

**Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School**  
**School Newsletter No 3**  
**8th October 2021**



**Out and About**

It has been wonderful to get back out into the community this week. The year one and two children have enjoyed a walk around Pickering looking for lots of different places of worship as part of their learning about Christianity. During the walk there were lots of positive comments to staff from members of our community who were delighted to see us back out and about and were also very impressed with the children's fantastic manners - well done Year Ones and Twos! The children showed great links in their learning about different groups having varying understandings of what it means to be Christian. The children of Squirrel class likened this to our school community sharing expectations and ethos but having different views and ideas which are all to be respected. We are impressed with the children's developing understanding of diversity.



**Handouts**

**Email:**

- Parent Governor Vacancy letter and nomination form

**Hard copies:**

- Individual school photos and covering letter
- FoS letter re Bags 2 School

**Attendance News**

Congratulations to Hedgehog Class for 96.3% attendance for the last two weeks  
27th September—8th October



**Newsletters** - These are emailed to you - school newsletter and a class newsletter on alternate weeks.

**Diary Dates** - At the beginning of the term Mrs Cook prepares a dates sheet to help you with forward planning. We try and organise things in advance but do watch out for inevitable changes.

**Handouts** - Handouts may also come home each week. A list of these handouts will be on the front of the school newsletter, which lists handouts over the previous two weeks. Please check through to make sure that you have them all.

### Flu Vaccinations in School For Reception Y1 and Y2

If you haven't already registered for your child to have the flu vaccination in school but wish to do so, please complete the online consent form at [www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent)

entering the secure school code:121363 as soon as possible.

The vaccination team will be coming into school on **Tuesday 19th Oct** for the children whose parents have opted for the vaccination.

### Bags2School

Fund raising opportunities have been very limited in these recent uncertain times. So if you are having a clear out over the next week, we would really appreciate your support to help raise much needed funds by filling the Bags2School bags (or any bag) which can be dropped off in the staff car park on the morning of **Thursday 14th October by 9am.**



### After School Club

We know how valuable it is for parents that we have a



Breakfast and After School Club and want to be able to maintain this provision. With this in mind, we kindly request that, wherever possible, parents collect children by 5pm. We will continue to offer the After School Club until 6pm for those parents who need this due to work commitments. We ask though that this is booked at least 24 hours in advance.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a new Parent Governor to join our existing team. No qualifications or past experience are necessary, just enthusiasm, time and an interest in shaping the strategic direction of our school.

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to children, give something back to our local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. Parent governors bring their wealth of experience and knowledge, contributing to the successful running of the school. As a governor, the decisions made by the board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. Governors set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, and they also oversee financial performance and ensure money is well-spent.

You can find more information at [Be a](#)

school governor or trustee - National Governance Association ([nga.org.uk](http://nga.org.uk))

If this sounds like a role for you, please complete the nomination form and return it to the headteacher by 12.00 noon Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to the school office – in a sealed envelope marked “confidential – PG nomination” or via email to [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk) with “confidential – PG nomination” in the subject line.

### **Parents Evening**

Our parents evenings are due to be held the first week after the half term holiday, week beginning 1st November. These will be in person appointments this year. The online booking system through Parent Mail will be available during the week commencing 18th October.

### **Attendance**

Good attendance and punctuality are important to a child’s success in all aspects of school life. It has an impact on progress and achievement as well as friendships. Thank you to all of those parents who ensure that they arrive at school on time every day — it is always trickier on cold, wet mornings but almost all of our children arrive on time, prepared to learn, every day!

A quick checklist of reminders:

- 🔔 Telephone school on the first day of your child’s absence
- 🔔 Ensure that your contact details are up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for information
- 🔔 Be firm with your child about their attendance
- 🔔 Try to arrange appointments out of

school time

- 🔔 If problems persist then do not hesitate to contact us to discuss them

### **Lateness**

#### **Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child**

- ☹ Missing important information about the day in registration
- ☹ It may be embarrassing to walk into a lesson that has already started
- ☹ Missing even part of a lesson can be difficult to catch up on
- ☹ It can affect behaviour and self-esteem

#### **If your child is late or going to be late:**

- ☹ Contact us and let us know why
- ☹ Take your child to the office and then sign them in the late book
- ☹ Come and see us if you have any difficulties

#### ***Lateness and absence is checked weekly by the Headteacher***

### **Scholastic Books**



If you are looking to buy books in the near future why not try out Scholastic Books and earn free books for our school at the same time. You can find them at [www.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.scholastic.co.uk) and select ‘shop and earn free books for your school’. It’s as simple as that!

### **Drinking Water in school**

Having regular drinks of water throughout the day is vital for us all to keep hydrated. Being hydrated supports children with their



concentration and learning. Children have access to water during the day but it is far easier for them, and for classes, if children have their own water bottle in classrooms. These need to be filled with water, and not juice. They should be taken home each day to be washed and refilled. If you feel that your child is not drinking much water during the day, please speak to their class teacher.

### Tree Stumps



The children are making great use of our Forest School area as part of their outdoor learning experiences. Some of our tree stumps around our fire circle are now well weathered and in need of replacing. If anyone is having trees sawn down in the near future or knows of someone nearby that may be able to help replenish our circle of stumps please do let us know.

### Names in clothing

There are growing 'mountains' of unnamed clothes in school! Please, please, please ensure that all items, including tights, PE kits, shoes, coats etc are named. It may sound over the top but when changing for PE and Forest Schools trying to identify which shoes and tights belong to each child can be challenging!

### Parking



We have recently received complaints from our neighbours regarding parents parking across driveways during drop off and collection times. Whilst we know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult we do need to be considerate where our neighbours are concerned and ask that parents are considerate in their parking. 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 3.40pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase a permit for this year. 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.

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.

***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](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)