

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

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Sports Day and Community links

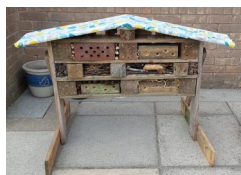
The weather was kind to us and we were able to hold sports day on the last day of term. It was great to see so many families and friends come and support the school and children on this day. The encouragement that you gave to all of the children to have a go and celebrate their participation was fantastic—thank you!



We continue to grow our links in the community with regular visits to the allotments, Pickering Library as well as links with businesses and groups within the community. Together with our local learning walks and visits to Pickering Castle which have either been or are coming up.

Wild Flower Area

We have a true community project happening on school grounds currently. Pickering Environmental Group have kindly offered their expertise and knowledge to help us develop our wild flower area. This week we have discussed plans for the area and they kindly donated a bug hotel and bird table. We have left an area of grass to grow over the last few weeks and it was great to discover Orchids (pyramidal) already growing there. Pickering Environmental Group are looking for volunteers to help support this project and others in the community.



Handouts

Hard copies:

- ☀ Reception Letter and Medical Consent forms for Summer visit
- ☀ Additional Transition Letter—selected year 2s only
- ☀ Transition Information pack Year 2 only

Email:

- ☀ Class Structure for 2023-2024
- ☀ North Yorkshire Police—Parking at School leaflet
- ☀ FEAST Flyer for Parents

Attendance News

Congratulations to Rabbit Class who have achieved **96.4%** attendance for the Summer 1 half term.





Bag2School

Thank you to everyone for donating their unwanted items to Bag2School. This has raised £33 towards the Friends of School funds.

School Visits

There are lots of school visits planned for next half term. Please make sure that for those that are not local, ie, Scampston Hall for Rec, Dalby Forest for Nursery and Helmsley Castle for Y1 and 2, that you return your consent forms. These will be sent out with the information letter in due course and copies will also be available from the office. When your child starts school, one of our form gives consent for off site visits in our local area such as the library, allotments and the Year Two Map Day with Year Five to Pickering Junior School.

Parking reminder



Thank you to the huge numbers of parents who park considerably and legally outside our school.

The bus lane is a **no parking zone** at any time of the day and if parking wardens were to see parked cars there, they would (and have on a number of occasions) issue a parking ticket. Should parents choose to park there during the day, this is at their own risk. However, I must ask that before and after school, under no circumstances should anyone park in the bus lanes, for any reason. The bus lane is needed for the four buses and taxis that arrive between 8.35 and 9am and between 3.15 and 3.40pm.

At **no time** during the school day should anyone park across the staff car park entrance or in the staff car park to drop off or collect children.

Crossing Patrol

Whilst the outside of our school is not a designated crossing point for crossing patrols, we have worked in the past with the Local Authority to ensure that, at the bottom of such as steep path, we have secured the services of a School Crossing Patrol. We feel that this is an incredibly valuable service, currently provided by Mrs Ashton, and we would strongly encourage all families to use it when crossing Ruffa Lane. This is the safest way to cross this road with children given that it is a well used road with parked cars all the way along it. Using the crossing patrol also helps children to understand the importance of finding the safest place to cross the road.



Correspondence

Correspondence, reply slips etc can be sent into school with your child to be placed in the class basket which will then be sent to the office for actioning. Should any correspondence for the office contain personal information please bring directly to the office.

Community News



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Keeping you informed about what's happening in your local area

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Reminders

Monday 12th June—Reception
Parents Welcome Evening 6pm

Tuesday 13th June—Library Visit
Ladybirds

Thursday 15th June—Library Visit
Rabbits and Castle Visit Reception

Friday 16th June—Non-uniform day in
exchange for a raffle prize

Saturday 17th June—Open Garden
Event 10am –5pm

Monday 19th June—Nursery Parents
Welcome Evening 6pm

Tuesday 20th June—Library Visit
Squirrels

**Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd
June**—Art Exhibition

Thursday 22nd June— Library Visit
Badgers and Dalby Visit Nursery PM



Friends of Pickering Infant and Nursery School and Friends of Pickering Junior school have joined together to create a wonderful community event on the 17th June, 10am—4pm. This is their first open garden event and there are over 20 private and community gardens and allotments to explore. Some gardens will be offering refreshments (cash only please) such as cold drinks, cakes, ice creams to name a few. There will also be a garden quiz!

