

**Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School**  
**School Newsletter No 5**  
**11th November 2022**



**Friendship and Anti-bullying Week**

Next week is our whole school themed week linked to friendship and national anti-bullying week. We will be spending time in school talking with the children about the term 'bullying'. At Pickering Infant and Nursery School, we describe bullying as "unacceptable behaviour which occurs on repeated occasions, on purpose", which all of our children know is unacceptable.

Because of the age of our children, we spend a lot of time talking to the children and supporting them with developing friendships and negotiating with each other. As with every aspect of learning, children learn these social skills at different times and in different ways. Part of the focus next week will be on helping our children to understand the difference between falling out with our friends and classmates and bullying. Falling out with our friends or someone saying unkind words to us is not acceptable and needs to be dealt with but this is not bullying. Parental support with helping our children to understand the difference would be much appreciated.

On **Monday 14th November** we are asking the children and adults in school to wear odd socks. There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

**Handouts**

**Hard copies:**

- ✉ Bad Weather Plans & Emergency Collection Arrangements
- ✉ Parent, Carer and visitor Code of Conduct
- ✉ Christmas Card designs sent home for ordering
- ✉ Christmas lunch invite—packed lunch children only

**Email:**

- ✉ Nursery Rhyme fun Night Form—Nursery only
- ✉ Allocation of Clubs (Years 1 & 2 only)
- ✉ Junk Modelling Letter



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**Attendance News**

Congratulations to Rabbit Class who achieved **97.8%** attendance for the two weeks from 31st October—11th November 2022



## 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 **Wednesday 16th November 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. Bags will need to be left in the staff car park by 9am.

### Children in Need Day

#### Friday 18th November



This year we will be having a non uniform day for Children in Need. The theme for Children in Need this year 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)

### Registering for School

Do you have a toddler or know of anyone that does? Are they registered with us for a Nursery or School place? If it is your/their intention for your/their child to attend our school, please make sure that they are registered as this helps us with future plans. This is particularly important if your child was born between:

01/09/19—31/08/20 for Nursery place

September 2023

01/09/18—31/08/19 for School place  
September 2023

Current Nursery parents please don't forget to complete your on line application for your child's place in Reception for September 2023.

Current Year Two parents will also need to complete the online application for their child's place at the Junior school for September 2023.

### Parent Code of Conduct

We are incredibly grateful that our school community work so well together for the good of our school and our children. We always encourage parents and staff to talk to each other about any concerns. As our annual update, please find attached our Parent Code of Conduct.

### Clubs

**Tuesdays** 12.30pm-1pm—Sing Squad

**Wednesdays** 3.25-4.05pm—Recorder Club, Gymnastics Club

**Fridays** 12.30-1pm—Construction Club

**Fridays** 3.25-4.05pm—Let's Experiment Club

### Dates reminder

**16th Nov**—Bag2School collection

**17th Nov**—Library visit for Rabbit Class

**18th Nov**—Children in Need Day

**22nd Nov**— Library Visit for Butterfly Class

**24th Nov**—Library visit for Ladybird Class

**25th Nov**—Birthday Assembly 9.10am

## Nut Allergy in School

Due to a recent incident in school please may we ask all parents to check the ingredients before sending food into school particularly in packed lunches but also containers for junk modelling. Sometimes we do not realise that they may contain nuts. We do appreciate this can be a little inconvenient but this could be life threatening for a member of our school community who has a severe nut allergy. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## The Importance of Good Attendance

*Government policy states that parents and guardians have a duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly, on time and must provide an explanation for any absences.*

## Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



## Is Your Child an Attendance HERO?



***Lateness and absence is checked weekly by the Headteacher***

## Red Letters

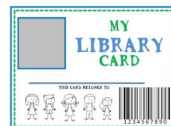
If children suffer a significant bump or injury at school, you will receive notification of this. For bumps to the head, at any point on the back of the head or forehead you will be given a red letter. This red letter has recently been updated to include advice from the NHS Head Injury Advice Sheet. A copy of this advice has been attached for your reference.



## The National Sleep Helpline

03303 530 541

For further information about advice please see the attached flyers from The Sleep Charity.



## Thank You Card Design Competition

Thank you to everyone for all the wonderful prizes which were brought into school last Friday in preparation for our Winter Fair on Friday 2nd December. Not only are prizes donated by our school families for this but many of the local businesses are also very generous in supporting this event. As a school we would like to be able to send out 'Thank you' cards to the businesses to show our appreciation. The Friends of School are inviting children to get creative and to submit a design that can then be printed and made into Thank You cards for this.

The requirements are that this is a generic design (that can be used all year round therefore not a Christmas theme please).

On A4 paper—landscape or portrait

Please hand these into school by **Friday 18th November**

There will be four prizes to be handed out to the children who have created the four chosen designs.

Happy drawing!

## Library Visits

If your child does not already have a library card please sign up to the library via the website [How to join the library | North Yorkshire County Council](#) or call into the library on Ropery Lane, Pickering. It is FREE to join the library and it only takes a few minutes to set up membership. Please can children bring their library cards with them on the day of their visit, if anyone has lost their card please let the library know and they will check on the system and assign a new card.

## Christmas Post Box

If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their friends in school, the school post box will be open from Monday 5th December to Friday 9th December in the hall. Please make sure that the **recipient's first name (& surname if known) and class** are clearly written on the envelopes - this makes sorting much easier and there are no disappointed children whose cards do not reach their destination!



***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      email: [admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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