

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
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Friendship Week

Next week is our whole school themed week linked to friendship and national anti-bullying week. We will be spending time in school talking with the children about the term bullying. At Pickering Infant and Nursery School, we describe bullying as “unacceptable behaviour which occurs on repeated occasions, on purpose”, which all of our children know is unacceptable.

Because of the age of our children, we spend a lot of time talking to children about and supporting them with developing friendships and negotiating with each other.

As with every aspect of learning, children learn these social skills at different times and in different ways. Part of the focus will also be on helping our children to understand the difference between falling out with our friends and classmates and bullying, explaining that falling out with our friends or someone saying unkind words to us is not acceptable and needs to be dealt with but also is not bullying. Parental support with this would be greatly appreciated in helping children to understand the difference.

As part of the national anti-bullying campaign, we are asking everyone in school to wear **odd socks to school on Monday 15th November** as an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✉ Reading Workshop— Reception only
- ✉ Bad Weather Plans & Emergency Collection Arrangements

Email:

- ✉ After School Club places
- ✉ FoS Craft & Gift Fair
- ✉ Junk modelling letter –Reception only
- ✉ NHS Head Injury Advice Sheet
- ✉ Nursery Rhyme fun Night Form— Nursery only



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Attendance News

Congratulations to Hedgehog Class who achieved 97.5% attendance for the two weeks from 1st—12th November 2021



Bags2School



Thank you to everyone

who contributed in having a good clear out for our Bags2School collection.

Your donations have raised much needed funds for Friends of School, once a figure has been received we will let you know.

Children in Need Day

Friday 19th November

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'.

On this day, children and staff can choose to come to school in clothing suitable for being active in exchange for a donation to Children in Need, where families are able. These donations can be made via Parent Mail +Pay. To make a donation this way, log into Parent Mail and select 'payments', followed by 'shop', select a donation amount and either 'pay now' or 'add to basket' to donate later. Regardless of whether families are in a position to make a charitable donation at this time, we still encourage all children to come dressed ready to be active!

Registering for School

Do you have a toddler or know of anyone that does? Are they registered with us for a Nursery or School place? If it is your/their intention for your/their child to attend our school, please make sure that they are registered as this helps us with future plans. This is particularly important if your child was born between:

01/09/18—31/08/19 for Nursery place
September 2022

01/09/17—31/08/18 for School place
September 2022

Current Nursery parents please don't forget to complete your on line application for your child's place in Reception for September 2022.

Clubs

Mondays 3.25-4.05pm—Challenge Club, Sing Squad

Wednesdays 3.25-4.05pm—Make & Do Club, Gymnastics Club

Fridays 12.30-1pm—Construction Club

Fridays 3.25-4.05pm—Let's Experiment Club

Mrs Kenyon

After almost twenty years as part of our school family, Mrs Kenyon will be leaving us on Thursday 25th November. She will be taking on a new role as part of the Safeguarding Team with North Yorkshire. Over the years, Mrs Kenyon has provided a lot of support to the children, families, staff and school. Her expertise in supporting children with their maths learning has benefitted many children. She will be greatly missed.

Nursery Rhyme Week

Mrs Durant led our work for Nursery Rhyme Week 2021 on Monday 8th November. This is prior to the World Nursery Rhyme Week next week. This is the third year that we have taken part in this event. There is a lot of evidence that suggests that those children who know around eight nursery rhymes off by heart at the start of their school journey are more successful with reading and spelling in the following years than those children who don't.



The children sung lots of nursery rhymes within the story 'Think Big'.



Christmas Post Box

If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their friends in school, the school post box will be open from Monday 6th December to Friday 10th December in the hall. Please



make sure that the **recipient's first name (& surname if known) and class** are clearly written on the envelopes - this makes sorting much easier and there are no disappointed children whose cards do not reach their destination!

Please **DO NOT** send any cards in before the 6th or after the 10th.

Dates reminder

16th Nov—The Princess & The Pea production

19th Nov—Children in Need Day

23rd Nov— RE Day with Imran Kotwal

23rd Nov—Local Gifts and Craft Fair 5-8pm

26th Nov—Birthday Assembly – 9.10am

Caretaker/Cleaner Vacancy

An opportunity has arisen within our school and North Yorkshire County Council are looking to appoint a caretaker/cleaner to work with our current team. If this is an area of interest please click on the link below for more information and how to apply.

<https://nyccjobs.engageats.co.uk/Redirect.aspx?>

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Red Letters

If children suffer a significant bump or injury at school, you will receive notification of this. For bumps to the head, at any point on the back of the head or forehead you will be given a red letter. This red letter has recently been updated to include advice from the NHS Head Injury Advice Sheet. A copy of this advice has been attached for your reference.

Islam Workshops

As part of our learning in RE, we will be inviting Imran Kotwal into school on Tuesday 23rd November. In the past some parents have been keen to attend the Workshops so that they can develop their understanding of Islam too and hear what information has been shared with the children so that they can answer any questions that their children might have. Imran Kotwal is keen to have parents join us too and so parents are invited to join us for the parent session 2-3pm. Please email admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk to let us know if you wish, or hope to

be able to attend. Please come to the school office just before 2pm on this date. We ask that parents please wear face coverings during this session.

Parental Involvement

Following the sharing of our updated behaviour policy earlier this term, I would like to welcome parents into school to share any thoughts and ideas that you may have relating to this. This will be in the staffroom at 9am on Thursday 2nd December with Mrs Gillam. Please come to the school office if you are able to help. The kettle will be on and there will be biscuits to help our conversations!

We are also looking for a parent representative to join a working group who will be focusing on playground development for playtimes with support from a company called OPAL. There are staff and governor representatives also in the working group. There will be a series of meetings during the school day over the next eighteen months. The first dates for these meetings are Monday 29th Nov 1-3.45pm, Friday 3rd Dec 1-3.30pm and Tuesday 4th Jan 9am-12pm. Other meeting dates will be discussed during these meetings with four further meetings for next calendar year. Please contact the school office if you would like to be a part of this—no experience necessary!

End of Day Procedures

Thank you to everyone for all that you've done to make arrangements to accommodate the new starting and finishing times for schools across Pickering. Adjustments have been made where needed which we hope are helping families. Please remember that staff will only let children go with adults who they have been told that your child can go home with, including the regular adults who pick up. Please let us know as soon as you can if these arrangements are going to change. Prior to 8.30am on that school day, you can notify staff through class emails of any changes to collection. If it is after 8.30am, please let us know through the office so that we can make sure that staff will have got the message.

If we haven't been notified that your child can go home with someone who they don't usually go home with, even if we know them, we won't let your child go. It is not our intention to ever upset families or children with this arrangement and appreciate that this is sometimes the result of messages not being passed on as seamlessly in school as we intend. This arrangement though is for the safety of the children and we ask that everyone involved stays calm with the safety side of the arrangement in mind. We will aim to contact primary carers as quickly as possible to resolve the situation.

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