

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 12

### 12th March 2021



### Re-opening

Welcome back to all of our children and families! It has been a week of adjustments for everyone in school whether this has been children adjusting to moving from remote learning to being in school or adjusting to a full class after working in much smaller class bubbles. The staff have been focusing on settling the children back into full class school routines in each bubble and supporting children's well-being.

The week has been full of lots of exciting learning opportunities and the photos below give a glimpse of this. Further photos and information is shared through our Facebook and Twitter accounts.



Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✚ Common Childhood Diseases leaflet
- ✚ Food in School Holidays— Pupil Premium children only
- ✚ School Site Information
- ✚ Attendance brochure

Email:

- ✚ Spring Lunch invite for packed lunch children
- ✚ Common Childhood Diseases leaflet
- ✚ Class arrangement maternity cover — Ladybird class only
- ✚ Attendance brochure

**We are a nut aware school**



## School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

## Dates to remember .....

- 📅 **25th March**—Spring Lunch
- 📅 **15th—26th March** - Parents Evening phone consultations
- 📅 **11th April**—volunteer day in the school grounds (further details to follow via Parent Mail)
- 📅 **29th April**— Bags2School—further details to follow

### Ladybird Staffing Update

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Carter back to school after her secondment in Year Three at Pickering Junior School as part of the transition after the first national lock down. It was another great opportunity for staff across the schools to work together. Mrs Carter will return to be Ladybird Class teacher for the summer term as Mrs Metcalfe starts maternity leave.

### Attendance

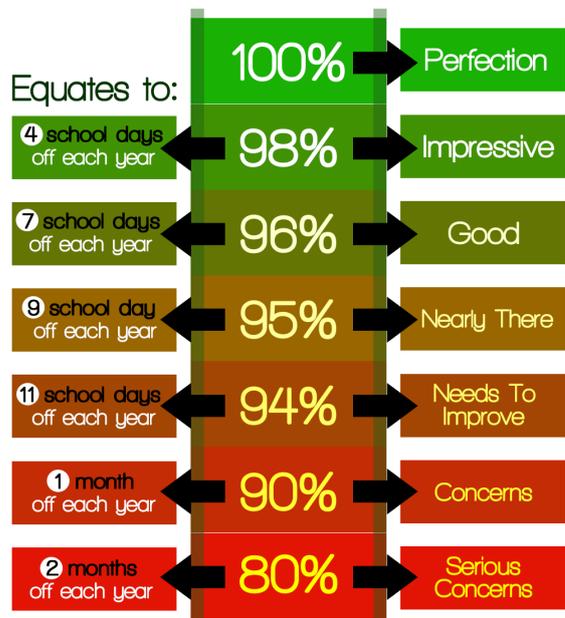
Punctual and regular attendance are essential in establishing good routines for school and learning, as well as friendships. Nationally, the youngest children tend to be the ones who pick up bugs and are off ill as they start in school and we know that the large majority of absences for our children 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. Parents should make every effort to arrange medical and dental appointments after school or during school holidays. If there is no alternative and your child has to be absent, please inform the school office and provide a copy of your child's appointment letter or card this will then be recorded as an authorised absence.

## Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



### Updating Details

It is essential that we have the correct personal details and contact information for all of our children. These include any change to your address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and medical details. Thank you to everyone who has already returned the completed forms recently sent out. If you require more forms please collect them from the office.

## Governor News

We are pleased to announce that, following the Parent Governor Election process, Mrs Helen Howe has been duly elected as Parent Governor. This is a role that Mrs Howe currently holds and we look forward to her continuing this role and sharing her experience.

### “I need to talk”

The last few months have been a turbulent time for lots of us. Whilst many children have settled back in as though they'd never been away, there are some who, at times, will find the transition back to full classes or from remote learning to being back at school more difficult. The staff prioritise getting to know their children and speaking to them in a appropriate way if they see that something is bothering them. To support children and staff with this, we have a system in school that encourages children to let staff know if they want to talk about something.

Children can speak directly to a member of staff and, for other children who may be reluctant to do this, we use the class mini feelings tree. Children are encouraged to put their name onto the mini feelings tree near the classroom laptop. This let's staff know that a child would like a few quiet minutes with a member of staff. We would ask that parents and carers please remind children of this system.

### Comic Relief

Friday 19th March is Comic Relief. On this day, we are asking staff and children to come in non-uniform in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief, where families

are able. These donations can be made via Parent Mail +Pay. To make a donation this way, log into ParentMail and select 'payments', followed by 'shop', select a donation amount and either 'pay now' or 'add to basket' to donate later.

Regardless of whether families are in a position to make a charitable donation at this time, we still encourage all children to come in non-uniform. This could be wearing a favourite outfit, dressing in red, dressing as a super hero or dressing in whatever you can find next Friday morning that is clean and ready to wear! Families do not need to buy anything specifically for this.

### Memorial Donations

Following the bereavements of Fiona Rose and Vanessa Thompson in December and January we would like to add something to the school site in the memory of two well-loved members of our school community who contributed so much to it. What we add to our school will depend on available funds but we would like to complete a Pickering Infant School ethos collection of benches to accompany our 'Learning' one at the front of school by adding a 'Sharing' bench to the KS1 side and a 'Caring' bench to the FS side of school. We welcome donations through a Total Giving page for our Friends of School who are kindly supporting this project. This will be active in the next few days at which time further details will be sent out. A proportion of the donations will be donated to other charities who supported the staff through their illnesses.



**Are you or anyone you know looking for a  
career in Teaching?**

**Do you want to train to be a primary or  
secondary teacher with placements in  
schools in your local area?**

The advertisement features a blue and white color scheme. On the left, there is a logo for Scarborough Teaching Alliance, which includes a lighthouse icon and the text 'SCARBOROUGH TEACHING ALLIANCE' and 'DEVELOPING CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING'. Below the logo, it says 'YOU CAN TRAIN TO BE A PRIMARY OR A SECONDARY TEACHER WITH SCARBOROUGH TEACHING ALLIANCE.' The main text 'SCHOOL DIRECT TEACHER TRAINING' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom of the ad, the website 'www.scarboroughteachingalliance.co.uk' is listed. The right side of the ad shows a photograph of a male teacher in a light purple shirt and red tie standing and talking to a group of students sitting at a table in a classroom setting.

**Applications are still open for our School Direct programme  
starting September 2021**

**Visit our website [www.scarboroughteachingalliance.co.uk](http://www.scarboroughteachingalliance.co.uk)  
or email [e.birley@scalbyschool.org.uk](mailto:e.birley@scalbyschool.org.uk) for more details.**

***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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