

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 11

10th March 2023



A Busy Few Weeks!

The children enjoyed reading week in school last week and incorporated into this was World Book Day. The children once again relished immersing themselves in books and sharing the texts which they brought in from home as well as those within school. We carried on with story-telling with a visit on Monday 6th March from David 'The puppet man.' All children attended a show using the puppets and then had the opportunity to work with the puppets before finally putting on a class performance of a traditional tale, although they had a Pickering Infant school twist to them. We discussed how stories told can often be changed and altered. The children fully embraced using a variety of voices for the puppets and have followed this work up back in class.



Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✚ Easter Lunch invite for packed lunch children
- ✚ Bunny Drive Ticket and Raffle letter

Email:

- ✚ Common Childhood Diseases leaflet
- ✚ Attendance, Punctuality and Leave brochure
- ✚ Parent Carer Voice Event information

Attendance News

Special CONGRATULATIONS to Butterfly Class for achieving **100%** attendance during the weeks of 27th Feb—3rd March.

For the first half of Spring 2 term **congratulations** go to **Ladybird class** for achieving **97.2%** so far.





Comic Relief

Friday 17th March is Comic Relief. This year there is no particular theme. Children (and staff) are welcome to wear something that ***makes them smile***, this could be a home made costume, red from head to toe or simply dig out your brightest socks! If you are more comfortable in your usual 'out of school' clothes, that is fine too, in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief, where families are able. This year donations are to be made via the School's Comic Relief Just Giving page which can be accessed through the link below. We would therefore request that cash is not sent into school for this.

<http://www.justgiving.com/rednoseday23-pickering-community-infant-school>

Regardless of whether families are in a position to make a charitable donation at this time, we still encourage all

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

children to come in non-uniform.

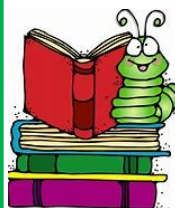
Attendance

Punctual and regular attendance are essential in establishing good routines for school and learning, as well as friendships. Nationally, the youngest children tend to be the ones who pick up bugs and are off ill as they start in school and we know that the large majority of absences for our children

are unavoidable. However, if your child is tired, for example, due to being up in the night feeling unwell but is well and rested by lunchtime or just perks up as the day progresses then please bring them back to school for the afternoon session. Parents should make every effort to arrange medical and dental appointments after school or during school holidays. If there is no alternative and your child has to be absent, please inform the school office and provide a copy of your child's appointment letter or card, this will then be recorded as an authorised absence.



Library Visits



Once again the whole school will be visiting Pickering library before Easter. Some of our classes have already visited with others visiting over the coming weeks. This is a valuable resource in the Pickering community and a wonderful way to promote a life long love of reading.

Dates to remember

-  **13th March**—Nursery open afternoon 2-3pm
-  **17th March**—Comic Relief non-uniform day
-  **21st & 23rd March**—Parents evenings
-  **29th March**—Easter lunch
-  **29th March**—Nursery Parents

meetings pm

📅 **29th March**—Bunny Drive 5.15pm
doors open for a 5.30 start—Please
see attached flyer for more
information

📅 **31st March**—March Birthday
Assembly 9.10am

📅 **31st March**—Break up for Easter

📅 **Thursday 13th April**—Pub Quiz to
be held at The Sun Inn, Pickering—
details to follow

Bags2School Collection

Thank you to everyone for
donating their unwanted
items to Bags2School. This
has raised £60 towards the
Friends of School funds.



Medicine Administration in School



If children are prescribed
medication for a short
period of time, for example, antibiotics,
these can be administered by our admin
team as long as they are required **four**

times per day. Three times a day can
be managed at home by administering
them in a morning, at home time and
before bed, unless your child is with us
for a longer day and they attend our
After School Club. Parents/carers
must complete an Administration of
Medication form at the office before any
medication can be administered.



We are looking to appoint two
enthusiastic, caring and dependable
people to work within our after school
provision. One position is After School
Club Supervisor (Level 3 childcare
required) and the other is After School
Club Assistant (Level 2 childcare
required). Both roles are Monday to
Friday term time only 3.25pm - 5pm. If
you are interested in finding out more
about either of these roles, please ring
the school office on 01751 472620 or
email admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch

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 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 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, hol-
iday 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

Bunny Drive and Spring Raffle

Wednesday 29th March Doors open 5:15pm for a 5:30pm start.

Our **Bunny Drive** is BACK!

The last Bunny Drive was in 2019 and proved really popular so we are really excited to see it return.

What is it? We hear you ask! Inspired by the traditional Beetle Drive, it's a fun game with dice, numbers and shouting out, so lots of fun for the whole family.

Your child will be coming home tonight with a form to purchase tickets, but tickets are limited so be quick!

Spring Raffle Price Draw

Once again Ryedale Lions Club have very generously donated a wonderful chocolate egg made by Birdgate Chocolatiers. This will be the 1st prize in our Spring Raffle. There will be 2 books of raffle tickets coming home with the Bunny Drive letter tonight and there are other fabulous prizes to be won also. We'll be drawing the raffle during the evening of the Bunny Drive. Extra tickets will be available from the office if you sell out!

Thank You from Friends of School

We really hope you can join us for this exciting Bunny Drive, it's going to be a fun filled night! Without you and your continued support it simply wouldn't be possible to fund some of the amazing things within our school.

So far for the 2022/2023 academic year, with your help, Friends of School have raised and contributed over £7000 to school. This has helped fund things such as the new phonics books which you may have seen your child bring home, workshops and performances, school visit contributions and much more. We thank you for everything you help us do for the school and our children!



	Lunch Menu WC 13th March 2023
Monday 	Pasta Parcels in Homemade Tomato sauce Cauliflower & Green Beans Homemade Garlic Bread Yogurt or Fresh fruit
Tuesday 	Chicken Bites Baby Baked potatoes Peas and Sweetcorn Herby Bread Orange Shortbread
Weds 	Roast Turkey and Stuffing Roast Potatoes Medley of Seasonal Vegetables Homemade 50 / 50 Bread Artic Roll and Fruit
Thursday 	Chilli Con Carne Naan Bread 50 / 50 Rice Broccoli and Carrots Cheese and Crackers
Friday 	Fishwich (salmon) Chips Crunchy Vegetable Sticks Chocolate Berry Mousse Cake
Vegetarian	Lunch Menu WC 13th March 2023
Monday	Pasta Parcels
Tuesday	Cheese and Onion Whirl
Weds	Sweet Potato and Spring Vegetable Bake
Thursday	Cheesy Bean Enchilada
Friday	Veggie Burger

	Lunch Menu WC 20th March 2023
Monday 	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Crusty Bread Diced Potatoes Peas and Sweetcorn Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday 	Pasta Bolognese Cauliflower & Green Beans Homemade Garlic Bread Chocolate Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
Weds 	Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Medley of Seasonal Vegetables Sliced Wholemeal Bread Cheese and Crackers
Thursday 	Chicken Wrap Vegetable Rice Broccoli & Carrots Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Friday 	Fish Fingers Chips Peas & Baked Beans Homemade Crusty Bread Lemon Drizzle Muffin
Vegetarian	Lunch Menu WC 20th March 2023
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Tuesday	Cheesy Leek Croquette
Weds	Vegetarian Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding
Thursday	Sweet potato and Spring Vegetable Curry
Friday	Quorn chilli wrap