

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

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Nursery Rhyme Week

The children have had a fun, learning filled week of rhyme during our Nursery Rhyme Week, following the national week last week. Each year group has been focusing on a specific nursery rhyme;

Nursery — Miss Polly had a dolly

Reception — Five speckled frogs

Year One — Wheels on the bus

Year Two — Old Macdonald

The children have learned the nursery rhyme. Some classes have listened to different versions and made up their own. For example, Squirrel and Rabbit Classes have made versions of other places Old Macdonald might be, such as an aquarium!

This is important because a child's ability in their use of oral language is predictive of later achievement. So the better a child is at knowing, using and playing with words the more likely they are to be successful in reading and writing later.

All children spent some time with the wonderful Mrs Durant on Monday creating a song version of Each Peach Pear Plum. The whole school are looking forward to listening to the finished combined musical version of the story next week.

Handouts

- ✿ Packed lunch children only
- Favourite Food
- Friday Menu
- ✿ Food in School Holidays—Pupil Premium children

Emails

- ✿ Favourite Friday Food Menu
- ✿ Christmas Dinner Menu
- ✿ Festive Football Bubbles



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Registering for a School Place

Nursery parents—Don't forget to apply for your Reception school place by 15th January 2021

Year 2 Parents—Don't forget to apply for your Junior School place by 15th January 2021

The information you need to apply for either place is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions

Favourite Food Friday

Democracy has been the focus of our work on British Values this term. The children have been casting their votes for lots of different things, including their choice of book for story time in Reception. The latest votes have been for 'Favourite food Friday'. School Councillors put forward their two favourite meals and children across school have voted in person and on line. The winning meal that the children enjoyed today was...

Spaghetti and Meatballs with peas, sweetcorn and garlic bread with Ice Cream for dessert

Photos to follow on social media later.

If you don't already follow us on Facebook or Twitter, please use the details on the front cover to find us.

Charging and Lettings Policy

Our most recent version of our Charging and Lettings Policy is available on our school website.

If you would like a paper copy, please

contact the office.

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 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 do not hesitate to contact us to discuss

Lateness

Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child

- ☹ Missing important information about the day in registration
- ☹ It may be embarrassing to walk into a lesson that has already started
- ☹ Missing even part of a lesson can be difficult to catch up on

- ☹ It can affect behaviour and self-esteem

If your child is late or going to be late:

- ☹ Contact us and let us know why and make arrangements with the office team about dropping off after your child's bubble door closure
- ☹ Contact us if you have any ongoing difficulties

Class emails

Thank you for using the class emails to get in touch with staff. This is a great way to keep in touch at the moment. Staff will continue to monitor these daily

during the school week in term time but will not monitor these at weekends.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased from the online book fair this time. Your purchases eared £25.88 for school.

Christmas gifts

In no way is there any expectation that any family will make or buy a gift for staff members. We have been contacted by a number of parents though who have asked about bringing in gifts for staff. This is very thoughtful and a kind gesture. Children can bring gifts into school and leave them in a designated area in the classroom.

Dates for the Diary:

7th—11th Dec—Christmas post box outside main door

8th Dec— Children's Christmas lunch

28th Nov-19th Dec—ALSS Family Christmas Crafts course 4 weeks
Saturdays 6pm-7pm—Free (See Activity Ideas Parent Mail 9.11.20)

2nd Dec—16th Dec—ALSS Christmas Crafts for Tots course 3 weeks
Wednesdays 6pm-7pm—Free (See Activity Ideas Parent Mail 9.11.20)

Thurs 17th Dec—Christmas Cards to go home

Friday 18th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children—
School Closes for Christmas holidays



Your support for your know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us 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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