

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 8

20th December 2019



Merry Christmas





The children have had an incredibly busy first term this school year. These last two weeks have been busy with lots of learning in classes mixed in with our Christmas events. This morning was our 'Carols round the tree' when we join together as a school to celebrate. We also use this as an opportunity to say thank you to our wide and dedicated team of volunteers who support the school's work in so many ways and without whom many things in school wouldn't happen.

There are a few fundraising updates to share with you: The Friend's of School Christmas fair raised an amazing total of approximately £1600. Match funding from Barclays bank, the amount of which is still to be confirmed, will be added to the total. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to making this evening such a success. Today's Christmas jumper day has raised £36 for Save the Children. Our Christmas Concert donations raised over £380, which will be used to fund some additional music themed days.


From all of us here at school, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and we look forward to continuing to work together in 2020.

Handouts

Hard copies:

-  Spring first half term Diary Sheet
-  Spring Term Menu
-  New Year Lunch—packed lunch children only
-  Football & Cricket club allocation letters

Email copies:

-  FoS letter re Bags2School



Attendance News

Congratulations to Badger class with 94% attendance for Autumn term

Clubs re-start

- 🌟 Mondays 13th January— Football club (new group), Recorder Club, Craft Club
- 🌟 Tuesdays 14th January—Singing Squad
- 🌟 Wednesday 15th January - Gymnastics Club
- 🌟 Thursday 16th January—Art Club, Story Club, Construction Club. Cricket Club starts

Mobile Phones

If you are fortunate enough to receive a new mobile phone for Christmas and you have a change of number, please remember to inform the office of your new number.



Parking

During busy times of the day, such as dropping off and collecting children from school, please ensure consideration is given to where you park if you are parking on the streets around school. Safety is paramount for both our school and our local community. To help alleviate congestion parking permits are available for Eastgate car park during these times and can be issued by the school office.



Mrs McDine

Today we say goodbye to Mrs McDine. I'm sure that you will join me in saying a huge thank you for everything that she has done for children, their families and the school over the last seventeen years and in wishing her every success in her new role.

A Message from the Chair of Governors

This has been another busy term for the Governing Body. Autumn sees us agree and set a number of policies for the school, review the previous year and set new targets whereby we can hold the headteacher to account for the performance of the school for this, and future, years. As has been widely reported, schools across the country face a challenging time financially. We are no different and have spent significant time looking at where we can work closer with other schools, Pickering Juniors in particular, to share training and expertise and reduce costs. We are hopeful that this collaboration will continue in the New Year.

This term we were delighted to welcome two new members to the Governing Body. Amanda Challiss was elected as parent governor and David Hoyle accepted our offer to join as a co-opted governor. As with all voluntary bodies we are completely reliant on members of our community

giving their time and energy to help support the school.

I have been fortunate to be able to spend more time in and around school this term, in class, at swimming lessons, birthday assemblies and just generally on the school run. It has been great to see so many happy, smiling children and witness the commitment and professionalism of the staff that helps create such a special atmosphere.

If you would like to ask any questions, get involved in helping the school in any way or have any suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me on cofg@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk or via the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and

healthy 2020.

Neil Herring

Chair of Governors

Facebook and Twitter

Don't forget to find us on Facebook and Twitter to see updates of what the children are getting up to in school. You can find us at;

<https://www.facebook.com/PickeringInfant/>

@PickeringInfant on Twitter

Community News

Drop-in Christmas Family Crafts at Pickering library this Saturday the 21st of December 10.30-11.30, and Christmas Eve (Tuesday), 10.30-12noon. Make a simple Christmas tree decoration or an origami Christmas box. Suitable for all ages. Call 01609 533624 for further details.



School closes for Christmas at 3.20pm on Friday 20th December and re-opens to children on Tuesday 7th January 2020.



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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