

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 1

11th September 2020



Welcome to a new school year!

It has been lovely to welcome children and families into school this week with many children 'bouncing' in to start in their new classes! Children in Nursery have enjoyed seeing their classroom and meeting the staff, who are looking forward to them starting their learning journey with us over the coming weeks. Children in Reception, Year One and Two have had a great start to the school year. They have settled back into school routines brilliantly and have had a busy week learning with their class bubble. You can keep up to date with what's going on in school through social media too; [Facebook.com/PickeringInfant](https://www.facebook.com/PickeringInfant) and [@PickeringInfant](https://twitter.com/PickeringInfant) on Twitter



We strongly believe in partnership working to achieve

the best for all our children. With current social distancing restrictions in place, we are going to have to be creative in how we do this in some cases. I would like to start the year though by encouraging you to take a full and active part in school life and remember that we will always welcome communication with you about your child in whatever form suits you best— by phone, letter or email.

Handouts

Email:

- ✿ Social Media letter
- ✿ Staff updates letter
- ✿ Autumn term menu
- ✿ Updated 'Information on Covid-19 symptoms and new school procedures'

Hard copies:

- ✿ Sept/Oct Diary Sheet
- ✿ Football Club— Rabbit Class only for autumn term (other Y1 and 2 classes to follow throughout the year)

Sharing Information

We share information with parents through Parent Mail and through some paper letters. If information has been shared or is being shared with you other than in the newsletter, this will be listed in the handouts section on the front cover of the newsletter. If you have not received any of these, please contact the office for another copy.



School Crossing Patrol

The school crossing patrol positioned on Ruffa Lane will be there 8.35-9.15am and 3.05-3.40pm each day during term time.

Change of Details

Please remember to let school know if you change your mobile phone number, landline number, email address or move house so that we can amend our records accordingly. Also, if there is any other information relating to your child, ie medical issues, that we need to know about please call at the office so that records can be updated.

Email Addresses

For reporting absences or for before and after school club bookings please use Mrs Cook's email address;

admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For any other enquires please use Mrs Newby's email address;

admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For class based queries please use class email addresses. Remember that these are checked daily before your class start time. Your email will be read but you may not get an immediate response.

Parking



A quick reminder for all parents that the staff car park in front of school is for staff only. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lanes and parking tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. It is essential these are clear at the start and end of the school day. We know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult but please remember that we have the parking permit system in place to help with this. For a charge of £5, an annual permit can be purchased for Eastgate car park for parking until 9.15am and between 3.15pm and 3.30pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase a permit.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our parents who make use of this scheme or who ensure that they park safely and courteously around school.

Coronavirus

This week you should have received two Parent Mail emails; School site and Coronavirus Symptoms. Both contain

information about advice and guidance for all members of our school community during the ongoing pandemic. If you haven't received one or both of these, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Following on from this, there is an updated version of the 'Information on COVID 19 symptoms and new school procedure'. This contains some information that was sent earlier this week about symptoms. It also contains a useful frequently asked questions section.

Sun tan lotion and sun hats



The forecast currently is showing that we can expect a September dose of summer weather next week. With this in mind, please make sure that your child brings a named sun hat to school and some sun tan lotion. Where you can, we ask that these are left in school all week to be sent home on a Friday. Children will apply their sun tan lotion at morning break and lunchtime. As it takes around 30 minutes for sun tan lotion to take effect, children need to have had it applied in the morning before school too. Please make sure that children know what is a suitable amount of sun tan lotion to use and that they know how to apply it. Staff will help where needed but we need to keep this to a

minimum in current times.

Clothing in school

Children in Reception, Year One and Two will need a PE kit in school. Reception children and any children new to school in other year groups new to school will have brought home a school PE bag, generously funded by our Friends of School. These new PE bags are a more eco friendly cotton version and any feedback on their suitability would be appreciated. Children will need a named, plain, round neck white t-shirt, named, plain black or blue shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms and suitable named footwear for PE outside, preferably with Velcro fastenings.

Children in Year One and Two will also need their Forest School kits in school. As we move into autumn, we ask that children have a named pair of wellingtons that fit them, a waterproof coat and, ideally, waterproof trousers. If you have any difficulty with these, please contact us and we'll do what we can to help so that children can get fully involved in their outdoor learning.

We will be sending both PE kits and Forest School kits home on a Friday and ask that you wash these and return them on Monday morning.

Social Distancing

Please remember that all households

apart and, ideally two metres apart, at all times including on our school site. We know that the start and end of day times are important times for parents to build relationships with each other as your children share their learning journeys together. Whilst asking parents to not join together in this way goes against our strong belief in the importance of community, we need to look for alternative ways to build this together at the moment, for everyone's safety. We

strongly encourage all families to follow the social distancing guidance out of school too. We know that drop off and collection arrangements can be difficult when sharing this with friends is discouraged at the moment. If your child has to be collected by someone not from your household or support bubble you must be confident that this can be done safely whilst still maintaining at least a one metre distance between households.

Class and School email addresses

Mrs Green and Mrs Smeaton	rabbits@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Goff and Mrs Dunsmore	hedgehogs@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Smith	squirrels@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Duck and Mrs Smeaton	butterfly@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Metcalfe	ladybird@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Bointon	nursery@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Office

General - Mrs Newby	admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Absences/before and after	admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
School club etc—Mrs Cook	

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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Community News

Stape Silver Band Awards Programme For Young Musicians

Stape Silver Band are offering a unique awards programme to two young would-be musicians from the local area who want to learn a musical instrument.

It is well known that learning music has many benefits beyond the music itself but sometimes opportunities to learn are limited due to economic or social reasons.

Our idea is to provide an instrument on loan and regular tuition at our band room in Pickering for a full year at no cost to the right candidate.

In return we expect you to attend your lessons, dedicate time to practice at home and have the ambition to improve.

Band representative Mike Breckon says "We want to encourage young people to take up music without having to worry about the cost of the instrument or tuition. Music has the power to transform lives and we think this is a great opportunity to help two young musicians develop their potential and talent"

Anyone interested in this fabulous opportunity should contact Stape Silver Band either by their Facebook page or email info@stapesilverband.co.uk



Website: www.stapesilverband.co.uk

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