

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 6
26th November 2021



Imran Kotwal

On Tuesday, Imran kotwal come to visit school. This was part of our RE learning across school. He led a whole school assembly focusing on the 5 pillars of Islam;

Belief - Muslims believe in one God (Allah in Arabic)

Prayer - Muslims pray facing Mecca five times a day

Charity - Muslims donate 2.5% of their savings to community members in need

Fasting - During the daylight hours of Ramadan, all healthy adult Muslims abstain from food and drink

Pilgrimage - For those Muslims who can afford to, they must make at least one visit to the holy city of Mecca to visit God's house in their life time

In Years One and Two, the children learnt about some of the 99 names of Allah, that there are no pictures or statues of Allah and that Arabic is written from right to left.

In Nursery, they looked at some of the artefacts that



Imran had brought in including a Qur'an and prayer mat.

Children across school listened well, asked thoughtful, respectful questions and were able to talk in age appropriate detail about their learning!



Handouts

- ✚ Invite for Christmas Lunch—Packed lunch children only
- ✚ Christmas Concert letter

Emails



Attendance News

Congratulations to Butterfly class for achieving 94.2% attendance for the two weeks from 15th—26th November



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Registering for a School Place

Nursery parents—Don't forget to apply for your Reception school place by 15th January 2022

Year 2 Parents—Don't forget to apply for your Junior School place by 15th January 2022

The information you need to apply for either place is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions



Christmas Lunch Menu

Tuesday 7th December 2021

**Roast Turkey & Christmas
Chipolatas**

Santa's Seasonal Stuffing

Mrs Claus' Roast Potatoes

A Merry Mix of Peas and Carrots

With the Grinch's Gravy

**Vegetarian Option: Roast Winter
Vegetable Puff Pastry Parcel**

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**Hand Decorated Chocolate Orange  
Christmas Cookies**



**or Fresh Fruit**

## **Charging and Lettings Policy**

Our most recent version of our Charging and Lettings Policy is available on our school website.

If you would like a paper copy, please

contact the office.

## **Christmas Events**

We are still hoping to be able to go ahead with Christmas Concerts albeit in a slightly different structure to reduce numbers in the hall this year. Please return your ticket request letters today.

We will be visiting St Peter and St Paul's Church for our school Christmas service on Thursday 16th December.




We will, unfortunately, be unable to accommodate families this year. This event will just be for the children and staff. There will also be no Town Carol Service this year.

Our Christmas Jumper Day will tie in with the last day of term on 17th Dec. This date is later than the 'official' Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.

## **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

### 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 and make arrangements with the office team about dropping off after your child's bubble door closure
- ☹ Contact us if you have any ongoing difficulties

### Class emails

Thank you for using the class emails to get in touch with staff. This is a great way to keep in touch at the moment. Staff will continue to monitor these daily during the school week in term time but will not monitor these at weekends.

### Dates for the Diary:

**6th—10th Dec**—Christmas post box in the hall

**7th Dec**— Children's Christmas lunch

**10th Dec**—9.10am December Birthday assembly

**10th Dec**—4.30pm-6pm—Winter Fair

#### **Christmas Performances 13th-15th December**

**Badgers, Squirrels and Nursery**—Mon 13th Dec 1.15pm, Tuesday 14th Dec 9.15am or Wednesday 15th Dec 9.15am

**Butterflies, Hedgehogs and Rabbits**—Mon 13th Dec 2.30pm, Tuesday 14th Dec 10.30am or Wednesday 15th Dec 10.30am.

**Friday 17th Dec**—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children—  
**School Closes for Christmas holidays**



*Your support for your know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us 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)

## A request from our Eco Council



### About The Reuse Santa Appeal

The Re-use Santa Appeal is a charitable campaign to provide help for young people across North Yorkshire who are most in need this Christmas. This year, we need your help to collect used toys, games, books and puzzles for young people who might otherwise not receive a gift. Not only will this help to make Christmas easier for many families, it will also support the environment by encouraging a 'Reduce, Re-use, Recycle' mindset. Re-use Santa is delivered in partnership with [City of York Council](#), [North Yorkshire County Council](#) and selected charities.

### How Can I Help?

#### Step 1

Make sure your toys/books/games are clean, complete and fit for purpose.

#### Step 2

Next time you're taking your waste to your nearest York or North Yorkshire Household Waste Recycling Centre, simply bring your pre-loved gifts along too and let the staff know you wish to donate. They will point you in the right direction. You can find your nearest North Yorkshire [HWRC here](#) and City of York HWRC [here](#).

#### Step 3

Yorwaste will then distribute the donations to the charity partners. Most will be taken to No Wrong Door, with any additional gifts being sent to charity shops.

[No Wrong Door](#) will gift the pre-loved toys and games to children within or on the edge of the care system. We are also partnering with [Barnardo's](#), [British Heart Foundation](#), [the Daisy Chain Project](#), [the Banana Box Toy Project](#) and [The Recycle Project CIC](#) to make sure that all donations can be handed out to local children or used to raise money for great causes. We ask that you bring along your donations before the 15th December, as this is when we will be delivering them to No Wrong Door and our partner charities.