

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

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24th February 2023



Religious Education

We welcomed Yesmien into school this week to further our learning on the Islamic faith. The children were able to look at traditional dress, make chapattis, see Arabic writing and ask questions about the religion of Islam, including looking at many ceremonies such as weddings and Aqiqah (welcoming a new baby).



Pickering Book Tree

This week, we were delighted to receive our delivery of books from Pickering Book Tree. This order was made possible by the 'marble in the jar' scheme that was running before Christmas and we are delighted to have now received over £250 worth of books! We hope that the children really enjoy these new titles.



As part of World Book Day, the children will all receive a £1.00 voucher. This can be used to purchase one of the £1.00 books that are on sale in the Book Tree or can be used against the purchase of any other book.

Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✿ World Book Day Lunch Invite—Packed Lunch children
- ✿ Sports Club letters – Year 1 and 2 only
- ✿ Music Matters letter—Mini Sing Squad only
- ✿ Bag2School letter

Email copies:

- ✿ World Book Day Lunch Menu
- ✿ Veg Power Packed Lunch Hack



Attendance

Congratulations to **Butterfly Class** with **96.4%** attendance for the Spring 1 half term

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



World Book Day

World Book Day is **Thursday 2nd March** and will be based on: **'Using your imagination. Books as a way to imagine the impossible.'** We are inviting children to come dressed as a book character or anything imaginative. This does not involve buying a specific costume, it can be as simple as wearing their own 'out of school' clothes to be a character, for example, Flat Stanley or Charlie Bucket from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Your child may choose to come in pyjamas, they may be in a dream imagining the impossible. There is no limit to a child's imagination!

World Book Day Lunch

Thursday 2nd March

~ Menu ~

*Beauregarde's Beef Dinner
with Baked Baby Potatoes*

✓ *Scrumdiddlyumptious
Sausage and Bean Feast*

Oompa Loompa Carrots

Mr Bucket's Cabbage

Grandpa's Gravy

*Mrs Bucket's Homemade
Bread*

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*Charlie's Chocolate Pudding*

*With Chocolate Waterfall  
Sauce*

*Fresh Fruit*



## Bag2School



If you are having a Spring clear out of cupboards and wardrobes, please put items to one side for our Bag2School collection on **Wednesday 1st March 2023**. **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 before 9am on the day.

### Window Safety



When coming to school in the mornings and leaving at the end of the school day, could you please make sure that children stay on the paths at the front of the school and not walk or play in front of the kitchen and classroom windows. The kitchen and classroom windows may be open and are easily walked into.

We also ask that children are encouraged not to play on the grass around the large tree at the front of school. We know that this is a tempting play space but many of our spring flowers have sadly been damaged by lots of little feet.



### Holidays

As holidays abroad become more routine again, I wanted to take the opportunity to ask families to give great consideration to the timings of holidays whether abroad or a 'staycation'. As ever, I would ask that parents try to avoid days off due to holidays. Staff have great empathy with parents who find it difficult to arrange holidays during school holiday time as they are in a

similar position. It is widely accepted though that establishing good routines and attitudes to attendance from a very early age gives children a positive start to their learning through our education system. Our children deserve the opportunity to as much uninterrupted education as we are able to offer them.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesdays weekly** - Year Two Badger class swimming

**Wednesday 1st March**—Bag2School

**Thursday 2nd March**—World Book Day, World book Day lunch, Library visit for Ladybirds

**Wednesday 8th March**—Nursery Open Morning 9-10am

**Monday 13th March**—Nursery Open Afternoon 2-3pm

**Thursday 16th March**—Library visit Butterflies

**Friday 17th March**—Red Nose Day

**Tuesday 21st March**—Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm

**Thursday 23rd March**—Library Visit Badgers, Parents' Evening 4-7pm

**Wednesday 29th March**—Easter Lunch, Nursery Parents' Meetings, Bunny Drive

**Thursday 30th March**—Library Visit Rabbits

**Friday 31st March**—March Birthday Assembly 9.10am, Break up for Easter Break

### **Caretaker and Cleaner Vacancies**

An opportunity has arisen within our school and North Yorkshire County Council are looking to appoint a

caretaker/cleaner and a cleaner to work with our current team. If this is an area of interest please click the links below for more information and how to apply. The closing date for both posts is **5th March 2023**.

[Cleaner - Pickering Infant School - \(FSC104801\) \(engageats.co.uk\)](#)

[Cleaning Assistant/Caretaker 2 - Pickering Infant School - \(FSC104807\) \(engageats.co.uk\)](#)

### **OPAL**



You may have noticed some slight changes to the East Wing playground which took place over the half term. Thankyou to David Elliot for helping with the Sandpit box, ensuring we can use this for an alternative use and to staff who came and changed a rather muddy area into a place where the children are able to use their imagination in so many different ways. We continue to move forward with our OPAL: Outdoor Play and Learning for the school. Next week we are challenging the children to see if they can bring in interesting **sticks** (no longer than from their fingers to their elbows and **pinecones** to fill some new trays in the playground. We are also looking for some more rockery stones to support in our new gravel area.







This half term we are looking forward to being a part of the Veg Power campaign once again. Fruit and vegetables provide us all with essential nutrients that are hard to get in the same quantities from many other places. These nutrients help, amongst lots of other things, to;

**build natural defences against illness and infection and help to heal wounds**

**support good vision**

**keep skin healthy**

We appreciate that getting children to try new foods can be challenging at times, including fruit and vegetables but it is only by offering and encouraging this that children will begin to become familiar, try and maybe even enjoy these. One idea to help is to try adding just a small amount of a new vegetable to your child's plate, even if they don't try it at first. Encourage but don't force them to try it. Keep including the same vegetable over a period of time, each time encouraging them to try where they are willing. Being positive about fruit and vegetables yourself is also helpful. For example, when your child says, 'I don't like broccoli' for example, try repeating back to them, 'You don't like broccoli yet' or 'You don't know whether you like broccoli yet'. If you don't like broccoli either try to be positive with your response by saying, 'It's not my favourite vegetable either. I love peas and sweetcorn'. A positive attitude to all foods is essential.

Miss Bointon has attached a 'Packed Lunch Hack' sheet with the newsletter which has some useful packed lunch ideas for school packed lunches and also for those sunny days to come where you're out and about with a picnic. A reminder too for our parents who bring packed lunches to school that, under no circumstances, should sweets be included in packed lunches. Chocolate, cakes, crisps, processed meats and meat products like sausage rolls should be included occasionally, ie, no more than a couple of times a week.

***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 ordering information*

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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>                                                                                      | World Book Day Lunch<br>                                    |
| <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 27th February 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>   | World Book Day Lunch                    |
| <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<br>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> | Chicken Korma and Rice<br>Cauliflower and Green Beans<br>Naan Bread<br>Oatie Biscuit and Cheese                                   |
| <b>Friday</b><br>  | Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish<br>Chips<br>Peas and Sweetcorn<br>Homemade Crusty Bread<br>Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit                    |

| <b>Vegetarian</b> | <b>Lunch Menu WC 20th February</b> |
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| <b>Monday</b>     | Farmhouse Mac Cheese               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | Veggie Dog                         |
| <b>Weds</b>       | Vegetable Cottage Pie              |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | Vegetable Lasagne                  |
| <b>Friday</b>     | Cheese and Tomato Pizza            |