

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 9

Friday 10th January 2020



Happy New Year Everyone!

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing (if rather busy!) festive break! The children have come back to school with lots to tell about the wonderful gifts that they received and the valuable family time that they have spent together. There have been lots of opportunities to see friends and family and to get out in the great outdoors. The naturally learning website has a fabulous list of fifty outdoor activity ideas to do with young children this new year.

This can be found at <https://www.naturallylearning.co.uk/50-outdoor-activities-toddlers/> Linked to this list, over the next three weeks, we will be putting pictures of items that can be found on the list in our newsletters, on Twitter (@PickeringInfant) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PickeringInfant/>) If you and your children manage to find all three, please write them on the slip in book bags tonight and return to the office by 3rd Feb. One form will be selected at random and that family will win a Nunnington Hall day pass to enjoy together. Our first picture is a stick, which features many times on the list!

Handouts

Hard copies:

- ☞ Picture hunt reply slip

Picture One — a stick



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

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 01751 472620 or email admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk 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 please contact us to discuss them



Mobile Phones

If you were 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.



January Reminders.....

Don't forget if you are having a clear out this weekend Bags2School bags can be dropped off in the staff car park on the morning of Wednesday 15th January by 9am.

Thursday 16th January —New Year lunch

Friday 31st - January Birthday assembly 9.10am



Pupil Premium

School may be entitled to additional 'Pupil Premium Funding' if parents are in receipt of Income Support; Income Based Job Seekers allowance etc. Applying is easy to do and your child will receive free milk daily in school from Year One onwards and it may also mean that you get subsidised or even free access to activities in the future.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits/credits would you please pop into the school office by Tuesday 14th January and complete the form to check your eligibility.

As a thank you for any new successful application, you will receive a free Pickering Infant & Nursery School showerproof fleece jacket.

Kindness Elves

You may have already seen our Kindness Elves Sparkle and Pop on

our Facebook or Twitter accounts. They are going to be setting children some kindness challenges that will support children in developing a wider range of ideas of the kind things that they can do to make someone smile that doesn't have to be buying them something. The first challenge is for children to learn a joke and share it with someone to make them smile. It would be great if parents and carers could support children with this.

Sad news

Sadly, due to illness and old age, one of our guinea pigs died over the Christmas holidays. The children have been told by staff in classes today. So that she isn't lonely overnight and at weekends, Nibbles has also been rehomed. A huge thank you to FoS for their support with the guinea pigs and the many families who have helped care for them over many years.

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



Registering for School

Do you have a toddler or know of any one that does? Are they registered with us for a Nursery/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/their child was born between :

01/09/15- 31/08/16 for Nursery Sept 2019

01/09/14 - 31/08/15 for School Sept 2019

Community News

Potter Hill Family Cinema

“Christopher Robin” Saturday 9th February 6.30pm

Refreshments available at interval



Dalby Diddys

Tuesdays ~ Wednesdays ~ Thursdays

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Forest School sessions for preschool age children with their parents/carers.

Meet at Dalby Forest Courtyard.

To book your sessions visit: www.hiddenhorizons.eventbrite.co.uk



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