

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 13

24th March 2023



OPAL

It has been a full year since we introduced OPAL in our school. In this time we have developed a wide range of play opportunities for the children. These opportunities allow the children to develop resilience, confidence, negotiation, creativity and problem solving. All of these are essential life skills and crucial in being a successful learner in and beyond the classroom.

The children can access loose parts, digging area, music wall, sand and water play, small world and gravel area, role play, physical movement in a variety of ways and music and movement.

We are continuing to build on and further widen our range of play opportunities with a large mud kitchen, a staged area for shows and performances, a wild grass and flower area with pathways through and a construction area near to the digging.



Handouts

Email attachments:

- 🌸 Summer Term menu
- 🌸 Diary Sheet April/ May
- 🌸 Feast Easter Activities Flyer
- 🌸 Forest School Sessions
- 🌸 Library Activities

Hard copies:

- 🌸 Summer Term Menu
- 🌸 Diary Sheet April/ May
- 🌸 Summer 1 Sports Club letter—Years 1 & 2 only
- 🌸 Transport letter for pupils using school transport
- 🌸 Royal Coronation Tea Party lunch invite—Packed lunch children only
- 🌸 Feast—Easter programme—specific pupils only
- 🌸 FISH letters for specific families



Congratulations to Rabbit Class with
97.7% attendance for the two weeks to
24th March 2023



Reminders

-  **Friday 31st March** —March Birthday Assembly at 9.10am, School closes for Easter Break
-  **Thursday 13th April**—Pub Quiz at the Sun Inn, Pickering—7.30pm for 8pm start—tables must be booked in advance—see flyer for more details.
-  **Monday 17th April**—Staff Training Day—School **closed** to children
-  **Tuesday 18th April** - First day of summer term
-  **Thurs 27th April** - Class photos
-  **Fri 28th April**— April Birthday Assembly at 9.10am
-  **Fri 28th April**— **No Sports Club**

Class Photos

Classes will be having their class photographs taken on Thursday 27th April.

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 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 our spring flowers can easily be damaged by lots of little feet.



Red Nose Day Donations



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for donating to Comic Relief through school last Friday. 131.00 was raised for this good cause.

Water Bottles

Please make sure that your child brings a clearly named water bottle containing water (not juice or flavoured water) into school. Fruit squash and flavoured waters are acidic and can cause tooth erosion, particularly when drunk between meals. Water bottles in classes are for keeping children hydrated and must therefore contain only plain water.



Friends of School Grant

Friends of school have been exceptionally busy looking at grants and funding for school. We are pleased to say that they have secured a grant from the town council for the outdoor areas across school.

ParentMail Payment Accounts

As we approach the end of the financial year, we would be extremely grateful if you could ensure that your child's payment accounts are paid up to date. This will include Nursery fees, Nursery Lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club payments through ParentMail. Please could this be done by the end of March. Thank you.



Easter Lunch 29th March

Roast Chicken

Vegetarian option—Vegetarian
Sausages

Yorkshire Pudding & Sage and Onion
Stuffing

Gravy

Roast Potatoes
Broccoli & Sweetcorn

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Chocolate Fudge Pudding &

Chocolate Sauce

Fresh Fruit

### **A Note from the Chair of Governors**

I write this report on the eve of the summer equinox, but still wonder if Spring has actually arrived. I may have doubts about the weather but as I make regular visits to the school, I am absolutely certain the children continue to grow and flourish. This is all down to the efforts of all the staff and volunteers and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone associated with the school.

As for the Governing board, we are focussed on keys points which will help the school to go forward by supporting the overall objectives, set the direction of travel and to be a critical friend when necessary.

As with many schools, we are facing some significant financial challenges over the coming years. All governors are working hard to gain a complete understanding of the financial measures and are able to contribute to and support important financial decisions.

The board will be carefully monitoring the overview performance data of the classes to ensure the continuous improvement is seen despite the difficult financial challenges. They will also receive information on the destination and performance of past pupils to ensure we are setting strong educational foundations.

I would encourage interested parents and local people to consider joining our board. All our members live locally and they bring a range of skills and experience to the board and a commitment to continued improvement. The name of each governor can be found in the governors' section of the school website.

We are supported and advised by our very experienced governors' clerk who minutes all our meetings to ensure an accurate record is kept. There are 10 governing board meetings a year which cover a range of business and always include pupil development and financial matters. We review school policies some of which are statutory. We have received a number of very informative verbal and written reports from the Headteacher covering issues such as attendance, staffing, pupil progress, curriculum development, annual review procedures, staff and pupil wellbeing etc.

If you are interested in joining us, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will all be happy to answer your questions.

John Goodyear Chair of Governors

## Congratulations!

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

Maisie Ck

Fred

Matilda G

Noah H

Pippa

Leo S

Katie

Maisie A

Charlie A

Zachary B

Erny

Lily O

Sophie

George S

Maddison S

Charlotte

Francesca

Ellie C

Alfie H

Aubree-Lu

Ruby

Chloe

Alice S

Toby

Phoebe C

Melody

Florence G

Lincoln

Florence K

Elliot

James

Albie J

*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](mailto:admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)*

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**FRIENDS OF PICKERING INFANT &  
NURSERY SCHOOL**

# **PUB QUIZ**

**THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**QUIZ STARTS @ 8PM**

**TEXT SHARON TO BOOK A TABLE**

**07917434984**

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**






**IT'S ALWAYS A SELL OUT!**

**MAX 6 PEOPLE IN A TEAM**

**£2 PER PERSON**

**COME FOR A FUN NIGHT TO  
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

|                                                                                                                   | Lunch Menu WC 27th March                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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>Easter Lunch<br> | Roast Chicken<br>Yorkshire Pudding & Sage and Onion Stuffing<br>Gravy<br>Roast Potatoes<br>Broccoli & Sweetcorn |
| <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  |

|                                                                                                        | Lunch Menu WC 17th April 2023                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Monday</b><br>     | Creamy cheese and tomato Pasta<br>Medley of Summer Vegetables<br>Homemade Garlic Flatbread<br>Raspberry and Apple Doughnut Muffin, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>   | Hot Dog and Ketchup<br>Diced Potatoes<br>Cucumber Sticks and Grated Carrot<br>Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit                                                      |
| <b>Weds</b><br>       | Cottage Pie<br>Broccoli and Carrots<br>Crusty Bread<br>Cheese and Crackers<br>Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit                                                      |
| <b>Thursday</b><br> | Chicken Korma<br>50/50 Rice<br>Cauliflower and Green Beans<br>Naan Bread<br>Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit                                                        |
| <b>Friday</b><br>  | Fish Fingers<br>Chips<br>Baked beans and Peas<br>Homemade Wholemeal Bread                                                                                 |

| Vegetarian      | Lunch Menu WC 27th March |
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| <b>Monday</b>   | Farmhouse Mac Cheese     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | Veggie Dog               |
| <b>Weds</b>     | Vegetarian Sausages      |
| <b>Thursday</b> | Vegetable Lasagne        |
| <b>Friday</b>   | Cheese and Tomato Pizza  |

| Vegetarian      | Lunch Menu WC 17th April 2023 |
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| <b>Monday</b>   | Vegetable Korma               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | Veggie Bite Sub and Ketchup   |
| <b>Weds</b>     | Cheesy Potato Bake            |
| <b>Thursday</b> | Quorn Sweet and Sour          |
| <b>Friday</b>   | Veggie Roll                   |