

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 3

9th October 2020



Autumn

This week Reception have held their season week and the rest of the year groups will be immersed in learning about the season of autumn. The children will be exploring the signs of autumn and the changes that occur at this time of year. There will be visits down to Forest Schools for classes and, with plenty of autumnal vegetables ready to harvest, perhaps a bowl or two of soup to be made.

As well as learning about autumn in our forest school area, down behind the fence at the bottom of the school field, co-operation and teamwork are also important in forest school work. Children always have a muddy buddy in forest school, who they are encouraged to look after, listen to and work with. Staff spend a lot of time modelling how to resolve differences of opinion as children often need support with how to negotiate and the importance of compromise!

We will be sharing photos through social media where we have permission from parents to do this so look out for updates on Twitter and Facebook pages . You can find us at PickeringInfant and @PickeringInfant

Handouts

Email:

- 🌿 FoS letter re Bags 2 School
- 🌿 Pickering Library Flyer
- 🌿 Adult Learning & Skills Service 'Get Online' Week

Hard copies:

- 🌿 Individual school photos and covering letter
- 🌿 The Great School Meals Bake Off



Attendance News



Congratulations to Hedgehog Class for 93.7% attendance for the last two weeks 28th September—9th October

Newsletters - These are emailed to you - school newsletter and a class newsletter on alternate weeks.

Diary Dates - At the beginning of the term Mrs Cook prepares a dates sheet to help you with forward planning. We try and organise things in advance but do watch out for inevitable changes.

Handouts - Handouts may also come home each week. A list of these handouts will be on the front of the school newsletter, which lists handouts over the previous two weeks. Please check through to make sure that you have them all.

Inhalers and auto injector pens

If your child has either an auto injector pen or a blue reliever inhaler for asthma at home then we also need one in school. The surgery say that they are happy to prescribe two of these for the purposes of having one at home and one at school. In classes, all inhalers are stored in areas that are easily accessible. Staff are trained in what to look for in terms of signs and symptoms of asthma and anaphylaxis and there are emergency procedures in place.

I would ask that, if you haven't already or haven't recently, parents discuss with their children their signs and symptoms so that children

are more aware of when they need to access their inhaler or ask for help.

With children starting in new classes, please contact your child's class teacher about your child in relation to this. Please don't hesitate to contact staff to give them updates about your child's medical condition, including when triggers (such as colds or weather) are particularly affecting them. In the current situation we would ask you to use the class email to communicate any information to us - the more information that we share about medical conditions the better position we are in to care for them.

Supply Staff

We are incredibly lucky to have a dedicated and reliable group of teachers and TAs who know our school incredibly well, with many of them being previous members of staff. This means that, where we need staff cover in a class, we are usually able to secure cover from staff who know the children already and who work well with the staff team to ensure that they are continuing to provide high standards of teaching and learning in the absence of the usual class staff. We welcome back Miss Chalk to our school team as a supply teacher.

Bags2School

Please drop off any Bags2School bags in the school car park by **9am on Wednesday 14th October**

National School Meals Week 9th—13th November 2020

We know that a healthy, balanced meal supports learning and development. To promote this we will be holding a week of themed lunches for the whole school to take part in. Watch out for further details.

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK

To kick start the fun we would like the children to vote for the cake or dessert they would like to see on the menu at school during this special week. An entry form will be brought home this afternoon. Please ensure this is returned to school by **Friday 23rd October** with your child's name and class on the reverse.

Names in clothing



There are growing 'mountains' of unnamed clothes in school! Please, please, please ensure that all items, including tights, PE kits, shoes, coats etc are named. It may sound over the top but when changing for PE and Forest Schools trying to identify

which shoes and tights belong to each child can be challenging!

Parents Evening

Our parents evenings are due to be held the first week after the half term holiday, week beginning 2nd November. These will be telephone appointments this year. We are currently exploring the use of an online booking system through Parent Mail which we will share further information with you about shortly.

Late arrivals

This week there have been a high number of families arriving late for school. We understand the current challenges that we all face but must ask that families do everything that they can to arrive for your bubble start time. If you are late, **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES**, should your child join another bubble to go into school. If this happens, we risk spreading any virus that may be being carried across more children and bubbles.

Thank you to those families who have made the necessary adjustments to support the new, staggered start and end times. Your support is very much appreciated as we work together to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Drinking Water in school



Having regular drinks of water throughout the day is vital for us all to keep hydrated. Being hydrated supports children with their concentration and learning. Children have access to water during the day but it is far easier for them, and for classes, if children have their own water bottle in classrooms. These need to be filled with water, and not juice. They should be taken home each day to be washed and refilled. If you feel that your child is not drinking much water during the day, please speak to their class teacher.

NO NUTS!



Please remember that we are a 'Nut Free School' and for the safety of staff and children ask that parents do not send any nut products into school with their children. This includes autumnal fall that some children may excitedly collect as autumn arrives.

Reminders...

Wed 14th Oct —Bags2School collection 9am in carpark

Fri 16th Oct—Christmas Card Artwork to be returned to school (orders must be placed and paid for online)

Fri 16th Oct—Rabbit class individual photograph orders returned to school

Governor News

We are pleased to announce that following the Parent Governor Election process Mrs Chantelle Dawson has been duly elected as our new Parent Governor. We look forward to welcoming Chantelle to the Governing Body.

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

For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk