

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
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The end of the year

The end of another academic year is upon us and it is once again the time for goodbyes. It has been another unprecedented year in school but one in which our school community has shown a great community spirit despite not being able to come together as a community! The use of social media and technology has enabled us to continue to share and celebrate learning and key events in school with families. Our school is a special place where great things happen every day and together we live out our 'Learning, Caring, Sharing' motto.

This is down to the hard work, determination and dedication of each and every member of the school community: children and their families, staff and volunteers and the wider community who support us in so many different ways. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of those people for what they have given to the community to make it what it is.

With a sense of sadness for us but excitement for their next opportunities, we say a few goodbyes next week. We will be saying goodbye and a huge thank you to Mrs Smeaton and Mrs Sealy. We also look forward to welcoming Miss Storr to our school community from September and hope to be able to share further information about our SENDCo appointment before the end of the year.

For all of those children and families leaving us this week, we wish you all the best for the future and for everyone we hope you have a relaxing, fun filled summer break.

Handouts:

- ☺ Summer Fair Day Invite—packed lunch children only
- ☺ Food in School Holiday letter—Pupil Premium children only
- ☺ Transport letters—Transport children only
- ☺ After school sports club for September

Email:

- ☺ Autumn Term Dinner Menu (next week not Y2)
- ☺ Leavers Choice Invite—packed lunch children only

Leavers' Assembly

Friday 23rd July 11am

This will be for children only this year. Unfortunately, we are very sorry but we cannot accommodate parents at this event.

Covid safety measures

Following the announcement on Monday for changes coming into effect on Monday 19th July I wanted to let you know that we will not be making any changes for the last week of term. I appreciate that staggered start and finish times can be logistically difficult but feel that making changes for the last five days of the school year would cause unnecessary disruption to arrangements that families have already made. Staggered lunchtimes and playtimes will also remain in place. There are some opportunities for year groups to work at the same events, such as our sports sessions today, but still remaining in their class bubbles.

Until 16th August, everyone is still legally required to self-isolate if they have covid symptoms and if they are a close contact of a positive case. It therefore remains essential that parents and children continue to socially distance as much as possible. In the last few weeks in particular, we have seen an increasing amount of children not staying with parents in playgrounds at the start and end of the day and families mixing in both class bubbles and in the playground. As rates rise, we must all continue to do everything that we can to reduce the risk of high numbers of our school community being asked to self-isolate if there is a positive case. That would not be the end of school year or start of the holidays that any of us want. We understand the frustration of being asked to wear face masks outside and being asked to social distance on school grounds when this is not the case elsewhere but are asking everyone to do this to minimise

potential impact on vulnerable members of our community and on all of our summer holiday plans as infection rates continue to rise!

Sponsored Bounce

The children had fabulous fun at our sponsored bounce yesterday! Thank you to everyone who was able to raise sponsor money for our Friends of School. A huge thank you to them for the work that they put into the event, especially given the added restrictions that current guidance still brings.

Menu Change

Tuesday 20th July—Summer Fair Day

Hot Dogs, Potato Wedges, Tomato Ketchup with Salad followed by Iced Vanilla Sponge

Vegetarian/vegan option;

Vegetable Sausage Hot Dog with Wedges, Tomato Ketchup with Mixed Bean Salad followed by Fruit Salad.

Thursday 22nd July—Leavers Choice

Cheese and Tomato Pizza, Chips and Salad followed by Chocolate Crunch with an Orange Wedge.

Vegetarian/vegan option;

Tomato and Pepper Pizza, chips and Salad followed by flapjack with an Orange Wedge.

Feast North Yorkshire

The Department for Education is providing local authorities with funding to coordinate a holiday programme offer this summer. The activity sessions will be available to all children and young people in North Yorkshire, but



will be free to families eligible for benefits related free school meals. Eligible families will have recently received a pack containing more information about the programme. Further information for all families can be downloaded at www.northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast Take a look and follow **@NYorksTogether** on social media where further content will be posted.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for helping to support your child in working towards achieving a good level of attendance. 81% of our children have achieved 96% or over this half term. With 27% achieving an amazing 100% attendance over the year. Those children with 100% attendance for

the year will be bringing home a celebration certificate. Congratulations! A list of our 100% achievers for this half term can be found on the last page. Well done everyone!

Year Two Leavers Event Wednesday 21st July 5.30-7.00pm

There is a flyer attached today giving details of the upcoming Year Two leavers event. At this event all year two children will mix as a bubble.

Ryedale Lions

Ryedale Lions are looking for willing volunteers to join their active group. If you are interested in helping out within the local community please contact Colin Olsson by email at olsson233@btinternet.com or by phone on 01751 473116 for further information.

Governor's Report - July 2021

Hello everybody, I hope you are well and looking forward to the summer break!

It has been such a strange year for us all, I don't think I would have believed you back in September if you had said we would still be under COVID restrictions at the end of the school year. This has, of course, meant that we have had to change many of our practices with Governing Body meetings and catch-up conversations with staff taking place on Zoom or Teams. Whilst we must thank everybody for their resilience and ingenuity, I can't wait to be back seeing people in person and being able to enjoy school events back in the hall or on the field.

This term we have continued to work on our Collaboration Agreement with Pickering Junior School and you will have hopefully had the chance to read the document when it came out just after Easter. This does not change anything about the Infant school in its day to day running or management but does give a framework for closer working and exploring shared opportunities for pupils, staff and governors over the coming years. If you do have any questions or comments about the Collaboration, please do feel free to contact me via the school office.

The end of this term comes with some sadness for our family. In September it will be the first time in 8 years that there hasn't been a 'Herring' here as a pupil! As Chair of Governors I have had the pleasure of seeing the school from 'both sides' and know how hard everyone works to make it the special place that it is.

Enjoy the summer, stay safe and fingers crossed for lots of sunshine!

Neil Herring (Chair of Governors)

End of Term Events

Our school is always incredibly busy but the last two weeks seem to have been packed with even more exciting opportunities than usual. Some of the photos below give a flavour of some of the things that have been going on.



SPONSORED BOUNCE



BEACH DAY



SING UP DAY

We try to share photos and videos regularly on Facebook and Twitter. Keep checking (and sharing favourite posts) for photos of further events during the next week!

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



Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved
100% attendance during this half term

Isabella C

Chloe

Owen

Florence B

Ellie C

Olivia C

Lincoln

Alfie H

Lilly K

Ruby

Rose N

William S

Benjamin

Hayden

Amelia D

Teddie

Scarlett M

Freya

Eleanor

Georgia

Isla

Charlotte

Bobby

Rosie

Igor

Jacob P

Georgina

Imogen

Evan

Charlie C

Scarlett H

Leo P

Eliza T

Eva

Evie W

Tilly

Hanna