

**Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School**  
**School Newsletter No 20**  
**15th July 2022**



**The end of the year**

The end of another academic year is almost upon us and it is once again the time to look back and reflect. Our school is a special place where great things happen every day and together we live out our 'Learning, Caring, Sharing' motto. It has been fabulous to be able to open up more opportunities across school for children to work together and to welcome parents to join us for lots of different events.

It has been an incredibly busy year in school with children focusing on learning across a broad range of themes. Space and explorers was a favourite amongst the children.

Nursery have particularly enjoyed all of their learning across the year involving animals. Exploring more of our local area, including the North York Moors, has been popular too. The launch of our work with the OPAL programme has been well received by staff, children and families alike.

What we achieve as a school is down to the hard work, determination and dedication of each and every member of the school community: children and their families, staff and volunteers and the wider community who support us in so many different ways. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of those people for what they have given to the community to make it what it is. I have every confidence that every one will continue to do the same in support of our new leadership team for 2022/23 as I start maternity leave in September.

For all of those children and families leaving us next week, we wish you all the best for the future and for everyone we hope you have a relaxing, fun filled summer break.

**Handouts:**

- ☺ Food in School Holiday letter— Eligible children only
- ☺ Transport letters— Rec/Yr1 Transport children only
- ☺ Autumn 1 Sports club for September

**Email:**

- ☺ Autumn Term Dinner Menu (not Y2) Hardcopy will be sent out in September
- ☺ Autumn Term 1 Diary Sheet (not Y2) Hardcopy will be sent out in September



**Leavers' Assembly**

**Friday 22nd July 11am**

We would like to invite the parents/carers of the children leaving us this year to celebrate their time with us at Pickering Infant and Nursery School.

## **School Trends Uniform Orders**

*Please order your school uniform from School Trends on or before the 18th July for your back-to-school deliveries. During July, August and September please allow 28 days for dispatch.*

## **Sleep**

With lighter nights and warm nights, keeping to sleep routines for our children can be difficult! Mrs Goff spoke about the importance of sleep on our well-being (and we know how important children's sleep is to parents well-being too!). She has created a short video with the top tips that they discussed together in the assembly, which can be found at <https://youtu.be/ZC10fOyglDE> You may also be able to find support through the NHS Sleep Clinic at <https://northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/your-health-and-local-services/children-and-young-people/childrens-sleep-support-clinic/>

## **Feast North Yorkshire**

The Department for Education is providing local authorities with funding to coordinate a holiday programme offer this summer. The activity sessions will be available to all children and young people in North Yorkshire, but will be free to families eligible for benefits related free school meals. Eligible families will have recently received a letter a few weeks ago containing more information about the programme. Further information for all families can be downloaded at [www.northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast](http://www.northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast)  
Take a look and follow

**@NYorksTogether** on social media where further content will be posted.

## **Attendance**

Thank you to everyone for helping to support your child in working towards achieving a good level of attendance. Those children with 100% attendance for the year will be bringing home a celebration certificate next week. Congratulations! A list of our 100% achievers for this half term can be found on the last page. Well done everyone!

## **Year Two Leavers Event Thursday** **21st July 5.30-7.00pm**

A fun event open to all our Year 2 children, this event is fully funded and organised by our Friends of Pickering Infant & Nursery School. Parents/carers are to sign their child/children in from 5.30pm and must state who will be collecting them at 7pm. The children will be given a snack and a drink. We look forward to seeing as many Year Two's who can make this event as possible for a fun filled evening.

## **Library visits**

All classes have had a wonderful time sharing books during their recent visits to Pickering Library. Please can you ensure that all books borrowed are returned within their time slots, each class have received an email notifying of their date of return. If anyone has books that have not been returned from previous visits please can we ask that these are returned to the library urgently.



## **Jubilee Celebration Books**

Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two will be bringing home today a free commemorative book to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

## **Reading Books**

School reading books and Busy Books will be collected in next week. Please have a search through toy boxes, book shelves and under furniture for any books which may have got lost over the course of the year. We are introducing a new reading book system for September and will be using the summer to prepare for this. Having as many books returned to us before then would be helpful. Reading workshops will be held in the first half term to introduce parents to the system and the wider opportunities that help to develop your child's reading skills.

