

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 5

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Friendship Week

Next week is our whole school themed week linked to friendship and national anti-bullying week. We will be spending time in school talking with the children about the term bullying. At Pickering Infant and Nursery School, we describe bullying as "unacceptable behaviour which occurs on repeated occasions, on purpose", which all of our children know is unacceptable.

Because of the age of our children, we spend a lot of time talking to children about and supporting them with developing friendships and negotiating with each other.

As with every aspect of learning, children earn these social skills at different times and in different ways.

Part of the focus will also be on helping our children to understand the difference between falling out with our friends and classmates and bullying, explaining that falling out with our friends or someone saying unkind words to us is not acceptable and needs to be dealt with but also is not bullying. Parental support with this would be greatly appreciated in helping children to understand the difference.

All of our year one and two children will be helping to review and update our Anti-bullying Policy next week.

Handouts

Email:

Hard copies:

- ✉ Playground Buddy selection letters Y1 & Y2
- ✉ Clubs including Football Club allocation letters Y1 & Y2
- ✉ Pickering Panto Ticket draw letter
- ✉ Individual photos



Attendance News

Congratulations to Rabbit Class who achieved 95.8% attendance for the first half term.





Coffee and Chat

Our first meeting of the school year between parents and I will be on Wednesday 20th November at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity to come and have a chat with me about school life and ways in which we can improve. We welcome all parents to this forum. The agenda will include our school packed lunch policy review and discussing our wider school community and support available to families as well as ideas that parents would like to bring to the group.

Please note that this is not the right place to discuss individual issues relating to your child. As always, to do this, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or make an appointment to see me in.

Children in Need Day

Friday 15th November

On Friday 15th November the children and staff are invited to come to school wearing appropriate clothing for a fun filled sports session. Children in Year One and Two will be taking part in the Joe Wicks 15 minute, 'The Bog Move' activity and Reception and Nursery will be joining in with Pudsey Yoga.

Children will need to wear their sports clothing all day so please take account of the weather for outdoor play on this day too. Donations for Children in Need are encouraged and



any monetary donations will be collected and donated to the Children in Need appeal. All the children are welcomed to come into school in their sports clothes regardless of whether you want or are able to make a donation or not.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 29th November

Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a gift or prize for the Christmas Fair. The items can be taken into the classroom where a member of Friends of School (FOS) will collect them.

We would be extremely grateful for home baked goods for our fair too please. Please bring any donations of cakes, buns, etc for the fair on the morning of 6th December.

Your support in these events is greatly appreciated. If you have any time to spare on or before the day to help out at all our dedicated Friends of School team would love to hear

from you.

Clubs

After School Clubs start next week.

Block one dates;

Mondays-Recorder Club (block one only) and Craft Club

11th, 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec,
13th, 20th, 27th Jan, 3rd, 10th Feb.

Football Club

11th, 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec

Tuesdays—Singing Squad

12th, 19th, 26th Nov, 3rd, 10th Dec,
14th, 21st, 28th Jan, 4th, 11th Feb.

Wednesdays—Gymnastics Club

13th, 20th, 27th Nov, 4th, 11th Dec,
15th, 22nd, 29th Jan, 5th, 12th Feb.

Thursdays-Art Club, Story Club, Construction Club.

14th, 21st, 28th Nov, 5th Dec.
16th, 23rd, 30th Jan, 6th, 13th Feb.
(Gardening Club will run block two
only)

Fridays—(Forest School Club will run block two only)

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are important to a child's success in all aspects of school life. It has an impact on progress and achievement

as well as friendships. Thank you to all of those parents who ensure that they arrive at school on time every day — it is always trickier on cold, wet mornings but almost all of our children arrive on time, prepared to learn, every day!

A quick checklist of reminders:

- 🔔 Telephone school on the first day of your child's absence
- 🔔 Ensure that your contact details are up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for information
- 🔔 Be firm with your child about their attendance
- 🔔 Try to arrange appointments out of school time
- 🔔 If problems persist then do not hesitate to contact us to discuss

Lateness

Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child

- ☹ Missing important information about the day in registration
- ☹ It may be embarrassing to walk into a lesson that has already started
- ☹ Missing even part of a lesson can be difficult to catch up on

- ☹ It can affect behaviour and self-esteem

If your child is late or going to be late:

- ☹ Contact us and let us know why
- ☹ Take your child to their classroom and then sign the late book afterwards
- ☹ Come and see us if you have any difficulties

Wanted—Bottle bags and empty two litre pop bottles

We are looking for used bottle bags, (any size) for our Christmas Fair on 6th December. These do not have to be Christmas themed. We are also in need of clean, empty 2 litre bottle bags for an art event related to light. If you have any old bottle bags which you don't need or any empty two litre pop bottles, would you please bring them to the school office by 20th November.

Charging and Lettings Policy

Our most recent version of our

Charging and Lettings Policy is available on our school website at <http://pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Chargings-and-Lettings-Policy-October-2019.pdf>

If you would like a paper copy, please ask at the office.

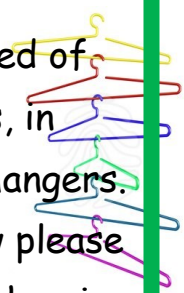
Nursery Rhyme Week

Look out for further information about our involvement in the upcoming national Nursery Rhyme Week during week beginning 18th November.

Plea from Age UK

Age UK are in desperate need of children's clothes hangers, in particular children's trouser hangers.

If you are able to spare a few please drop them in at the Age UK shop in Pickering (opposite Thomas the Bakers). Your help in this would be greatly appreciated.



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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