

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
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18th February 2022



Music Day

The children and staff across school had a fabulous day with Mrs Durant on Monday. As it was Valentine's Day and a conclusion to Children's Mental Health Week, the songs took a caring and love theme! Children in each class worked on a main song which they focused on beat and rhythm within and then layered up percussion instruments to accompany.



Our music days have been able to go ahead this year thanks to the generous parental donations at our Christmas concert and a generous donation from a grandparent of one of the children in Rabbit Class. A huge thank you as the children get a huge amount out of their work with Mrs Durant!



Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit Class** with **97.6%** attendance for this half term

Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✿ Diary Sheet up to Easter holidays
- ✿ World Book Day Lunch Invite—Packed Lunch children
- ✿ Sports Club letters – Year 1 and 2 only

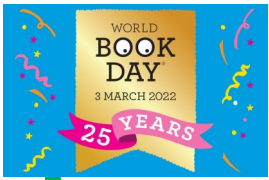
Email copies:

- ✿ Diary Sheet up to Easter holidays
- ✿ Privacy Notice Coronavirus (Covid-19) - Pupils, Parents and Staff
- ✿ Hawkes Health Half Term Activities
- ✿ Half term under 5's events at Pickering Library

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?





World Book Day

World book day is **Thursday 3rd March** and will be based on: **'Using your imagination. Books as a way to imagine the impossible.'** We are inviting children to come dressed as a book character or anything imaginative. This does not involve buying a specific costume, it can be as simple as wearing their own 'out of school' clothes to be a character, for example, Flat Stanley or Charlie Bucket from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Your child may choose to come in pyjamas, they may be in a dream imagining the impossible. There is no limit to a child's imagination!

World Book Day Lunch

Thursday 3rd March

~ Menu ~

Positivity Pizza

(Cheese and Tomato)

You Can Do It Diced Potatoes

Brave Broccoli

Courageous Carrots

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Mole Mud Muffins

(Chocolate Muffins)



Memorial Hall visit and Performance

On **Thursday 3rd March** (World Book Day) all children from reception and afternoon Nursery will be attending 'Going on a Journey' which is an interactive exciting musical adventure performed by Orchestra of the Age of

Enlightenment at Pickering Memorial Hall. This is funded by Friends of school and will take place during the afternoon when the children will be back for normal pick up times. The children will experience live music, sing along and discover music from all around Europe.

Bags2School

If you are having a Spring clear out of cupboards and wardrobes over the half term holiday, please put items to one side for our Bag2School collection on **Wednesday 9th March 2022**. **Bag2School** have continued to develop their mission around sustainability by asking families to use their own bags (bags being donated, bin bags or bin liners) for donations where possible. However, If anyone does need a bag/s we do have a small stock in school if you would like to collect one from the office. Bags will need to be left in the staff car park before 9am on the day.



Window Safety



When coming to school in the mornings and leaving at the end of the school day could you please make sure that children stay on the paths at the front of the school and not walk or play in front of the kitchen and classroom windows. The kitchen and classroom windows may be open and are easily walked into.

We also ask that children are encouraged not to play on the grass around the large tree at the front of school. We know that this is a tempting play space but many of our spring flowers have sadly been damaged by lots of little feet lots of little feet.



Holidays

As holidays abroad become a more routine option again, I wanted to take the opportunity to ask families to give great consideration to the timings of holidays whether abroad or a 'staycation'. As ever, I would ask that parents try to avoid, or at least minimise, days off due to holidays. Staff have great empathy with parents who find it difficult to arrange holidays during school holiday time as they are in a similar position. It is widely accepted though that establishing good routines and attitudes to attendance from a very early age gives children a positive start to their learning through our education system. After so much disruption for our children over the last eighteen months they deserve the opportunity to as much uninterrupted education as we are able to offer them during term time.



School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

North Yorkshire County Council currently have a School Crossing Patrol vacancy for Park Street from April 2022, further details can be found at the link below.

[https://nyccjobs.engageats.co.uk/
Vacancies/W/5358/0/333882/21188/
school-crossing-patrol-pickering-en0486](https://nyccjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/5358/0/333882/21188/school-crossing-patrol-pickering-en0486)

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 28th February — No
swimming Year 2**

Tuesday 1st March—Scooter Day

Mondays weekly - Year Two swimming

**Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day,
World book Day lunch, Visit to Memorial
Hall for Performance (Nurs & Reception)**

**Friday 4th March—Sports Club starts
for Years One and Two**

Wednesday 9th March—Bags2School

Privacy Notice

Our Privacy Notice Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pupils, Parents and Staff has been updated again. A copy of this is attached and can also be found on our website.

“I need to talk”

The staff prioritise getting to know their children well so that they can see if there is ever something is bothering or worrying 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. This let's 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 and equally let staff know about anything that happens out of school that might impact on children. This can be a wide range of things such as the death of a family pet, an illness in the family, a change in arrangements of who is living in the family home (even if it is an exciting addition to the family—this can be unsettling for children even if they are happy about the change).

Cartridges

Please remember to send in any used ink cartridges for recycling by eco council!



Next half term we are looking forward to being a part of the Veg Power campaign once again. Fruit and vegetables provide us all with essential nutrients that are hard to get in the same quantities from many other places. These nutrients help, amongst lots of other things, to;

build natural defences against illness and infection and help to heal wounds

support good vision

keep skin healthy

We appreciate that getting children to try new foods can be challenging at times, including fruit and vegetables but it is only by offering and encouraging this that children will begin to become familiar, try and maybe even enjoy these. One idea to help is to try adding just a small amount of a new vegetable to your child's plate, even if they don't try it at first. Encourage but don't force them to try it. Keep including the same vegetable over a period of time, each time encouraging them to try where they are willing. Being positive about fruit and vegetables yourself is also helpful. For example, when your child says, 'I don't like broccoli' for example, try repeating back to them, 'You don't like broccoli yet' or 'You don't know whether you like broccoli yet'. If you don't like broccoli either try to be positive with your response by saying, 'It's not my favourite vegetable either. I love peas and sweetcorn'. A positive attitude to all foods is essential.

Miss Bointon has recently sent home a 'Packed Lunch Hack' sheet via Parent Mail which has some useful packed lunch ideas for school packed lunches and also for those sunny days to come where you're out and about with a picnic. A reminder too for our parents who bring packed lunches to school that, under no circumstances, should sweets be included in packed lunches. Chocolate, cakes, crisps, processed meats and meat products like sausage rolls should be included occasionally, ie, no more than a couple of times a 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 ordering information

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