In the mean time, all children from Nursery to Year Two will continue to have access to Bug Club (Login details can be found in Busy Books so remember to make a note or take a photo of the details before these are collected in next week) until 31st August. If you can, encourage your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge for free at local libraries across North Yorkshire. No matter how fluent a reader your child is, enjoying a book together as part of a bedtime routines remain incredibly important for strengthening relationships as well as developing reading skills.

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School to return to a more regular calendar of fundraising events this year. Their support, and your support for their events, are more critical than ever as budgets for everyone, including schools, get squeezed by rising costs and increasing financial demands. We are delighted to share that your support and the fabulous work of our Friends of School raised the following in our last two events.

Sponsored Bounce £1274.52

Summer Fair approx. £2200.00

## **Family Picnic**

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of our families as we can to the family picnic on the field on the last day of term. All children who usually have a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch.

The event takes place during school time. Children are encouraged to sit with their family. Staff will be on hand throughout the lunchtime period. Children are expected to follow our school expectations throughout this time, including sitting down together to eat their lunch. Our Year Two children may, after their lunch, use markers and pens to sign each other's t shirts or dresses, with permission from parents. This is for our Year Two children only.

All children MUST return to classes when the bell rings at 1pm. School will close at around 1.10pm for all children for the start of the summer holidays!

## Governor's Report - July 2022

It has been another great year for our school, and we are really pleased with all the hard work and achievements of our children. The Governing Body (GB) have been working hard to support Mrs Gillam and her team by overseeing all areas within the school such as Finance, Curriculum & Standards, Personnel and Premises. Our aim is to ensure that every child who attends Pickering Infant and Nursery School is safe and receives the best education possible. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and hardworking group of professionals to work with.

Pupil's progress and attainment remain the focus of our efforts and we continuously strive for all pupils to access the best possible education. As Governors we celebrate the excellent work around the school but aim to provide challenge and support in areas that can improve. We monitor progress in all areas and these areas are discussed in our termly committee meetings.

I was particularly thrilled with the standard of work when I looked round the art exhibition a few weeks ago, I think we have some real budding artists and sculptors. I am sure the start of the new academic year in September will bring with it new challenges. As you may have already read, Mrs Gillam will be on maternity leave for a year, so we look forward to working closely with the Junior School with Mrs De Barr covering both schools supported by Mrs Smith stepping up to Head of School.

We wish Mrs Gillam all the very best as she awaits her new arrival and look forward to seeing the baby in due course.

The Governing Board extend our thanks to Mr Herring who is stepping down from the board at the end of term. His support for the school both as Governor and Chair will be sorely missed. If you are interested in joining us on the Board of Governors please contact Mrs Cook (Clerk to the Governors) through the school office for further information.

It just leaves me to say, have a great summer and enjoy the hot weather, let's hope it lasts.

John Goodyear

Chair of Governors

***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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*For attendance/absences - [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)*



# Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved  
**100%** attendance during this half term

Willow A	Max	Emily
Maisie A	Teddy F-H	Evan
Toby	Henry Goo	Ralph
Olivia D	Finley-James	Elliot H
Vesper	Harry H	Daniel
Catherine	Maya	Betsy
Elliot P	Maddison M	Charlie H
Sophie	Lennon	Lilly K
Maddison S	Katie	Zach M
Harry W	Hollie P	Ruby
Albie	Leo P	Rose N
Ellie	Archie Ro	Henry P
Olivia C	Harrison	Alice S
Hope	Tilly	Eliza
Oliver	Hanna	Eva
Lincoln	Poppy	Hayden
Alfie H	Willow Ay	Evie
Dylan	Zach B	
Joey H	Aaron	
Charlie N	Klay	
Owen	Violet E	
James	Joe Ha	
Thomas	Courtney	
Benji	George S	
Etta	Hattie V	
Charlie C	Charlotte	