

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 6

25th November 2022



Reading

As part of our drive on reading, please find attached a flyer for Pickering Book Tree. We are delighted that they have launched a scheme that will provide a great deal of support to the schools in Pickering. For every £10.00 that is spent at Pickering Book Tree between **Saturday 26th November and Saturday 17th December**, they will donate £1.00 towards reading books for our school, Pickering Juniors or St. Joseph's school. At the end of each purchase, customers will be given a marble to place into the jar of the school of their choice (with an additional jar for non-preference). Once the donation period has ended, we will be able to put these donations towards purchasing a list of new titles based on suggestions from the children and staff. This is a fantastic scheme so please support it if you are able to. Thank you. You can support your child in reading in a variety of ways, listening to them read their school book, learning rhymes and poems, reading and sharing bedtime stories together, reading signs in the environment. Reading is a vital life long skill, gaining positive experiences at this stage is so important for a life long love of reading. We encourage parents to share stories and texts daily and to support your child reading at least 3-4 times a week. A child will need to read a book around 4 times. Twice to work out the words, once for accuracy and fluency and once for discussion.

Handouts

- ✿ Christmas Concert letter
- ✿ Santa tickets booking letter
- ✿ Music Event invites—Sing Squad only

Emails

- ✿ Scarlet Fever letter
- ✿ Early Years Flu information—Nursery only
- ✿ Winter Fair Raffle Tickets
- ✿ Music Event invites—Sing Squad



Attendance News

Congratulations to Butterfly class for achieving 92.4% attendance for the two weeks from 14th—25th November



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Registering for a School Place

Nursery parents—Don't forget to apply for your Reception school place by 15th January 2023

Year 2 Parents—Don't forget to apply for your Junior School place by 15th January 2023

The information you need to apply for either place is available at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions



Christmas Lunch Menu

Tuesday 6th December 2022

**Roast Turkey & Christmas
Chipolatas**

Santa's Seasonal Stuffing

Mrs Claus' Roast Potatoes

**A Merry Mix of Seasonal Vegetables
With the Grinch's Favourite Gravy**

**Vegetarian Option: Christmas Claus
Vegetable Cannelloni**

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**Hand Decorated Chocolate Orange  
Christmas Cookies**

**or Fresh Fruit**



Due to the Christmas lunch on Tuesday, the menu for the remainder of the week may vary from the published menu.

## Bags2school



**Thank you** to everyone who donated bags of unwanted items for the recent collection. Your generosity helped raise £54.80 towards school funds.

## Children in Need Day

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to this Children in Need via the Just Giving page. The total raised by our school community was £157.00.



## Charging and Lettings Policy

Our most recent version of our Charging and Lettings Policy is available on our school website.

If you would like a paper copy, please contact the office.

## Christmas Events



Information regarding the Christmas performances was sent home on Friday 18th November. Please return your ticket request forms to school by **Friday 2nd December**. Tickets will then be distributed the following week, please look out for these in book bags. Additional tickets

may be available from the office once all requests have been allocated.

We will be visiting St Peter and St Paul's Church for our school Christmas service on Thursday 15th December at 2pm. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us for this festive event once again.

The Town Carol Service this year will take place on Sunday 18th December, therefore we will not be attending as a school but you are more than welcome to attend as a family.

Our Christmas Jumper Day will tie in with the last day of term on 16th December. This date is later than the 'official' Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.



### 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 (and 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!

Please **DO NOT** send any cards in before the 5th or after the 9th.

### Christmas Post Box Volunteers

If any parent/carers is able to help out with the emptying of the post box at any time during the week, a sign up sheet

will be available at the school office. This is normally undertaken by two volunteers each morning just after registration.

### Bikes and Scooters



It is great that we have so many children who are active in their mode



of transport to school. It is lovely to see children riding bikes and scooters to and from school. We have however, noticed a rise in children riding bikes and scooters on school premises. Please can we ask that all bikes and scooters are dismounted and walked up to the school path when arriving at school and on collection, children push and walk alongside until they have reached the bottom of the school path. If crossing the road, please wheel them across the road rather than riding them across. All bikes and scooters left on school premises are left at your own risk and these should be parked up within the bike park near to the Reception playground.

### Class emails

Thank you for using the class emails to get in touch with staff. This is a great way to keep in touch. Staff will continue to monitor these daily during the school week in term time but will not monitor these at weekends.

### Return of Borrowed Clothing

We do hold spare clothing in school however, we are now running very low. If your child has recently come home in borrowed clothing please could we ask if this is washed and returned.

# Winter Fair

2nd December 4.30pm—6pm



Friends of School are busy organising the Winter Fair. The winter raffle ticket information has been sent out as has the information regarding the tickets to visit Santa. Please drop these in at the office or pass them to your class teacher to hand in.

There will be plenty of stalls to visit on the evening. One being our school stall where parents can purchase items made especially for you by your child.

The fair will be opened by mini sing squad at 4.30pm and the fair will close at 6pm with the raffle drawn just before then end.

We hope to welcome as many families back to this event as possible.

## Dates for the Diary:

**2nd Dec** -4.30pm-6pm—Winter Fair

**5th—9th Dec**—Christmas post box in the hall

**6th Dec**— Children's Christmas lunch

**9th Dec**—9.10am December Birthday assembly

**Christmas Performances 12th-14th December**

**Squirrels, Badgers, Rabbits** —Mon 12th Dec  
1.15pm, Tuesday 13th Dec 9.30am or Wednesday  
14th Dec 9.30am

**Nursery, Butterflies, Ladybirds** —Mon 12th Dec 2.15pm, Tuesday 13th  
Dec 10.30am or Wednesday 14th Dec 10.30am.

**Thurs 15th Dec**—School Christmas Church Service 2pm—All welcome

**Friday 16th Dec**—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

**Friday 16th Dec**—School Closes for Christmas holidays



*Your support for your know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us 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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