

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 2
23rd September 2022



A busy start to the year!

We hope that you were able to take the time to reflect on the extraordinary life of Queen Elizabeth II on Monday and to share this historical event with your children. It's been a short week but a busy one and it's hard to believe that we are already three weeks into the autumn term.

After an industrious few weeks settling children in, all children have now started school! Take a look at some of the things that the children have already been busy with...



A reminder that our Open Afternoon will take place on **Tuesday 27th September 2022** and it would be lovely to see some of our current families as well as some potential new ones. Everybody is welcome.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support as we help to settle the children into their new routines and our expectations.

Handouts:

- ⇒ 'All the fun of the fair' Autumn Lunch letter packed lunch children only
- ⇒ Swimming letter— Rabbit class only

Email:

- ⇒ Flu Vaccination registration letter Rec, Y1 & Y2
- ⇒ Open Afternoon Poster
- ⇒ Reading Workshop Yr1 Information

Attendance News



Congratulations to Ladybird Class for 97.5 % attendance for the first part of the Autumn term.



Individual School Photos



The school photographers will be in school on Monday 26th September. All the children have an individual photograph taken, If there are siblings in school, they will also have a photograph taken together. The children will bring home a small proof of their photographs with details of how to place an order, however you are under no obligation to buy.



Flu Vaccinations in School

For Reception Y1 and Y2

If you haven't already registered for your child to have the flu vaccination in school but wish to do so, please complete the online consent form at <https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/>

Flu entering the secure school code: **HD121363** closing date for registering will be **Wednesday 28th September**.

The vaccination team will be coming into school on **Wednesday 5th October** for the children whose parents have opted for the vaccination.

Birthday Assembly



The celebration assembly for children who have had their birthday during the month of September will be Friday 30th September at **9.10am**. If we can ask parents to wait at the gate to the Eastwing playground, to the right of the school building as you come up the path. Parents have enquired whether they are able to bring a treat for children in their child's class for their child's birthday. There is no expectation that you will share anything with the class. We teach the children that no food is bad for you if eaten in appropriate moderation and as part of a well-balanced diet. However, with the frequency of birthdays in classes, these are becoming more of a norm than an exception. With this in mind and the development of our food curriculum and food policy we are therefore asking parents not to bring sweets and treats in for birthday celebrations. We appreciate that these are often part of birthday celebrations but would appreciate your support moving forward with this.

School Office

During afternoons there is only usually only one member of staff in the office. We ask for your patience in giving them time to answer the phone and door at these times. We have two phone lines and so your call may ring in the office but if the member of staff is away from their desk or on another line, they will not be able to answer straight away.

School Crossing Patrol



The school crossing patrol positioned on Ruffa Lane will be there 8.35-9.15am and 3.10-3.40pm each day during term time. This is a very busy time of day with many people in a limited space. Please take extra care and ensure that your child stays with you until the crossing patrol indicates that it is safe to cross.

Playground Equipment

Please may we ask that in a morning the children do not touch or use the equipment out on the playgrounds. Often this has been set up by staff in preparation for their learning for that morning.

Plea for Volunteers

If you, or someone you know, have a spare hour or two at all and would like to come in to school to help support the children and staff, your help would be greatly appreciated. Support can be by listening to readers, helping with key words, photocopying or laminating resources, or even gardening.

Allotment visits Change of date

Apologises but there has needed to be a change in date for the allotment visits. Badgers will now visit the allotment on Monday 10th at 9.15 and Rabbits will follow Squirrels on Wednesday 12th. Please contact your class teacher via email if you are available to help

Autumn Lunch Menu



Thursday 6th October is our whole school Autumn lunch where we invite children who usually bring a packed lunch to join us for a hot meal.

