

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 18

17th June 2022



A huge thank you to families for your generous summer fair raffle donations on Monday. Our Friends of School members will soon be busy putting these together into raffle hampers. Children have brought home pre sale raffle tickets in book bags this week.

The summer fair is always an enjoyable event and we are looking forward to welly wanging, beat the goalie, splat the rat and much more! Access to the event will be from 4.30pm through the East Wing (Year One and Two) side of school. The event usually runs for around an hour and a half and the raffle draw will be held at 5.30pm.

As it is always so popular, Friends of School will have a cake stall and would greatly appreciate any donations of home baking—cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, buns. These should be dropped off in school on the morning of the fair. Please could we ask you to include a list of ingredients in your produce for information about any possible allergens.

Our Friends of School committee are a dedicated and hard working bunch but are small in numbers. Any help with running stalls on the evening (or for part of the evening) or for collecting raffle prizes from local businesses would be helpful. Please email Jess at fos@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Handouts

Hard copies:

- ♪♪ Friends of School raffle ticket books and letter
- ♪♪ Let's Learn Moor Medical consent and letter -Year 1 & 2 only

Email:

- ♪♪ Class Structure Letter
- ♪♪ Class Structure FAQ (Nurs to Y1)
- ♪♪ Uniform order information & discount flyer

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We would appreciate if you would share and like your favourite posts for us!

Attendance News

Congratulations to **Rabbit** class who achieved 97% attendance for the two week period between 7th June and 17th June.



Sing Up Day

Sing Up Day started in 2010 and is a day to celebrate the power of song on health and well-being. The song this year is "Love as our guide" follows on from the challenges that covid has caused across our nation and the world. The song celebrates that everybody can make a difference, however small, and that small actions can add up to make a big difference. We all have power to help build a better world, and we are more powerful when we come together.

The national day is Wednesday 29th June and we will be hosting our own Sing Up Day with the children. The song is, once again, up beat and filled with messages of hope and can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPG5-vAb44A> if you would like to sing along and help your child to practise at home before the big event!

Absences during Term Time

We appreciate how valuable family time is and the difficulties that Covid has caused on many levels. Whilst we both understand and share the disappointment of families not being able to take their planned holidays during the past couple of years, we also know that the children have had a lot of disruption and change. I therefore urge families not to book holidays during term time as it interrupts their education and disrupts educational progress. Headteachers are only able to grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. The law, which came into force on 1st September 2013, also states that

parents have no entitlement to take their child on holiday in term time.

All requests for absences from school must be applied for by completing a 'Leave of Absence' form which is available on the website or from the school office. Family holidays do not fall into the category of exceptional circumstances.

Fish Tank



After getting us up and running again following lockdown, Evette Dadswell has stepped down from kindly looking after our fish tank for Pearl, Nemo and Shadow. Many thanks to Evette for undertaking this role. We are therefore looking for a willing volunteer to continue to help keep our fish tank clean for our fish. If this is something that you may be interested in helping us with, please call at the school office for more information. We think that this will be required just once during each half term.

Trespassing

As the days get longer and warmer, the wonderful space that our school grounds offers become increasingly enticing. This is a plea to all families to remind children, including older siblings that **no one**, including children at our school and their families, have permission to be on the school grounds out of school hours. This is trespassing and the police will be informed if persons are found to be on school site. If anyone sees anyone on the school site that you don't think should be there, please ring 101 to let the police know and contact



school during school hours. Your support in protecting our lovely school is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Water Bottles

As the weather continues to be warm, please make sure that your child brings a clearly named water bottle containing water (not juice or flavoured water) into school. Fruit squash and flavoured waters are acidic and can cause tooth erosion, particularly when drunk between meals. Water bottles in classes are for keeping children hydrated and must therefore contain only plain water.



Library Visits

Mrs Smith has been busy organising our summer term library visits. Library staff will share details of their upcoming

Summer Reading Challenge during these sessions. Dates are as follows

AM Tuesday 28th June—Squirrel Class

AM Thurs 30th June—Hedgehog Class

AM Tuesday 5th July—Butterfly Class (Please note change of day from diary date sheet)

AM Thursday 7th July—Nursery (Please note change of day from diary date sheet)

AM Tuesday 12th July—Rabbit Class

AM Thursday 14th July—Badger Class

We would love for parents, carers and other family members to join us on this visit. If you are willing and able, please email class teachers to let them know.

Bag2school

If you are having a clear out of cupboards and wardrobes over the weekend, please put items to one side for our Bag2School collection on **Mon 20th June 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 by 9am.



Upcoming events to Remember

Monday 20th June—Bags2School

Monday 20th June 6pm—Nursery (Sept 2022) Parents welcome evening

Tuesday 21st June—Nursery **PM** visit to Dalby Forest

Art Exhibition—Wednesday 22nd June 2022 3.25pm - 5.30pm,
Thursday 23rd June 2022 3.25pm - 6.00pm, Friday 24th June 2022 3.25pm - 5.00pm

Thursday 23rd June—Nursery **AM** visit to Dalby Forest

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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