

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

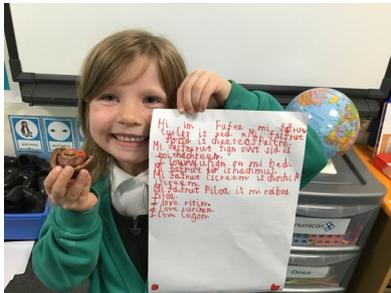
School Newsletter No 4

23rd October 2020



Autumn

These two weeks have been filled with children enjoying learning about Autumn and harvest. A huge thank to the Harland family again this year for their very generous donations from their allotment! The children have had some great opportunities to explore different vegetables. The apple crumble proved slightly more popular than some of the stews and soups! We have been incredibly proud and impressed with all children trying all of the things that they have made! There are a few examples below and you can find more photographs on our social media pages.



Children have met a range of interesting creatures in Forest School too, which has inspired lots of great writing.

May I take this opportunity to wish our whole school community a restful and fun filled half term break.

Handouts

Email:

- ☺ NYES Pumpkin carving competition
- ☺ Proposed School Admissions Arrangements 2022/23
- ☺ Ryedale Food Support

Hard copies:

- ☺ Nov/Dec Diary Sheet
- ☺ Tapestry Information—Nursery & Reception only

Attendance News



Congratulations to Hedgehog Class for 96.4% attendance during the first half term closely followed by Rabbit Class with 96.2%



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School and Eco Councillors

As part of our work on democracy, the children have voted in their classes in Years One and Two for councillors. Congratulations go to...

Hedgehog Class

School Councillors - Hanna and Billy

Eco Councillors - Elliot and Betsy

Squirrel Class

School Councillors - April and Charlie

Eco Councillors - Jessica and Aidan

Rabbit Class

School Councillors - Megan and Niall

Eco Councillors - Sam and Evie

Mrs Goff, as school council leader, and Mrs Smeaton, as eco councillor, are planning ways for the children to meet safely for their meetings.

Parents' Evenings

Monday 2nd Nov 4-6.30pm —
Butterfly, Hedgehog and Nursery

Tuesday 3rd Nov 4.30-7pm —
Butterfly, Hedgehog and Nursery

Wednesday 4th Nov 4-6.30pm —
Ladybird, Squirrel and Rabbits

Thursday 5th Nov 4.30-7pm—
Ladybird, Squirrel and Rabbits

Wednesday 11th Nov 12.50-3.30pm — Nursery only

Thank you to all those parents who have already booked an appointment through Parent Mail for a Parents' evening phone call.

School Office

From 2nd November there will be a slight change in office staffing. Mrs Newby will not be in school on a Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Cook will also now work on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Crossing Patrol

Please remember to, under our current circumstances, ensure that social distancing is maintained whilst waiting to cross with our crossing patrol.



SENDCo

Our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Mrs Sealy, is due to return from maternity leave on 2nd November. Her working day at our school will be a Monday and she will continue in her role across both our school and Pickering Junior School. I would like to share a huge thank you to Miss Corton for all of her time, commitment and dedication to the school and families in her role as SENDCo during Mrs Sealy's maternity leave.



Nut Free School

Many parents will already be aware that we operate as a nut free school. This is to reduce the exposure of our school community to this allergen. We have one member of our school community though who suffers from anaphylaxis, which is a life threatening reaction condition. A number of these are when eaten but one of these allergens can cause an allergic reaction just by being in the same room as a product or talking to someone who has eaten them. These are peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, brazil nuts, cashew nuts and pistachios. As such, whilst we cannot in any way tell parents and children what to eat or not eat before coming to school, I would ask that all families give consideration to the severity of this medical condition. If at all possible, please avoid eating foods that contain the listed items, including cereals with nuts and peanut butter for breakfast. If it is not possible to avoid them then please ensure that you and your children brush teeth and wash hands and (in the case of children who have a habit of wearing some of their meals!) faces thoroughly before coming to school. I realise that this

could cause some inconvenience for families but, as a caring school, appreciate your support.

Wood

We have a pallet and some old pieces of wood in the school car park that are free to anyone who can make use of them. Please feel free to collect over the half term holidays.

Children in Need Ramble

In support of the Children in Need appeal 2020, we are inviting children to come to school on Friday 13th November dressed in clothing suitable for a ramble! A ramble can be defined as a walk for pleasure in the countryside and Countryfile will be leading the way with their ramble which will be shown on the programme on Sunday 1st November.

We will be hosting some ramble themed learning walks for the children around our school site on 13th November. Any donations that families want to send in will be collected in class and donated to the appeal. Suitable clothing might include walking shoes, trainers or wellies (please send a suitable pair of indoor footwear too if you can) and warm outdoor clothing (preferably not jeans as they take a long time to

dry if they get wet!) and even a Children in Need item of clothing.

National School Meals Week

9th—13th November 2020

The children will be enjoying a variation of our usual school meals during this week. Mrs Ring and Mrs Boyes are busy working on the final details, which we will share with you soon. This will include the winning dessert combination of chocolate cake and strawberries. Thank you to children who entered their vote.

Staffing updates

I am delighted to share with you that Miss Duck and Miss Bointon have been jointly appointed to the post of Foundation Stage Leader as the teachers providing strategic and day to day support across Nursery and Reception. Both bring a wealth of

experience and skills to the post. They complete our Senior Leadership Team of Mrs Gillam, Mrs Smith, Miss Duck, Miss Bointon, Mrs Sealy with support from Mrs Newby.

We are also delighted to welcome back our specialist music teacher, Mrs Durant to the school team. She will be teaching three classes per half term on a two term rotation basis. Her time in school is being paid for through the additional funding provided by the government following school closures earlier this year. We have chosen to use some of this money to support children in recovering from the loss of routine, structures and sense of community lost during this time. Previous music lessons with Mrs Durant have shown what an incredible impact music can have on confidence and wellbeing too!

Reminders - School Closes for October half term Friday 23rd October
Re-Opens Monday 2nd November 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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