The menu on this day will be-

Hot Dog



Veggie Dog

Chips, Ketchup,

Corn on the Cob

Dipping Dinky Doughnuts

Fresh Fruit

All dietary requirements will be catered for

Dates for your Diary

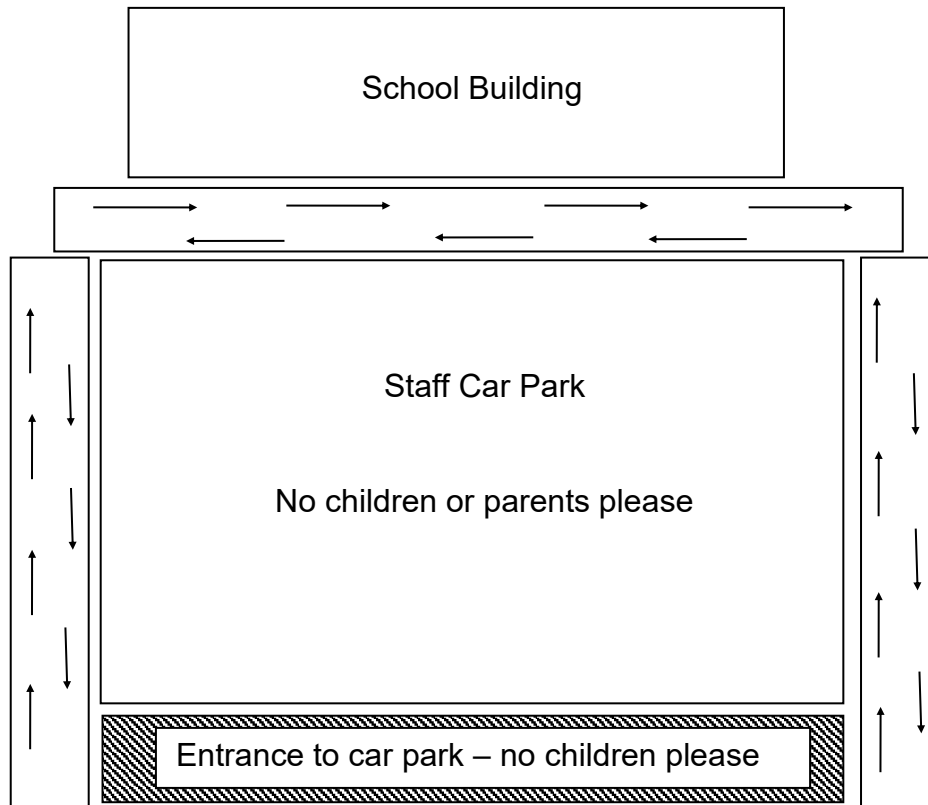
- ✂ **Monday 26th Sept**—Individual photographs
- ✂ **Tuesday 27th Sept**—Swimming for Rabbit Class starts
- ✂ **Tuesday 27th Sept**—Open Afternoon 3.30pm—5pm
- ✂ **Friday 30th Sept**— September Birthday Assembly 9.10am
- ✂ **Wednesday 5th Oct**—Flu Vaccinations in school
- ✂ **Thursday 6th Oct**—Autumn Lunch
- ✂ **Monday 10th Oct**—Allotment Visit Badgers
- ✂ **Wednesday 12th Oct**—Allotment visit Squirrels and Rabbits

A Note from Mrs Gillam

We are now home all together. Whilst we still love the name Charlotte, after getting to know our beautiful daughter over the first few days of her life, we don't feel that this is the right name for her. We have decided instead that our daughter will be Esme Charlotte Gillam.



Safe School Access



The safety of our pupils is paramount and that is why we ask that parents do not walk across the car park at drop off times but rather use the paths to the right and left of the car park (as above). The reason for this arrangement is that some of our staff arrive between 8.45 and 9am and leave between 3.25 and 3.40pm. They are always vigilant and ensure that there are no children behind them as they reverse, but to minimise the risk, I would stress the importance of using the paths.

Please could I also ask that parents do not let children climb on the grassed hill next to the car park. There is a steep drop at the other side of this.

It has been lovely to see some of the children arriving on scooters and bikes! Please ask your child to push these rather than ride them on school grounds as the paths can get busy and there are steep slopes leading directly to the road. There is a scooter and bike park at the entrance to the Reception playground where children are welcome to leave these during the day. These are left entirely at parents' own risk.

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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