Tickets are £5, available from Reed Newsagents

Lets help to make this a massive success.

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

Parent Governor Profile

Helen Howe, parent of Catherine Howe, Badger Class

When did you become a Governor and why?

I first became a governor 19/03/2018 when my son James attended PINS. I wasn't aware of the role until the letters were sent home asking for people to apply to join the board. I thought becoming a governor would be a great opportunity to find out more about the school and to get involved.

What do you enjoy the most about being a Governor?

I have learnt a great deal working with and supporting the rest of the governors, staff and headteacher. Governors are involved in monitoring and supporting staff in all aspects of school life from the day-to-day experiences of the children and their education to its finance and policies for example.

As a parent it is especially reassuring to see behind the scenes. In particular, to appreciate the dedication the staff show in their own training and development, sharing best practice, planning, and caring for the children.

Having the opportunity to see the children benefitting from the variety of learning opportunities they are given is the best bit and the support and encouragement they receive. School isn't just about academic progress but all the life experiences they gain as well and I really feel the school supports children whatever their strengths and fosters a community spirit and sense of belonging.

What are your main roles?

We have full governing body meetings each half-term which are currently on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. Governors also come into school to spend time with the children and to see what learning is taking place and the progress being made. They usually focus on a particular area such as phonics or OPAL. Alternatively, we might join a school trip and feedback to the board afterwards.

There are also committees which only meet if needed. I am currently on the panel for Staff Discipline/Pupil Admission, Pupil Discipline, Complaints and Pay Panel.

One of my roles is monitoring the work being done on the development of the school curriculum. I have also recently taken on the role of governor for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). This role involves meeting with staff members who support and enable children with additional needs. This is to ensure that the school is meeting their individual needs and using our resources as effectively as possible. They work with families to tailor their learning plans to the children's individual needs.

What skills / experience do you feel you bring to the Governing Body?

I have gained experience over the time that I have been on the board and am happy to be involved in any area. I'd like to think I'm quite organised and try to see things from other people's point of view and not be biased in any situation. Having a good mix of skills from governors who work in a variety of sectors always allows for a good discussion.

If someone was considering becoming a parent Governor, what would you say to them?

You don't need any previous experience or special skills to become a parent governor. There are plenty of opportunities for training including specifically for governors new to role. All you need is plenty of enthusiasm and some time to spare.

We are a friendly and welcoming group, and it's a very rewarding experience. I would really encourage you to join us.

	Lunch Menu WC 12th June
Monday 	Quorn Nuggets with Ketchup Potato Wedges Sweetcorn & Peas Homemade 50/50 Bread Berry Sponge Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday 	BBQ Chicken Wrap Rainbow Rice Veggie Sticks Oat Biscuit & Cheese Yoghurt or
Weds 	Roast Gammon & Gravy Baby New Potatoes Medley of Summer Vegetables Sliced Wholemeal Bread Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Thursday 	Spaghetti Bolognese Homemade Garlic Bread Carrots and Peas Chocolate and Vanilla Swirl Muffin Yogurt or Fresh Fruit
Friday 	Crispy Fish Nuggets (Salmon) Chips Mixed Summer Salad Homemade Sunflower Seed Bread Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Vegetarian	Lunch Menu WC 12th June
Monday	Cheesy Bean Parcel
Tuesday	Veggie Bolognese
Weds	Veggie Sausages and Gravy
Thursday	Sweet potato Curry
Friday	Crunchy topped Mac and Cheese

	Lunch Menu WC 19th June 2023
Monday 	Pizza Potato Wedges Summer Coleslaw & Peas Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday 	Beef Enchiladas 50/50 Rice Broccoli & Sweetcorn Cheese and Biscuits Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Weds 	Roast Chicken Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Gravy Summer Cabbage & Carrots Homemade 50/50 Bread Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Thursday 	Meatballs (Pork) & Pasta Green Beans & Cauliflower Pitta Bread Cornflake Crispie Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Friday 	Battered Fish & Chips Ketchup Peas & Sweetcorn Sliced Wholemeal Bread Custard Cookie with Apple Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Vegetarian	Lunch Menu WC 19th June
Monday	Greek Pitta Pocket
Tuesday	Summer Veg spaghetti
Weds	Country Veggie Bake
Thursday	Vegetable Risotto
Friday	Loaded Potato Skins