

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 12

28th February 2020



### Writing Week

This week has been Writing Week for children in Year One and Two. As the title suggests, there has been a lot of writing going on! You'll get the opportunity to see the great progress that children have made in their writing when you look through books at the upcoming parents evenings in March.

Whilst the children do lots of writing every week of the school year, this week the children have had lots of opportunities to practice their key writing skills working towards their new writing targets. A copy of these will be in Busy Books for Reception, Year One and Year Two children. Following on from this week, the children will then be asked to use these skills, and their target areas, in the wide range of non fiction and fiction writing that they do in class. I have been so proud of children this week who have been putting lots of effort into their learning and have made impressive improvements. Well done everyone!

Look out for some examples on Facebook and Twitter PLEASE NOTE that our Facebook page is Pickering Infant NOT Pickering Infant Sch (This is an old version)

### Handouts

#### Hard copies:

- ✿ Food in School  
Holidays—Pupil  
Premium children
- ✿ Class arrangement  
for this week—  
Badger class only
- ✿ Spring lunch  
letter—packed  
lunches only
- ✿ Family learning

#### Email copies:

- ✿ Wheely Day  
information
- ✿ Reading Week  
newsletter
- ✿ Number Facts
- ✿ Muslim Learner  
Workshop  
Flyer



### Attendance So Far ...

Congratulations to Badger Class who have the highest attendance so far this academic year with 96.20% attendance at February half term!

## Sing Up Day Assembly

In March, we will be joining in with the global Sing Up day. This is the second year that we have taken part.

It is an event that aims to bring people together to sing in groups as a way of positively supporting friendship and mental health. The chosen song for this year, again, has a really powerful message along this theme. The line, 'When our voices join together, we are fearless, we are one', for me, sums up the key messages. Sing Up Day is held globally on Wednesday 11th March and we will have an opportunity for our children to sing the song then. However, this clashes with a Year Two event and so we are also hosting a joint pre Sing Up Day event for our children, our staff and volunteers, the Sing Squad from Pickering Junior School and families of children at our school. This will be held on **Tuesday 10th March at 2pm** in the hall. We would love for you to join us and for you to participate in the singing with us. The song, with lyrics, can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohN28IOozMI>

## Parents Evening

Next week will be our two evenings for parents to meet with their child's class teacher from Nursery through to Year Two. (Two additional dates have also been arranged for Nursery). These meetings are important for discussing your child's social and academic development and is valuable time for both parents and teachers. There is a lot to discuss in these meetings and both parents and staff need to be able to talk openly and frankly about strengths, next steps and any concerns that they may have. Because of this it is not appropriate for children of the age in our school to be present during these meetings. I know that child care can be difficult on these evenings. If children need to come with you to school on that evening, as some do, please ensure that you have made arrangements for appropriate supervision whilst you are in your meeting. This could be supervision from a sensible, older sibling in the hall or from other parents who you have made arrangements with to have staggered meetings so that you can supervise each other's children. Our teachers always try to stick to the timings of these meetings but sometimes things run over. Please accept our apologies if this happens and try to work with teachers by agreeing to make another appointment to discuss

further if you need more than ten minutes.

### **Bunny Drive**

On Tuesday 31st March the Friends of Pickering Infant School will be holding their annual Spring Bunny Drive. This is similar to a beetle drive but with a spring theme.

Doors open at 5.15pm with the bunny drive due to start at 5.30pm. Look out for further

information in our next newsletter. If anyone has any prizes they would be willing to donate for the bunny drive and for events held by Friends of School please bring them to the office they will be gratefully received.

### **Attendance**

Punctual and regular attendance are essential in establishing good routines for school and learning, as well as friendships. Nationally, the youngest children tend to be the ones who pick up bugs and are off ill as they start in school and we know that the large majority of absences for our children are unavoidable. However, if your child is tired, for example, due to being up in the night feeling unwell but is well and rested by lunchtime or just perks up as the day progresses then please bring them back to school



for the afternoon session. As ever, I would also ask that parents try to avoid, or at least minimise, days off due to holidays. Staff have great empathy with parents who find it difficult to arrange holidays during school holiday time as they are in the same position. It is widely accepted though that establishing good routines and attitudes to attendance from a very early age gives children a positive start to their learning through our education system.

### **Congratulations!**

Our Learning, Caring, Sharing ethos is a school community one, not just for



our children. We are celebrating the learning that our kitchen team, Mrs Ring and Mrs Boyes, have done to gain their latest food qualification.

Congratulations!

On the learning theme, look overleaf and on the accompanying leaflet about our family learning event.

## Community News

Jumble Sale for

**FiSH** 

Food in School Holidays

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 – 12.00

Pickering Methodist Church

Refreshments available

Jumble can be donated on Friday from  
4.30

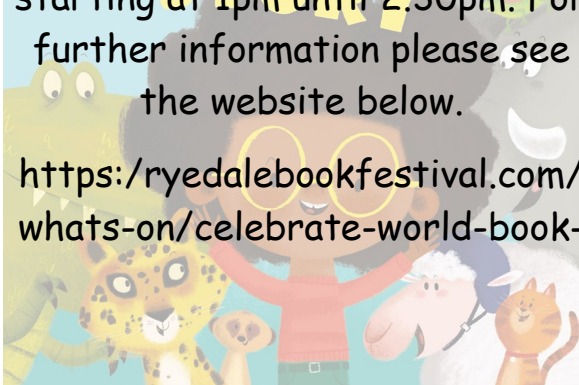
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### FREE World Book Day Event

Thursday 5th March at Pickering  
Library for Pre-School children  
starting at 1pm until 2.30pm. For  
further information please see  
the website below.

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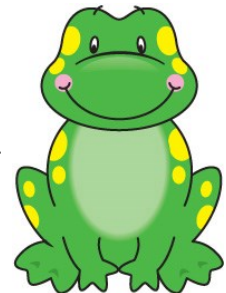
### Family Learning with ALSS At Pickering Community Infant and Nursery School

We will be hosting a series of three sessions focusing on spring crafts. These will be led by Louise Hayes, from the North Yorkshire Adult Learning and Skills Service (ALSS) Team.



These are free sessions and will run on Wednesday 18th March, Wednesday 25th March and Wednesday 1st April at school from 3.40-5pm. Drinks and snacks will be available from 3.20pm.

Further details are included on the flyer in children's book bags to-night.



*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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