change of Details**

Please remember to let school know if you have changed your mobile phone number, landline number, email address or moved house over the

summer holidays so that we can amend our records accordingly. Also, if there is any other information relating to your child, ie medical issues, that we need to know about please call at the office so that their records can be updated.

### **Email Addresses**

For reporting absences or changes to collection arrangements please use Mrs Cook's email address;

[admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

For any other enquires please use Mrs Newby's email address;

[admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

For class based queries please use class email addresses. Remember that these are checked daily before 8.50am. Your email will be read but you may not get an immediate response. Further information can be found on the back page.

### **Parking**

A quick reminder for all parents that the staff car park in front of school is for staff only. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lanes and parking tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. It is essential these are clear at the

start and end of the school day.

We know that parking on the streets around 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 3.15pm and 3.30pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would like 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.



### Birthday Assembly

Our first Birthday Assembly will be on Friday 27th September at 2.30pm

We hold a Birthday Assembly for each month of the year during which children whose birthday it is are invited to come out to the front of the hall to blow out the birthday candles. All parents are welcome at any of our Birthday Assemblies.

### End of day collection

Hopefully by now anyone regularly picking up your child(ren) from school has located the right door but here is

a quick reminder.

It is intended that wooden gates at the entrance to the Reception and nursery outdoor area and at the back of school in the Year One and Two playground will be opened by a member of staff at an appropriate time. Please don't try to open these gates yourself.

Nursery—Nursery Door

Ladybird Class—Front Door

Butterfly Class—Reception  
playground door

Squirrel Class—Outside area behind  
Squirrel Class

Badger Class—Top door in East Wing  
Playground

Hedgehog Class—paved area at the  
top of the steps at the back of  
school

Rabbit Class—Main door in East Wing  
Playground

Please make sure that you don't block paths with where you are standing and with pushchairs. Please can I also ask that, at the back of school, Hedgehog parents stand on the top paved area and Squirrel parents wait on the lower level. This makes it easier for the children to see you.

## Class and School email addresses

Miss Bocutt and then Mrs Green	rabbits@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Carter	badgers@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Goff and Mrs Smeaton	hedgehogs@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Smith	squirrels@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Duck and Mrs Dunsmore	butterfly@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Bointon	ladybird@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Metcalfe	nursery@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

### Office

General - Mrs Newby	admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Absences/change in collection arrangements etc.—Mrs Cook	admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

## BBC Request

### **BBC1's hit show 'Eat Well For Less?' is BACK and looking for households to take part!**

Eat Well For Less? is on the hunt for families / households looking to save money on their food shop! Is the cost of your weekly food shop **spiralling out of control**? Perhaps you're **desperate to save** but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites? Or do your **health requirements** affect your diet? Are you in need of some **new inspiration**? Maybe you need help adjusting to a new **financial situation**?

Or are you just **bored of buying and cooking the same foods** every week?

... Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning grocer **Chris Bavin** are on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

We're currently on the hunt for families / households to take part in our new series – so get in touch TODAY!

Email: [eatwell@rdftv.com](mailto:eatwell@rdftv.com) or Call: 0117 970 7682

\*Any information which you give us will be processed in accordance with our Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on request

*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](mailto:admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)*

*For attendance/absences - [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)*

## Community News

### **Stape Silver Band Awards Programme For Young Musicians**

Stape Silver Band are offering a unique awards programme to two young would-be musicians from the local area who want to learn a musical instrument.

It is well known that learning music has many benefits beyond the music itself but sometimes opportunities to learn are limited due to economic or social reasons.

Our idea is to provide an instrument on loan and regular tuition at our band room in Pickering for a full year at no cost to the right candidate.

In return we expect you to attend your lessons, dedicate time to practice at home and have the ambition to improve.

Band representative Mike Breckon says "We want to encourage young people to take up music without having to worry about the cost of the instrument or tuition. Music has the power to transform lives and we think this is a great opportunity to help two young musicians develop their potential and talent"

Anyone interested in this fabulous opportunity should contact Stape Silver Band either by their Facebook page or email [info@stapesilverband.co.uk](mailto:info@stapesilverband.co.uk)



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