

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 3

7th October 2022



Welcoming Back Families

It has been wonderful to get back to welcoming visitors into our school again. Tuesday 27th September was our school Open evening and it was lovely to see established and new families looking around school. We also held the Key Stage One reading workshop to update parents on reading across the curriculum and supporting at home with this. Reception reading workshop will take place on Thursday 20th October.

The children have taken part in a competition involving art and writing for the Countryside Charity, North and East Yorkshire depicting 'What I love about my countryside'. They have really enjoyed this and our entries are being posted off today. Good luck!

Handouts

Email:

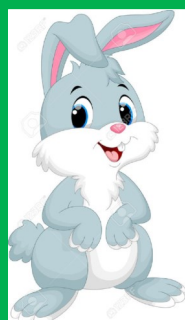
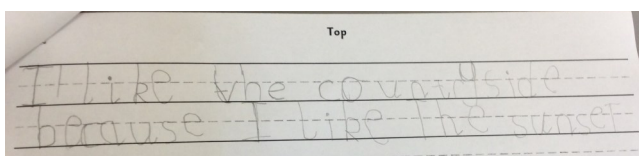
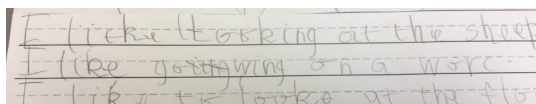
- Parent Governor Vacancy letter and nomination form

Hard copies:

- Individual school photos and covering letter
- Block one and two club information—Years 1 & 2 only



Here are a few examples.



Attendance News

Congratulations to **Rabbit Class** for **98.8%** attendance for the last two weeks 26th September—7th October



Newsletters - These are emailed to you - school newsletter and a class newsletter on alternate weeks.

Diary Dates - At the beginning of the term Mrs Cook prepares a dates sheet to help you with forward planning. We try and organise things in advance but do watch out for inevitable changes.

Handouts - Handouts may also come home each week. A list of these handouts will be on the front of the school newsletter, which lists handouts over the previous two weeks. Please check through to make sure that you have them all.



After School Club

We know how valuable it is for parents that we have a Breakfast and After School Club and want to be able to maintain this provision. With this in mind, we kindly request that parents collect children **by 5pm**.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a new Parent Governor to join our existing team. No qualifications or past experience are necessary, just enthusiasm, time and an interest in shaping the strategic direction of our school.

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to children, give something back to our local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. Parent governors bring

their wealth of experience and knowledge, contributing to the successful running of the school. As a governor, the decisions made by the board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. Governors set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, and they also oversee financial performance and ensure money is well-spent.

You can find more information at [Be a school governor or trustee - National Governance Association \(nga.org.uk\)](http://Be a school governor or trustee - National Governance Association (nga.org.uk))

If this sounds like a role for you, please complete the nomination form and return it to the headteacher **by 12.00 noon Friday 14th October 2022** at the school office – in a sealed envelope marked “confidential – PG nomination” or via email to admin2@pickering-inf-n-yorks.sch.uk with “confidential – PG nomination” in the subject line.

Co-Opted Governor Vacancies

We also have 2 vacancies for co-opted governors. Co-opted Governors are appointed by the governing board. They are people who, in the opinion of the governing board, have the skills required to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school. We are looking in particular for someone with an interest or experience in Special Educational Needs. If you, or you know of anyone who may be interested please contact the Clerk of Governors at clerkofg@pickering-inf-n-yorks.sch.uk

Parents' Evening

Our parents' evenings are due to be held the first week after the half term holiday, **Tuesday 1st November** and

Thursday 3rd November. These will be in person appointments this year. The online booking system through Parent Mail will be available during the week commencing 17th October.

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are important to a child's success in all aspects of school life. It has an impact on progress and achievement as well as friendships. Thank you to all of those parents who ensure that they arrive at school on time every day — it is always trickier on cold, wet mornings but almost all of our children arrive on time, prepared to learn, every day!

A quick checklist of reminders:

- 🔔 Telephone /email school on the first day of your child's absence
- 🔔 Ensure that your contact details are up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for information
- 🔔 Be firm with your child about their attendance
- 🔔 Try to arrange appointments out of school time
- 🔔 If problems persist then do not hesitate to contact us to discuss them

Please note the email address for contact re any absence is admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Lateness

Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child

- ☹ Missing important information about the day in registration

- ☹ It may be embarrassing to walk into a lesson that has already started
- ☹ Missing even part of a lesson can be difficult to catch up on
- ☹ It can affect behaviour and self-esteem

If your child is late or going to be late:

- ☹ Contact us and let us know why
- ☹ Take your child to the office and then sign them in the late book
- ☹ Come and see us if you have any difficulties

Lateness and absence is checked weekly by the Head of School

Drinking Water in school

Having regular drinks of water throughout the day is vital for us all to keep hydrated. Being hydrated supports children with their concentration and learning. Children have access to water during the day but it is far easier for them, and for classes, if children have their own water bottle in classrooms. These need to be filled with water, and not juice. They should be taken home each day to be washed and refilled. If you feel that your child is not drinking much water during the day, please speak to their class teacher.



Names in clothing



There are growing 'mountains' of unnamed clothes in school! Please, please, please ensure that all items, including tights, PE kits, shoes, coats etc are named. It may sound over the top but when changing for PE trying to identify which shoes and tights belong to each child can be challenging!

Photograph Orders

SAY CHEESE!



If you wish to place an order for your child's school photograph please don't forget that **orders need to be made online by the end of today,**

Friday 7th October, to ensure you receive free delivery of your prints back to school. Instructions of how to access your child's photograph can be found on the proof sent home on 26th September.

Clubs

After school activity clubs for Years one and two will begin the second week back after half term, the week beginning 7th November. Please find details of the clubs being offered in the letter your child will be bringing home today. If your child would like to take part in any of the clubs please **ensure that you return your slip by 21st October 2022 at the latest to secure a place.**

Clubs run in two blocks. Your child has the opportunity to take part in different clubs for block one and for block two, if your child does not get their first choice in block one, they will in block two. You will be notified by ParentMail during the first week back after half term which club and which block they have been allocated a place for.

Volunteers required

Rabbits, Badgers and Squirrels are heading out around Pickering to complete some fieldwork questions and activities on Thursday 20th October. This is linked to our topic Pickering Street View. It will also link with our science work on materials. If you are able to volunteer for that morning to support on our walk. Please email your class teacher for more information. It would be great for as many as possible to join us.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 10th Oct—Allotment Visit—Badgers

Wed 12th Oct—Allotment Visit—Squirrels and Rabbits

Mon 17th Oct—Tutti Frutti Production 'Jack Frost' All children

Thurs 20th Oct—Pickering Walkabout—Rabbit, Badgers and Squirrels

Thurs 20th Oct—Reception Parents Reading Workshop 5.15pm-6pm

Fri 21st Oct—October birthday assembly 9.10am

Fri 21st Oct—Break up for half term

Mon 31st Oct—School Reopens



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

Tel: 01751 472620

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