

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 3

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Autumn

Over the next three weeks, the children will be immersed in learning about the season of autumn. The children will be exploring the signs of autumn and the changes that occur at this time of year. There will be visits down to Forest Schools for some classes and, with plenty of fruit ready to harvest, perhaps a crumble or apple muffin baked!

As well as learning about autumn in our forest school area, down behind the fence at the bottom of the school field, co-operation and teamwork are also important in forest school work. Children always have a muddy buddy in forest school, who they are encouraged to look after, listen to and work with. Staff spend a lot of time modelling how to resolve differences of opinion as children often need support with how to negotiate and the importance of compromise!

The children did a fabulous job with their singing in our Harvest Assembly yesterday. We hope that families who were able to join us enjoyed their performances. If you didn't, a clip of the Year Ones is on our Twitter and Facebook pages. You can find us at PickeringInfant and @PickeringInfant

Handouts

Email:

- 🌿 FoS letter re Bags 2 School
- 🌿 Head lice and nits flyer
- 🌿 Junk Modelling letter

Hard copies:

- 🌿 Parent Governor election ballot papers
- 🌿 Individual school photos and covering letter
- 🌿 Y2—Applying for a Junior School Place
- 🌿 Nursery Children—Applying for a school place



Attendance News

Congratulations to Rabbit Class for 98.8% attendance during September





Head Lice/Nits

Head lice are an ongoing pest in schools across the country and ours is no exception. Please be vigilant, checking your child's hair daily and treating when necessary. You will have to keep checking to make sure that all the eggs have gone even after treatment. Contact the doctors' surgery or the pharmacy for further information. Mrs Cook has included an interesting flyer about head lice, which is attached.

Magazines and colouring books

We always try to get out with the children for playtime even if it is raining lightly. We have seen more than light rain though in the last two weeks which have resulted in some inside playtimes.

To support the activities on offer for the children at this time we would greatly appreciate parents sending in any magazines (children's and other information magazines that have suitable information for children, such as Farmer's Weekly) that you have finished with and any old colouring books that have even just a few pages that haven't yet been used. Please bring these to the office for the attention of our

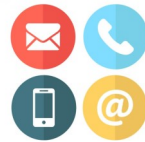
Senior MSA, Mrs Kelly.

Names in clothing



There are growing 'mountains' of unnamed clothes in school! Please, please, please ensure that as many items as possible, including tights, PE kits, shoes, coats etc are named. It may sound over the top but when changing for PE, Forest Schools and sports clubs trying to identify which shoes and tights belong to each child can be challenging!

Communication



Parents are always welcome, and indeed encouraged, to come into school to talk to members of staff. If you have any ideas, questions, comments or queries then please do come and speak to us. Telephone, letter and email are also ways of contacting us in school.

We welcome feedback on the things that you feel work well but also welcome suggestions on how we can improve things, as a school. It is much better to share your thoughts with us so that we can work with you to do something about it and to make changes. You are all an important part of our continual drive to improve the learning experience that we offer to our children.

Inhalers and Epi pens

If your child has either an epi pen or a blue reliever inhaler for asthma at home then we also need one in school. The surgery say that they are happy to prescribe two of these for the purposes of having one at home and one at school. In classes, all inhalers are stored in areas that are easily accessible. Staff are trained in what to look for in terms of signs and symptoms of asthma and anaphylaxis and there are emergency procedures in place. I would like to ask that, if you haven't already or haven't recently, parents discuss with their children their signs and symptoms so that children are more aware of when they need to access their inhaler or ask for help. With children starting in new classes, please make some time to ensure that you have spoken to your child's class teacher about your child in relation to this. Please don't hesitate to contact staff to give them updates about your child's medical condition, including when triggers (such as colds or weather) is particularly affecting them. If you don't get chance to do this in person then this is a great reason to use the class email - the more information that we share about medical conditions the better position we are all in to care for them.

Newsletters - These are emailed to you - school newsletter and a class newsletter on alternate weeks.

Diary Dates - At the beginning of the term Mrs Cook prepares a dates sheet to help you with forward planning. We try and organise things in advance but do watch out for inevitable changes and additions as staff plan trips and workshops etc for the children.

Handouts - Handouts may also come home each week. A list of these handouts will be on the front of the school newsletter, which lists handouts over the previous two weeks. Please check through to make sure that you have them all.

Lollipop Lady

Thank you to our families who cross the road in front of school with the assistance of our lollipop lady. The safety of our children and their families is very important to us and would ask that if you need to cross Ruffa Lane please do so with her assistance at the bottom of our main school path.



Playground Buddies



We are looking for Y1 and Y2 children to take on the important role of a Playground Buddy. Playground buddies are taught key leadership skills and different games to play at lunch and playtimes. They are trained and supported each Monday by Robbie Hawkes our sports coach and his team.

It is a responsible job which includes modelling good behavior, being kind to others and helping to organise games for other children. If your child would like to be a playground buddy please email a video of your child stating why they would make a good playground buddy to Miss Bointon at her school email address—ladybird@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk by Friday 11th October

or your child could write a letter or draw a picture instead to explain why they would like to take on this responsibility. Alternatively Robbie will take names and videos on Monday morning. The videos will then be viewed by Miss Bointon to select a buddy. Successful buddies will receive a letter in the coming weeks.

Parents Evening Sign up Sheets

These will be available outside classrooms from the week commencing 14th October. Please remember to sign up for your appointment to chat with your child's teacher.

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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For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk