

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 10
4th February 2022



Explorers

The children across school have been thoroughly engrossed in their learning about space explorers and all things space this term. Year One and Two have also been learning about Ranulph Fiennes.

Year One and Two launched their learning with a map trail around the school grounds looking for some of the essential equipment needed for an adventure as an explorer.

Thank you for all of your support at home, encouraging the hunt for new and fascinating facts which children have been bringing into school to share with classes. There have been some amazing photographs shared, particularly through Tapestry too.



Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✿ Chinese New Year lunch invite — packed lunch children only
- ✿ Transport letter for pupils using school transport
- ✿ Asthma Action Plan—individual letters

Email copies:

- ✿ Maths Apps for Children—Rec, Yr1 & Yr2 only

Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit** Class for achieving **98.1%** attendance for the two weeks from 24th January to 4th February 2022.





Tuesday 8th February will be national Safer Internet Day. With increasing access to devices that connect to the internet, it is vital that we all know how to keep ourselves and our children safe online. We will send out useful links and information relating to safety next week via ParentMail. Further information can be found on our school website on the 'E Safety' page in our 'Safety and Wellbeing' section.

Safer internet access is a theme that runs through both our Computing Curriculum and PSHCE/PSED Curriculum and is something that we talk to children about regularly. Tuesday will be another opportunity to highlight this and the key messages to our children.

Please remember that most social media sites, such as Facebook, require users to be aged **thirteen** before they can have an account. It is a violation of their terms to provide false details to set up an account. This is to protect children from potential harm.



Improving children's mental health

Children's Mental Health Week

7th to 13th February is Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. As part of our work in this area next week, children will be exploring different activities, selected by our School Council to focus on the five ways to

wellbeing. At the end of the week, we will be holding a non-uniform day with the theme 'Dress to express' where children and staff are asked to wear clothes that express them as an individual. It will be school as usual on that day, including PE for most classes so please encourage children to bear that in mind when choosing their outfit— though staff will help, they'll need to be able to take it off and put it back on again relatively easily.

ParentMail Payment Accounts

As we approach the end of the financial year, we would be extremely grateful if you could ensure that your child's payment accounts are paid up to date. This will include Nursery fees, Nursery Lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club payments through ParentMail. Please could this be done by the end of March. Thank you

Clubs

Last week for block 1 clubs is week commencing 7th February

Singing Squad will continue with the same children throughout Block 2.

Block 2 clubs will start week beginning 14th February. An email confirming your child's club for that block was sent out on 3rd November 2021 and a reminder email will be sent out next week. If your child's circumstances have changed since they were allocated a place, please would you kindly let us know as another child may be able to fill the place.

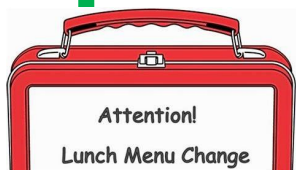
Last Sports Club Friday 18th February

Sports Club letters for Spring 2 will be

sent out next week with the club starting straight after half term. Please look out for these in book bags, years one and two children only.

Diary Dates

Mondays weekly—Year 2 swimming
Friday 11th February—Place2Be—Growing Together—Non-Uniform, children and staff are invited to ‘dress to express’
Monday 14th February—Music Day with Mrs Durant
Friday 18th February—February Birthday Assembly 9.10am
Friday 18th February—Last Sports Club
Friday 18th February—School closes for half term
Monday 28th February — School reopens
Please remember to keep checking Parent Mail for updates



Amendment to Lunch Menu

There will be a change to the published meal on **Wednesday 16th February** which was planned to be savoury minced beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and medley of vegetables. The meal being served will now be beef burger in a homemade bread roll, salad and diced potatoes followed by yoghurt or fresh fruit.

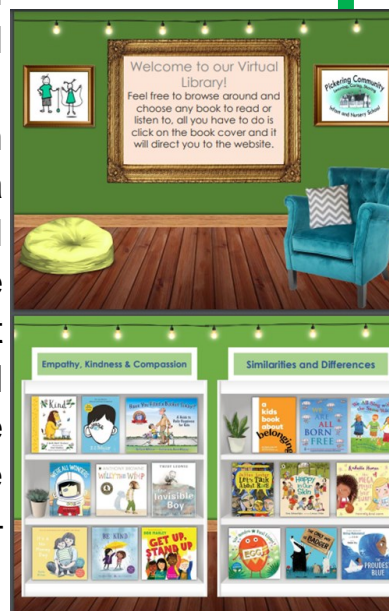
Virtual Library

As part of our new section of our

website ‘Safety and Wellbeing’, we have added another new page called ‘Our Virtual Library’. Mrs Smith has worked with help from Marine Academy to create a page where you can find links to stories online for a variety of themes, which are

- Empathy, Kindness & Compassion
- Similarities and Differences
- All Are Welcome
- Black History & Black Lives Matter
- You Can Be Anything!
- Be Proud of Who You Are
- How I Feel

The book page images contain hyperlinks to external websites where you and your child can listen to and watch the stories, some of which are read by the author or illustrators of the book. We would highly recommend parental supervision when using this area both for safety and to encourage conversation about the theme and content of the books. There are some great titles—please take a look!



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

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