

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 8
Friday 6th January 2023



Welcome to the Spring Term 2023

Happy new year! We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable break over the festive period. The children have all returned to school full of exciting stories about their holidays and have made a calm and settled start to the new term.

Next week the children in Years One and Two will be exploring the school grounds focusing on seasonal changes in our winter watch week, comparing their observations from autumn watch last term.

Lots of children have come back to school with lovely new hats, coats, scarves and gloves. Please can we ask that names are in **all** items of clothing which come to school. We already have a vast array of items in our lost property from last term and do not want to add to these.

Our Yoga sessions in school always prove popular with the children. Foundation stage will be completing two more weeks before Key Stage one children get the opportunity to work with Chantelle on their Yoga poses.



Handouts

Hard copies:

- ☞ New Year lunch letter—Packed lunch children only

Email:

Attendance News

Congratulations to Rabbit Class for 94.7% attendance during the last half term





Mobile Phones

If you were fortunate enough to receive a new mobile phone for Christmas and you have a change of number, please let the office know your new number.

January Reminders.....

Friday 6th Jan—Sports Club starts

Week beginning **Monday 9th Jan**—**Block One** clubs resume

Tuesday 17th Jan—Year 2 Badgers swimming starts Tuesdays weekly

Thursday 19th Jan—New Year lunch

Friday 27th Jan—January Birthday assembly 9.10am

Attendance

We have recently had a number of leave requests for holidays. I am sure that we can all appreciate the benefits to our health and well-being of holidays and the important family time that it gives. Please be aware that holiday requests will not be authorised. There can sometimes be a misconception that, for our age children, that ‘they won’t miss much—it’s just a week’. This is a crucial time in a child’s education where the foundations for all future learning are laid. We are all aware how important solid foundations are for any structure. Children who are older, if they have the solid foundations that we build at this early age, will be far more capable of self-study to enable them to catch up on lost learning that holidays in term time cause.

We ask that parents try to avoid holidays in term time and take these in the thirteen weeks of school holidays.

Pupil Premium

School may be entitled to additional ‘Pupil Premium Funding’ if parents are in receipt of Income Support; Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, etc. Applying is easy to do and your child will receive free milk daily in school from Year One onwards and three free school jumpers each year. It may also mean that you get subsidised or even free access to visits. If you are in receipt of these benefits/credits (even temporarily) would you please contact the school office by **12th January** and complete the form to check eligibility.

Chinese New Year Lunch

Thursday 19th January

~ Menu ~

Sweet and Sour Chicken with Egg Fried Rice

Vegetarian option—Sticky Vegetable Noodles

Spring Vegetable Selection

Crusty Bread

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Chinese Raspberry Cake with Custard

Fresh Fruit

All dietary requirements catered for



## Pantomime Ticket Winners

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of the draw for the tickets to see this year's pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk at the Kirk Theatre, kindly donated by Ryedale Lions.

Our winners are;

Bertie, Catherine, Willow M

## 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](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions)



## Covid

If members of your household have tested positive for COVID-19, we appreciate that this can cause difficulties with our children, who cannot bring themselves to school. In these cases, please contact the school office as soon as possible to discuss this further.

## School Menu

We are adding a new section to our newsletter which will help to keep you informed of our school menu each fortnight. This will be added to the end of each publication. There may be slight variations from time to time due to unforeseen supply issues or our special events.

## Block one clubs

Block one clubs start again this week and continue up to and including the week beginning 6th February.

These are:

Singing Squad: Tuesday 12.30—1pm

Gymnastics: Wednesday 3.25—4.05pm

Recorder : Wednesday 3.25—4.05pm

Let's experiment: Friday 3.25—4.05pm

Construction: Friday 12.30-1pm



## **Communication**



Please remember to keep checking Parent Mail for updates. We will also continue to use Facebook and Twitter for sharing information and celebrating learning at home and school across our community. Follow us at [facebook.com/PickeringInfant](https://facebook.com/PickeringInfant) and [@PickeringInfant](https://twitter.com/PickeringInfant) on Twitter

Please share or retweet your favourite posts

***Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us know if there are 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.***

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|                                                                                                        | <b>Lunch Menu WC 9th January</b>                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Monday</b><br>     | Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Crusty Bread<br>Diced Potatoes<br>Peas and Sweetcorn<br>Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit                                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>    | Pasta Bolognese<br>Cauliflower & Green Beans<br>Homemade Garlic Bread<br>Chocolate Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce                             |
| <b>Weds</b><br>       | Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy<br>Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Medley of Seasonal Vegetables<br>Sliced Wholemeal Bread<br>Cheese and Crackers |
| <b>Thursday</b><br> | Chicken Wrap<br>Vegetable Rice<br>Broccoli & Carrots<br>Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit                                                                 |
| <b>Friday</b><br>   | Fish Fingers<br>Chips<br>Peas & Baked Beans Home-made Crusty Bread<br>Lemon Drizzle Muffin                                                     |

| <b>Vegetarian</b> | <b>Lunch Menu WC 9th January 2023</b>   |
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| <b>Monday</b>     | Cheese and Tomato Pizza                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | Cheesy Leek Croquette                   |
| <b>Weds</b>       | Vegetarian Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | Sweet potato and Spring Vegetable Curry |
| <b>Friday</b>     | Quorn chilli wrap                       |

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| <b>Monday</b><br>    | Farmhouse Mac & Cheese<br>With Garlic Bread<br>Broccoli & Carrots<br>Jam Roly Poly & Custard                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>   | Cheese Burger<br>Baked Potato Wedges Spring Coleslaw with Cucumber Sticks<br>Banana Brownie                                       |
| <b>Weds</b><br>      | Mince Beef & Dumplings with Baked Baby Potatoes Medley of Seasonal Vegetables<br>Sliced Wholemeal Bread<br>Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit |
| <b>Thursday</b><br> | <u>New Year Lunch</u><br>Sweet and Sour Chicken<br>Egg Fried rice and Spring veg<br>Chinese Raspberry Cake                        |
| <b>Friday</b><br>   | Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish<br>Chips<br>Peas and Sweetcorn Home-made Crusty Bread<br>Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit                      |

| <b>Vegetarian</b> | <b>Lunch Menu WC 16th January 2023</b>            |
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| <b>Monday</b>     | Farmhouse Mac and Cheese                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | Veggie Dog                                        |
| <b>Weds</b>       | Vegetable Cottage Pie                             |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | <u>New Year Lunch</u><br>Sticky Vegetable Noodles |
| <b>Friday</b>     | Cheese and Tomato Pizza                           |