

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter

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Keeping active

The Big Pedal has been in full swing over the last two weeks across the country. Our location means that some families live too far from school to cycle, walk or scoot here. Time pressures also mean that this can be a challenge but the health and environmental benefits can be huge! As the town gets busier for the summer season, walking or travelling by scooter or bike can also save a little time when crossing town! Thanks to all families who have made at least one journey out of the car this week. We would love to see this happening every week if you can!

The children in Squirrel, Rabbit and Hedgehog Classes have now each had a week wearing Moki Bands. They are all certainly full of energy and it has been great to see the competition building between the classes. In one day, there are a number of our children who exceeded 10,000 steps just in their time at school!



Handouts:

- 🐾 Class photograph order information letter
- 🐾 Sun Safety in School
- 🐾 Sports Day lunch—packed lunch children only

Email:

- 🐾 Partnership working with Pickering Junior School Agreement
- 🐾 Multi skills Club confirmation of place—Rabbits only
- 🐾 Further PANTS information—Year Two only
- 🐾 Pickering Cricket Club Juniors

Congratulations to Squirrel Class with
95.4% attendance for the period 13th to 30th April
2021



Reminders.....

-  Monday 3rd May—May Day
School Closed
-  Wednesday 12th May—RE Day—
Year Two
-  Tuesday 18th May—Sports Day—
children only this year
-  Thursday 20th May—Reserve
Sports Day in case of bad weather
-  Friday 28th May—School closes
for half term



Nut Aware!

Please remember that we are a 'Nut Aware School'! We have members of our school community with an allergy to nuts and we ask that no nuts or any products containing nuts are brought into school, including for packed lunches and empty packaging used for junk modelling too. We are incredibly grateful for your support and compassion in this respect.

Sun Cream!

The weather so far this year has not been as sunny and warm as last year but, as always in Britain, our weather is unpredictable and the sun could always make a quick appearance.

Please make sure that, as we move into the warmer months, children have sun cream applied **BEFORE** they come to school, that they have a water bottle containing water (not juice), that they bring a sun hat to wear outside and that, where possible, children bring sun cream to school to be reapplied at playtime. There has been an additional letter about sun cream in



book bags, with a reply slip, for your attention.

Please can I also ask that, despite any warm and sunny mornings that children also bring a light, waterproof jacket to school during summer months.

PANTS

As part of our learning in PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development) learning in Reception and Nursery and PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship, Economics) curriculum in Year One and Two we will be talking with the children about the NSPCC Underwear Rule week beginning 10th May. This is another way that we teach children about staying safe, like when we discuss safe places to play or online safety. Talking PANTS is an age appropriate way to teach children about their body and keeping themselves safe from sexual abuse. It is a conversation that all parents wish that they didn't have to have but is, equally, an important one to have. With the help of the friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, it doesn't have to be a scary conversation. You can find more information at

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Surveys

We recently sent out a survey about remote learning. Thank you for responses so far. They have been incredibly positive, particularly around the support that families had from our staff team. Thank you for your suggestions about ideas for further developing our offer and for future use of technology. Parents whose children

were not involved in remote learning may feel, on this occasion, that they are unable to complete the survey. However, the open text boxes at the end may give you opportunities to share ideas about how remote learning systems could be used to support home learning, also known as home work. We will soon be sending out another survey about Year Two swimming but this survey is relevant to all families as we hope that it will help us to make some decisions about this aspect of our curriculum.

100 Challenge

On the day of what would have been Sir Tom Moore's 100th birthday, we are celebrating his charitable work by making and flying 100 paper aeroplanes. We have made lots in school already and ask that families join in by making a paper aeroplane at home this weekend. Please send any photos into class email addresses. If you want to make a charitable donation, this can be done at <https://captaintom100.justgiving.com/donate>

Just Giving

The response to our Just Giving appeal in memory of Mrs Thompson and Mrs Rose has been incredible. This page will remain live until Friday 14th May.

Pobble

During this term, we will be using Pobble as a way of sharing anonymised children's work with other teaching professionals in our local area. This is a way of supporting professional discussions about writing work, in particular, celebrating the success of work and discussing next steps in learning, as part of the assessment and moderation process for schools. Pobble is being used for this purpose as we are unable to meet face to face with our colleagues at this time. Pobble has a number of other exciting features. Once we're up and running with the system, we'll update you if and when we decide to use any of the other features,

Community News—Football

KMS football club are looking for boys and girls from current Year 1 (moving up to year 2 in Sept) to join training now, and to hopefully form a team ready to begin matches from September. Training is at 9am on Saturday mornings at KMS sports field for the next few weeks, then there will be a break for Summer, starting again in September. Please come along to training, or for more info please contact Craig Ibbotson on 07583260875.



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](mailto:admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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



FREE Courses in MAY

Health and Social Care & Health and Wellbeing

Coping with Change

Starts Wednesday 12th May 9:30 - 14:30 ends 26th May

This course will support you to develop your skills to reflect and examine your reactions to change and the impact this can have on others. You will explore mechanisms for coping with change and how to help yourself and others in times of change.

Community Learning - People Skills

Starts Friday 14th May 11:00 - 14:00 ends 28th May

This course will help you to develop the knowledge and skills required to work effectively as part of a team.

Supporting Individuals with Loneliness and Isolation

Starts Wednesday 26th May 11:00 - 14:00 ends 9th June

This course is for those who want to learn ways to support individuals living with loneliness and isolation in either a voluntary or employed capacity. You will explore the difference between loneliness and isolation and how this can affect mental health and ways to support individuals overcome these issues.

Please note: This course is not suitable for those who are currently in a state of severe emotional difficulty and/or severe psychological confusion. The course involves experiential elements that will involve some personal disclosure and associated personal developmental activities.

All courses will be delivered online. You will need access to the internet and an email account. You will have access to your teacher on a weekly basis through Teams or Skype, and email as well as the opportunity to contribute to group discussions across the County. You will be given tasks to complete at each session and instructions and online demonstrations will be provided.

For more information and to book online, visit our Health and Social Care courses

<https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/page/findcourse>

Call our Adult Learning Team on 01609 536066

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