

**Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School**  
**School Newsletter No 18**  
**18th June 2021**



**Exciting News**

Mr and Mrs Metcalfe are delighted to share with you that, last week, they welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Orla Elisabeth Metcalfe to the world. The family are all doing well.



**Handouts**

**Hard copies:**

♪♪ Seaside Special lunch invite—packed lunch children only

♪♪ Diary Dates for Summer term

**Email:**

♪♪ Class Structure Letter

♪♪ Class Structure FAQ (Nurs to Y1)

♪♪ Parking permit letter and application form

♪♪ Diary Dates for Summer term

♪♪ Uniform order form

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**Attendance News**

Congratulations to **Butterfly** class who achieved 99.1% attendance for the two week period between 7th June and 18th June.



## Transition

During this half term we start preparing our children for their move to their class for September. There is a letter detailing the class structure for September and class lists, detailing the first names of all children in the class along with class name and class teacher name will be shared on 2nd July. Along with this, we will be sharing a video from your child's class teacher (s), a presentation of inside school, a photo book showing staff and key areas, such as toilets and coat pegs for your child's classroom and a presentation for parents about your child's new year group. We will be holding a session on 7th July for children to spend time with their new class teacher. We are unfortunately, unable to host a face to face meeting for parents at this time.

## Parking

**P** A quick reminder for all parents that the staff car park in front of school is for staff only and must not be used by parents to drop off or collect their children from school. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lanes and parking tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. It is essential these are clear at the start and end of the school day. We know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult but please remember that we have the parking permit system in place to help with this. For a charge of £5, an annual permit can be purchased for Eastgate car park for parking until 9.15am and between 3.15pm and 3.30pm during term time. Please

contact the school office if you would like to purchase a permit for the new academic year.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our parents who make use of this scheme or who ensure that they park safely and courteously around school.

## Trespassing

As the days get longer and warmer, the wonderful space that our school grounds offers become increasingly enticing. This is a plea to all families to remind children, including older siblings that **no one**, including children at our school and their families, have permission to be on the school grounds out of school hours. This is trespassing and the police will be informed if persons are found to be on school site. If anyone sees anyone on the school site that you don't think should be there, please ring 101 to let the police know and contact school during school hours. Your support in protecting our lovely school is, as always, greatly appreciated.



## Sing Up Day

Sing Up Day started in 2010 and is a day to celebrate the power of song on health and well-being. The theme of the song "(We are) Unstoppable!" this year follows on from the challenges that covid has caused across our nation and the world. The song celebrates that everybody can make a difference, however small, and that small actions can add up to make a big difference. We all have power to help build a better world, and we are more powerful



when we come together.

The national day is Wednesday 30th June and we will be hosting our own Sing Up Day outside with the children on 2nd July. The song is, once again, very catchy (apologies if it gets in your head!) and can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9zdoBUuSBM> if you would like to sing along and help your child to practise at home before the big event!

### **Absences during Term Time**

We appreciate how valuable family time is and the difficulties that Covid has caused on many levels. Whilst we both understand and share the disappointment of families not being able to take their planned holidays this year, we also know that the children have had a lot of disruption and change. I therefore urge families not to book holidays during term time and give children the opportunity to settle back into routines and to build relationships with their peers and their staff team. Headteachers are only able to grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. The law, which came into force on 1st September 2013, also states that parents have no entitlement to take their child on holiday in term time.

All requests for absences from school must be applied for by completing a 'Leave of Absence' form which is

available on the website or from the school office. Family holidays do not fall into the category of exceptional circumstances.

### **Operation Encompass**

Operation Encompass is a County wide scheme that has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of normal school hours and that might have had an impact on a child attending our school. This information will be shared at the earliest opportunity Mon to Thurs and, when an incident occurs on a Fri, Sat or Sun, the police will contact us the following week.

This is for information only for staff to be able to support children appropriately in school, if necessary. Information is shared confidentially with school. Police will share this information where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

As always though, if parents have concerns about the safety or welfare of any child, Children's Social Care can be contacted through the NYCC switchboard on 01609 780780. Any immediate concerns that a child is at risk of immediate harm must be reported to the police.

***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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