

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 4

18th October 2019



Autumn

These two weeks have been filled with children enjoying learning about Autumn and harvest. A huge thank to the Harland family for their very generous donations from their and neighbouring allotments! The children have had some fabulous opportunities to explore different vegetables and to look at how and where these were grown. We hope that children and families have enjoyed apple crumble, pumpkin soup and roasted vegetable pasta this week!



With one week before half term, this will be the last newsletter of this half term. May I take this opportunity to wish our whole school community a restful and fun filled half term break.

Handouts

Email:

Hard copies:

- ✿ Nov/Dec Diary Sheet
- ✿ Club letters & Football club letters Y1 & Y2
- ✿ Staffing update— Hedgehogs only
- ✿ Tapestry consent form— Nursery & Reception

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all those parents who have already signed up for a parents' evening slot for the week commencing 4th November. It is really important that we have the chance to catch up face to face about your child so please make sure that you take this opportunity. There will also be chance for parents to have a look at and discuss both Lexia and Bug Club with Mrs Gillam on 4th Nov during appointment times.



Items to hand in

Some parents may not be aware that items to be handed into the office can be received in a variety of ways. This can either be done in the classroom by putting items into the class blue basket or they can be placed in the post box at the side of the office hatch below the signing in books. This is particularly useful when the office staff are busy talking with parents and you just need to drop items in.

School Office

I shared with parents last term that, unfortunately, due to increasing financial constraints, there will only be Mrs Newby in the office each

afternoon this year. We continue to ask for your patience in giving her time to answer the phone and door at these times. The office will be closed on Monday afternoons, except for essential calls and visits. The answer phone will be on at this time and messages will be retrieved before the end of the school day. For safety reasons can I also remind all parents that only staff should offer entry to school by opening the door. Even though you may be waiting at the office and see a parent waiting to get in, I must ask that you do not open the door. For everyone's safety, only staff should open the door to any visitors.

Registering for School

Do you have a toddler or know of anyone that does? Are they registered with us for a Nursery or School place? If it is your/their intention for your/their child to attend our school, please make sure that they are registered as this helps us with future plans. This is particularly important if your child was born between:

01/09/16—31/08/17 for Nursery place September 2020

01/09/15—31/08/16 for School
place September 2020

Current Nursery parents please don't
forget to complete your on line
application for your child's place in
Reception for September 2020.

SENDCo

As many of you may already be aware
our Special Educational Needs Co-
ordinator, Mrs Sealy, is due to start
maternity leave in December. I am
delighted to be able to share that,
after beginning her postgraduate
degree for Special Educational
Needs, Miss Corton has been
appointed to the role of SENDCo for
Mrs Sealy's maternity leave. They
have already begun working closely
together as part of the handover.

Nut Free School

Many parents will already be aware
that we operate as a nut free school.
This is to reduce the expose of our
school community to this allergen.
We have one member of our school
community though who suffers from
anaphylaxis, which is a life
threatening reaction to certain
allergens. A number of these are
when eaten but there are a number
of these allergens where an allergic

reaction can occur just by being in
the same room as a product or
talking to someone who has eaten
them. These are peanuts, hazelnuts,
almonds, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts and
pistachios. As such, whilst we cannot
in any way tell parents and children
what to eat or not eat before coming
to school, I would ask that all
families give consideration to the
severity of this medical condition.
If at all possible, please avoid eating
foods that contain the listed items,
including cereals with nuts and
peanut butter for breakfast. If it is
not possible to avoid them then
please ensure that you and your
children brush teeth and wash hands
and (in the case of children who have
a habit of wearing some of their
meals!) faces thoroughly before
coming to school. I realise that this
could cause some inconvenience for
families but, as a caring school,
appreciate your support.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Parents may have seen information in
the press about 'Sex and
Relationships' becoming a statutory
part of the school curriculum from
September 2020. Details of our

PSHCE curriculum, which details how we teach the aspects of 'Sex and Relationships' can be found on our website — pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk A copy of our policy for this subject area can be requested from school. In there, we have written that '*Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) for our young children promotes an awareness, understanding and respect for self,*

including healthy living, growth and development. It teaches responsibility and care for family and the creation of sustainable friendships.' We will make some changes to the curriculum that we offer to ensure that we offer all of our children at least their curriculum entitlement but will ensure that this builds on what is contained in our policy.

Reminders

October Birthday Assembly 9.10 Friday 25th October
School Closes for October half term Friday 25th October
Re-Opens 8.50am Monday 4th November 2019



Change of date

Flu vaccinations will now take place on **Thursday 7th November** not Tuesday 5th November as originally stated.

Governor News

We are pleased to announce that following the Parent Governor Election process Mrs Amanda Challiss has been duly elected as our new Parent Governor and Mr David Hoyle has been appointed as a co-opted member. We look forward to welcoming both Amanda and David to the Governing Body.

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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