

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 4

### 21st October 2022



#### Handouts

### Autumn and Pickering

The weather is certainly becoming more autumnal! We have been taking time with the children over the last week to observe the wonders of the changing world around us!



The Year One and Two children enjoyed exploring Pickering and completing some Geography fieldwork using maps whilst out and about around our town. We were surprised by how many children did not know Pickering has a castle. We have a fabulous town, why not take a walk around it during the half term?



May we take this opportunity to wish our whole school community a restful and fun filled half term break.

### Attendance News

**Congratulations to Butterfly Class** for achieving **96.8%** attendance for the last two weeks and to **Rabbit Class** for achieving **96.3%** during the first half term.



### Email:

- ✦ Reading in Reception booklet— Reception children only
- ✦ Yr 2—Applying for a Junior School place
- ✦ Nursery children— Applying for a Reception School place
- ✦ National Child Measuring Programme letter— Reception children only
- ✦ Junk modelling letter
- ✦ Book Fair leaflet

### Hard copies:

- ✦ Attendance Letter— 7th Oct 2022
- ✦ Nov/Dec Diary Sheet
- ✦ Bus/Taxi children only letter
- ✦ Common Childhood Diseases
- ✦ FoS Bags2School letter
- ✦ Sports Club run by Hawkes Health letter Yr 1 & 2 children only

## **School and Eco Councillors**

As part of our work on democracy, the children have voted in their classes in Years One and Two for councillors. Congratulations go to...

### **Badger Class**

School Councillors - Elliot and Willow

Eco Councillors - Florence and Dylan

### **Squirrel Class**

School Councillors—Olivia and Ethan

Eco Councillors - Ivy and Sophie

### **Rabbit Class**

School Councillors - Lily and Joe

Eco Councillors - Ruby and Jacob

Mrs Goff, as school council leader, and Mrs Green, as eco council leader, have already had an initial meeting and look forward to working together over the coming year. We were very impressed by the eagerness of our children to take positions of responsibility and stand for these roles as well as other monitor roles that we have in school.

## **Parents' Evenings**

**Tuesday 1st Nov 3.30-6pm**

**Thursday 3rd Nov 4.30-7pm**

**Wednesday 9th Nov—Nursery only**

Thank you to all those parents who have already booked an appointment through Parent Mail.

## **Relief**

## **Midday Supervisory Assistants Needed**

We are looking to recruit new midday supervisory assistants to work

alongside our current team. No experience is necessary as all training will be provided. Initially, this will be on an ad-hoc basis. If you are interested please call in at the office or email [admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk) for an application form.

## **Poppies**



In the run up to Remembrance Day on 11th November poppies will be on sale in school from 7th to 11th November. Please send any donations with your child for them to purchase a poppy in class during the day.

## **Nut Aware School**

Many parents will already be aware that we operate as a nut aware school. This is to reduce the exposure of our school community to this allergen. We have one member of our school community though who suffers from anaphylaxis, which is a life threatening condition. A number of allergies occur when nuts are consumed but one of these allergens can cause an allergic reaction just by being in the same room as a product or talking to someone who has eaten them. These are peanuts, hazelnuts, almonds, brazil nuts, cashew nuts and pistachios. As such, whilst we cannot in any way tell parents and children what to eat or not eat before coming to school, I would ask that all families give consideration to the severity of this medical condition. If at all possible, please avoid eating foods that contain



the listed items, including cereals with nuts and peanut butter for breakfast. If it is not possible to avoid them then please ensure that you and your children brush teeth and wash hands and (in the case of children who have a habit of wearing some of their meals!) faces thoroughly before coming to school. I realise that this could cause some inconvenience for families but, as a caring school, appreciate your support.

This also affects items brought into school such as empty boxes for junk modelling. Please do not send any containers/packaging in that has contained a nut product.

### **Common Childhood Illnesses**



We are approaching the time of year when the winter bugs start to come out in force. As a guide for 'if and when' your child needs to stay at home we have sent home a copy of our revised 'Notes on Infectious Diseases in School and Nurseries — Common Childhood Diseases for your information. A colour copy of this will be sent via ParentMail with this newsletter.

### **Tutti Frutti**

This week we welcomed Tutti Frutti Productions in with their production of Jack Frost. The children really enjoyed this adaptation. Please see our social media posts on Twitter and Facebook for photos of this production.

### **Non Uniform Day**

The staff and children are invited to come to school in their 'ordinary' clothes, whatever they are comfortable in, on **Friday 4th November** in exchange for a gift or prize for the forthcoming Winter Fair which will be held on Friday 2nd December. All gifts/prizes should be taken into class on 4th November and will be collected by one of our dedicated Friends of School team in preparation for the Fair.

### **Children in Need**

This year we will be having a non uniform day for Children in Need. The theme for Children in Need is '**The Great**



**Spotacular'**, you are invited to wear something spotty if you have anything or any non uniform should you wish to take part. If you are able to and would like to make a donation, this can be done via JustGiving through the link below;

[www.justgiving.com/page/pickering-infant-and-nursery-school](http://www.justgiving.com/page/pickering-infant-and-nursery-school)

### **Autumn 2 Sports Club—Years one and Two only**

If your child requested a place at the Autumn 2 Sports Club running on Fridays starting on 4th November you should by now have received a confirmation email with instructions of how to pay. Please ensure payments are received by **Wednesday 2nd November**. We do still have two spaces available if your child hasn't already requested a place but would

now like to attend. Please contact the office by email at [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk) for further information.

### Book Fair



There will be a Scholastic book fair in school from November 1st until 7th November. The fair will be open at Parents evenings and will also be open after school on Wednesday 2nd Nov, Friday 4th Nov. It will also be open on the morning of Thursday 3rd November from 8.30am. You can pay by cash or card. (using the QR code on site)



### Dates for your Diary

**Swimming continues for Rabbit class on Tuesday mornings**

**throughout the second half term**

**Tuesday 1st Nov**—Parents evening 4.30-7pm

**Thursday 3rd Nov**—Parents evening 3.30-6pm

**Friday 4th Nov**— Autumn 2 Sports Club starts

**Friday 4th Nov**— Non-uniform day—in exchange for a gift/prize for the Winter Fair

**Week commencing 7th Nov**—Block one clubs start

**7th-11th Nov**—Poppies on sale

**Wednesday 9th Nov**—Nursery parents appointments

**Wednesday 16th Nov**—Bag2school collection 9am

**Friday 18th Nov**—Children in Need day

**Reminder** - School Closes for October half term Friday 21st October and **re-opens on Monday 31st October 2022.**



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***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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