

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 7

9th December 2022



Merry Christmas

The children are in full flow of their production rehearsals which has brought a lovely festive feel to school and we are looking forward to welcoming you into school and sharing these with as many of you as possible next week. Tickets are needed for the productions, so please remember to bring these with you on the day.

The children completed a wonderful dress rehearsal which they showed across school and Year 3 came from the Juniors to watch the KS1 production of Sleepy Shepherd. It was wonderful to welcome them back to Pickering Infant School. Many joined in with some of our Nativity songs.

On Monday Mini Sing Squad enjoyed a festive musical community event. Songs and instruments were played across all generations and great fun was had by all.

This is our last school newsletter of this calendar year and I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone here at school, to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to continuing to work together in 2023.



Handouts: These will be sent home in book bags—don't forget to check for them!



Bus children only letter



Jan/Feb 2022
Diary sheet



FISH letter—
selected families
only



Spring term menu



Sports Club letter
Years 1 & 2 only



Swimming letter
Badger year 2 only



Pantomime tickets
draw letter

Email: These will be sent out via Parent-Mail—so watch out for them on the App.



Christmas Jumper
Day



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Attendance News for two weeks to 9th December
Congratulations to Rabbits Class with 97%
attendance






Christmas Jumper Day—In aid of Save the Children

On Friday 16th December (Different date to the national day) your child is invited to come to school in their Christmas or winter jumper instead of their usual school jumper. We ask that children still please wear the rest of their usual school uniform. If you would like to, and are able to make a donation to Save the Children this can be done through the Just Giving link below

[Pickering Infant School Christmas Jumper Day](#)

Computer Games

As Christmas draws near and children share their Christmas lists (of various lengths!) we are still hearing that a number of children are requesting computer games that are not age appropriate.  We wanted to share with parents that games such as Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty have been rated as suitable for adults aged 18 or over. This is because they have violent and sexual content that is unsuitable for children below the age of 18. Children below this age are still learning to distinguish between reality and fantasy. They learn how to socially interact and learn what is acceptable behaviour from their environment and this includes video games. As disappointing as it is for children to hear, it is our role as adults to keep our children safe and protected from age inappropriate content such as that contained in these games. The thinkuknow website has some hints

and tips about this area at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/> This includes advice on gaming as a family so that adults can support children through their gaming play.

Winter Fair

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our first Winter Fair for some time. It was a joy to see so many families in our school again being as generous as always. We were able to raise a huge £2721.20 which includes £1000 of the charity partner match funding by Barclays, with special thanks to Jane at Barclays in Pickering for giving up her time on the night to facilitate this. Friends of school support your children in so many different ways from providing resources to funding events and outings for all of the children. A huge thank you must also go to all the volunteers who spent many hours preparing for this fun filled evening.

Arriving on time

Thank you to those parents who ensure that children arrive at school on time and prepared for the day. We ask all parents to make every effort to get children to school on time as arriving in class late can mean that children miss important information about the day and feel uncomfortable or unsettled arriving in class when their classmates are already in the middle of their tasks. We appreciate that sometimes, despite our best efforts, there are occasions where you may arrive slightly late. If you do, please bring your child to the office to sign them in. They will be

marked in the register as late. This is to ensure that our legally required registration documents are accurate and that we have an accurate record of which children are in school and this allows us to ensure that a dinner is ordered for every child.

Help during the Christmas period

Families will be able to contact the North Yorkshire Household Support Fund during the Christmas holiday period if you are experiencing any financial difficulties. This can be accessed at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

or families can call the North Yorkshire County Council Customer Service Centre on: 01609 780780.

Christmas post box

The Christmas post box is now closed. Thankyou to the volunteers who gave there time to sort and distribute the cards

There have also been some very kind gifts given to staff within classes. Please be assured that whilst these are appreciated there is no expectation for gifts to be bought for anyone within school.

Illness



At this time of year there are lots of different illnesses and bugs around in the community. Please can I remind you that if your child is absent from school to inform the office of their absence. This is for all children in school including Nursery children. This can be done be either ringing school on: 01751 472620 or emailing admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

No Sports Club on Friday 16th December

School Closes for Christmas

School closes for Christmas at normal finish time on Friday 16th December and re-opens to children on Wednesday 4th January 2023.



Dates for your diary

Christmas Performances—Nursery, Butterflies and Ladybirds

Monday 12th 2.15pm, Tuesday 13th 10.30am and Wednesday 14th 10.30am

Christmas Performances— Squirrels, Badgers and Rabbits

Monday 12th 1.15pm, Tuesday 13th 9.30am and Wednesday 14th 9.30am

Thursday 15th Dec—School Christmas Church Service 2pm All Welcome

Friday 16th Dec — Christmas Jumper Day—in aid of Save the Children (This is different to the national Jumper Day)



Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved **100%**
attendance during the Autumn term

Noah H
Pippa M
Leo S
Poppy A
Zach B
Bethan B
Erny D
Frank E

Bertie R
Lincoln G
Catherine H
Adil K
Joseph A
Bella C
Dexter E
Charlie N



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

For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk



A word from the Chair of Governors

Dear parents/carers,

As we approach the end of 2022, I would like to take this opportunity to say what is special about Pickering Infant and Nursery School.

I am so proud as Chair of Governors that we have very high expectations for all pupils' happiness, enjoyment, behaviour and learning enabling them to achieve the very best they can. The aim is to help our pupils to be confident, independent and interested in the world around them, and be prepared for the challenges they will face in the future.

Our pupils progress and attainment remain the focus of our efforts and we continuously strive for children to access the best possible education at our school. You will, no doubt, have seen from news coverage recently how difficult the financial positions of schools have become. Pickering Infant and Nursery School, as with many other school, face financial challenges that are unprecedented and will require all staff to be creative with the limited funds we have available to us. With the support and guidance of a dedicated leadership team, I have every confidence that the high levels of teaching and pupil support will be maintained. The success of the school is very much a team effort.

I want to thanks the Governors for giving up their valuable time, and the effort they put into supporting the school. It is a very rewarding experience and if you are interested in joining the board, then please contact the school office for more details, you will be made most welcome.

In September we receive wonderful news when Mr and Mrs Gillam welcomed Esme Charlotte into the world. I understand Esme has already visited the school and many of our children have been introduced to her. The Governing Board were proud to pass on their personal congratulations to Mr and Mrs Gillam.

On behalf of the whole Governing Board, I would like to extend our thanks to all the staff and volunteers at the school for working so hard and supporting all the children through this year.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Regards

John Goodyear

Chair of Governors