

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 16

14th May 2021



PANTS

This week the children have been talking PANTS in their classes, as we shared with you in the last class and school newsletters. This is part of our learning in our PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development) learning in Reception and Nursery and PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship, Economics) curriculum. We repeat this annually, at a level appropriate to the age of our children, as part of the 'Keeping Myself Safe' strand. Further information about this curriculum area can be found on our school website.

Talking PANTS is an age appropriate way to teach children about their body, about keeping themselves safe from sexual abuse and to lay foundations for future safe and respectful relationships. It is a conversation that all parents wish that they didn't have to have but is an important one. You can find more information on the NSPCC website.

We wanted to share one of the most thought provoking questions that came up during discussions when a child asked why we use other names for genitalia when the names for them are penis and vagina. All families will use their own words for private parts of the body and this is a decision for families to make individually. What is key is that children know that these parts of the body can be talked about and named in the same way as any other body part such as our eye or leg and that they are nothing 'rude'. If you would like any advice about how to talk to children about this, please don't hesitate to contact us or use the attached parent guide.

Handouts

Hard copies:

Email Attachments:

- Pants Parent Guide
- Class list information request letter



Congratulations to **Butterfly Class** with 99.5% attendance for the period 4th May to 14th May 2021

Reminders

Thursday 20th May

Sports Day lunch

Friday 28th May

Sports Day—children only

Break up for half term

Monday 7th June

Back to School at normal bubble times

Sports Day



Tues 18th May was the original date for Sports Day with Thurs 20th May our reserve date. However, due to the inclement weather forecast we will, unfortunately, not be able to go ahead on either of these days. The rearranged date for sports day will be on the morning of **Fri 28th May**, which we hope will be dry and bright. We will keep an eye on the weather forecast and should this day be forecast to be wet then our reserve day will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th May instead. Once again this event will be for the children only this year due to current Covid restrictions in school.

Sports Day lunch

To celebrate our sports day we are still holding our sports day lunch on **Thursday 20th May** as planned. The menu for this day will be;

Relay Race with a **Pizza Margarita

Triathlon ready **Tiger Fries**
(sweet potato fries)



Go Go Go with **Grated Carrot**

Discuss the Discus over **Cucumber Sticks**

Long jump to the finish with a **Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Biscuit**
with **Fresh Orange Slice** or
Fresh Fruit

Ruffa Lane Crossing

How lucky we are to have our own crossing patrol right outside of our school gate! Please could I encourage you to use this designated crossing for the safety of your children and motorists alike, ensuring that your child remains with you at the roadside until the crossing patrol indicates that she is ready for you to cross safely.



Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is mental health awareness week. The theme of this years week is a focus on nature. Mrs Green will be sending out a series of ParentMails on four of the five Ways of Well-being. For more information about this, please see you ParentMail emails. If you are not yet connected to ParentMail, please get in touch with the staff in the office who will be happy to help you with this. In the ParentMail yesterday, there was also a YouTube link to a video from Mrs Goff about the mindfulness activities that she has been sharing with children in well-being assemblies. This continues to be a private area of YouTube to protect the privacy of our staff who are happy to share within our school community but would prefer not to be seen more widely on YouTube. We would therefore ask that you don't share any of our YouTube links more widely. Whilst this is a private area, it still has

open access to other YouTube links and so children will need supervising if accessing any videos on our channel.

Bag2school proceeds

A huge thank you to everyone who had a good clear out for our Bag2school collection. This raised £75 which will go towards future educational visits and visitors to school.

Junior School Jumpers

We have been advised that the Junior school have 5 cardigans and 5 jumpers age 5/6 years which are brand new at £3.00 each if any of our Year 2's are interested. If so, please could you contact PCJS office on 01751 472873.

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 keeps making a quick appearance. Please make sure that 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. Please can I also ask that, despite any warm and sunny mornings, children also bring a light, waterproof

jacket to school during summer months to account for our unpredictable North Yorkshire weather!

Facebook

Facebook continues to be a well used social media tool. Some members of staff have their own Facebook accounts but I would ask that, unless you are already a friend of a member of staff or governor outside of school, that you don't make friend requests to them. Whilst staff aim to build positive relationships with parents and carers, it is important that staff have a clear boundary between their professional and personal lives. Please don't be offended if staff members and governors refuse friend requests as this is what they have agreed to do in our school acceptable use of technology agreement.

Memorial Donations

The donations in memory of Mrs Rose and Mrs Thompson have been incredible. We still intend to complete a set of our school ethos benches but would like to make a further addition to the school site in their memory. We have a few arts related ideas but welcome any others from our school community. Please email any suggestions to the admin email by Friday 21st May.

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

BASKETBALL & MULTISKILLS

Sports Club

Reception to Year 2

Starting 10th June 17:30 to 18:30

Norton College Sports Hall, YO17 9PT

£5 each and limited to 20 places

To book text Coach Martin on
07760117106 or email
martincoach@msn.com

