

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 4

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Handouts

Autumn

The weather is certainly becoming more autumnal! We have been taking time with the children over the last few weeks to observe the wonders of the changing world around us! It has been great to see lots of photos and to receive lots of emails to class teachers about all of the wonderful autumnal learning going on at home too.



The Year One and Two children enjoyed exploring the allotments and learning about growing and harvesting at this time of year. Thank you to the Harland family for arranging this with us and to Mrs Harland for sharing her wealth of expertise with the children and staff. The raspberries were a very enjoyable treat too! There has been a delicious smell of autumn vegetable stew and apple crumble around school this week.

May I take this opportunity to wish our whole school community a restful and fun filled half term break.

Attendance News

Congratulations to Squirrel Class for 93.5% attendance during the first half term



Email:

- ✦ Proposed School Admissions Arrangements 2023/24
- ✦ Reading in Reception booklet— Reception children only
- ✦ Yr 2—Applying for a Junior School place
- ✦ Nursery children— Applying for a Reception School place
- ✦ Parent Governor Election Ballot paper
- ✦ Book Fair Flyer

Hard copies:

- ✦ Nov/Dec Diary Sheet
- ✦ Bus/Taxi children only letter
- ✦ Reading in Reception booklet—Reception children only
- ✦ Sports Club run by Hawkes Health letter Yr 1 & 2 children only
- ✦ After School Activity Clubs letter—Yr 1 & 2 children only
- ✦ Bonfire night lunch invite packed lunch children only



School and Eco Councillors

As part of our work on democracy, the children have voted in their classes in Years One and Two for councillors.

Congratulations go to...

Hedgehog Class

School Councillors - Dexter and Chloe

Eco Councillors - Klay and Hattie

Squirrel Class

School Councillors - Bella and Benji

Eco Councillors - Alfie and Phoebe

Rabbit Class

School Councillors - Harry and Tilly

Eco Councillors - Scarlett and Billy

Mrs Goff, as school council leader, and Mrs Green, as eco council leader, have already had an initial meeting and look forward to working together over the coming year. We were very impressed by the eagerness of our children to take positions of responsibility and stand for these roles as well as other monitor roles that we have in school.

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 2nd Nov 3.30-6pm

Thursday 4th Nov 4.30-7pm

Wednesday 10th Nov—Nursery only

Thank you to all those parents who have already booked an appointment through Parent Mail.

Book Fair

The book fair will be available in school between 2nd to 8th November. This will be available after school during this

time including at both Parents Evenings.



PAN Consultation

NYCC are currently consulting on the PAN (Planned Admission Numbers) for 2023-2024. Please see attached letter for more information. The closing date for the consultation is 3rd December 2021.

Bonfire Night Lunch

Friday 5th November

We will be holding a whole school lunch where pupils who usually bring a packed lunch are invited to join us for a hot meal on this day. The menu for the special lunch will be;

Bonfire Bean & Cheese Pie (potato topped)

With Crusty Bread

Sweetcorn and Carrots

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Chocolate & Vanilla Swirls with an Apple Wedge

## **Poppies**



In the run up to Remembrance Day on 11th November poppies will be on sale in school from 8th to 10th November. Please send any donations with your child for them to purchase a poppy in class during the day.



## **Nut Aware School**

Many parents will already be aware that we operate as a nut aware school. This is to reduce the exposure of our school community to this allergen. We have one member of our school community though who suffers from anaphylaxis, which is a life threatening condition. A number of allergies occur when nuts are consumed but one of these allergens can cause an allergic reaction just by being in the same room as a product or talking to someone who has eaten them. These are peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, brazil nuts, cashew nuts and pistachios. As such, whilst we cannot in any way tell parents and children what to eat or not eat before coming to school, I would ask that all families give consideration to the severity of this medical condition. If at all possible, please avoid eating foods that contain the listed items, including cereals with nuts and peanut butter for breakfast. If it is not possible to avoid them then please ensure that you and your children brush teeth and wash hands and (in the case of children who have a habit of wearing some of their meals!) faces thoroughly before coming to school. I realise that this could cause some inconvenience for families but, as a caring school, appreciate your support.

This also effects items brought into school such as empty boxes for junk modelling. Please do not send any containers/packaging in that has contained a nut product.

## **National recognition**

Some parents may already have seen through our social media posts, that we have been included in a recent national guidance document from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). This is as a case study on the use of high quality professional development as a way of developing teaching techniques that impact positively on the teaching and learning for our children. We are very proud to have some of the amazing work that the staff team do for our school and children recognised in this way!

## **SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator)**

We are delighted to share that Mrs Caroline Watson will take up her established post across our school and Pickering Junior School from Monday 1st November. Mrs Watson has a wealth of expertise and experience to bring to the role and she is looking forward to getting to know our school, children and families over the coming half term as she settles into the role. Mrs Watson will generally work at our school on Mondays and at Pickering Junior School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

## **Children in Need**

One of the themes for Children in Need this year is 'Feel Good Friday', which we are linking in with the 'Five Ways to Well-being' area of 'Be Active'. More details to follow! Children and staff can choose to come to school in clothing

suitable for being active.

### "I need to talk"

Our children have done an amazing job settling back into school life. For all of us though, there are times when we might get worried or anxious about something. The staff prioritise getting to know their children and speaking to them in an 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 lets 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.

### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 2nd Nov**—Parents evening 3.30-6pm

**Thursday 4th Nov**—Parents evening 4.30-7pm

**Friday 5th Nov**— Bonfire Night Lunch

**Friday 5th Nov**— Sports Club starts

**Week commencing 8th Nov**—Block one clubs start

**8th-10th Nov**—Poppies on sale

**Wednesday 10th Nov**—Nursery parents appointments

**Wednesday 10th Nov**—Reading workshop for Reception parents 4.30-5.30pm

**Friday 12th Nov**—Children in Need day

**Reminders** - School Closes for October half term Friday 22nd October  
Re-Opens Monday 1st November 2021

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*Spare newsletters are available in the rack outside the office, together with term time dates, holiday forms, uniform order forms*

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