

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 20

21st July 2023



The end of the year

The end of another academic year is almost upon us and it is once again the time to look back and reflect. Our school is a special place where great things happen every day and together we live out our 'Learning, Caring, Sharing' motto.

It has been an incredibly busy year in school with children focusing on learning across a broad range of themes. Our continued work with the OPAL programme has led to many positive changes to our outdoor provision.

What we achieve as a school is down to the hard work, determination and dedication of each and every member of the school community: children and their families, staff and volunteers and the wider community who support us in so many different ways. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of those people for what they have given to the community to make it what it is. It has been a pleasure and an honour to help support in the leadership structure and be Acting Headteacher of the school.

For all of those children and families leaving us today, we wish you all the best for the future and for everyone we hope you have a relaxing, fun filled summer break.

Mrs Gillam's Return

Mrs Gillam will be returning to school after her maternity leave during the summer break ready for the new academic year ahead.



Handouts:

- ☺ Food in School Holiday letter—Eligible children only
- ☺ Transport letters— Rec/Yr1 Transport children only
- ☺ Autumn 1 Sports club for September

Email:

- ☺ Autumn Term Dinner Menu - Hardcopy will be sent out in September
- ☺ Autumn Term 1 Diary Sheet (not Y2) Hardcopy will be sent out in September

Attendance

Congratulations to **Butterfly Class** for achieving **95%** attendance during the summer term





Family Picnic

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of our families as we can to the family picnic on the field at 12 noon today. All children who usually have a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch.

The event takes place during school time. Children are encouraged to sit with their family. Staff will be on hand throughout the lunchtime period. Children are expected to follow our school expectations throughout this time, including sitting down together to eat their lunch. Our Year Two children may, after their lunch, use markers and pens to sign each other's t-shirts or dresses, with permission from parents. This is for our Year Two children only.

All children **MUST** return to classes when the bell rings at 1pm. School will close at around 1.10pm for all children for the start of the summer holidays!

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for helping to support your child in working towards achieving a good level of attendance. Those children with 100% attendance for the year will be bringing home a celebration certificate this week. Congratulations! A list of our 100% achievers for this term can be found on the last page. Well done everyone!

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



Year Two Leavers Event

The children had a fabulous evening at the leavers event last night. Disco music, bouncy castles and photo booths made the event a really special one. A BIG THANKYOU to friends of school for organising and to everyone that came.

DfE Information Regarding the Measles Vaccination Uptake

Measles cases are rising in England. Please find below information from the DfE regarding Measles.

Measles can be very serious and spreads easily. Children and adults who contract measles can end up in hospital or suffer long term health consequences. In rare cases, it can be fatal.

Measles is completely preventable with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The first dose is offered to children at 1 year of age and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated and can be very disruptive in educational settings.

We are grateful for the support of early years settings, encouraging families to take up the vaccine.

Schools are also encouraged to remind parents to check that their children's vaccines are up to date. You can catch up on your MMR vaccine through your GP whatever your age.



Menu—Autumn 2023

With the attachments to the newsletter this week you will see a new styled menu from NYES Catering Services which will be served in school from September. Mrs Boyes and Mrs Ring provide school meals that meet all the Government guidelines in nutritional standards. A freshly prepared two course meal will be offered every day. Please notify the school office if your child is vegetarian or has special dietary requirements (ie religious, allergies etc)

If circumstances change and you wish your child to bring a packed lunch from home, **one week's notice** must be given. We request that all packed lunches are provided in accordance with our packed lunch policy which is available on the school website or from the school office. Due to large numbers we can only cater for children having school lunches every day or packed lunches every day, not a combination of the two. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

A variety of fresh bread will be served daily

Vegetables may vary from time to time depending on availability and season.

Fresh fruit or yoghurt will be served as a dessert option for two out of the five days to reduce sugar in the menu to meet with NHS guidance.

Reading Books

School reading books will have been collected in. Please search in toy boxes, on shelves and in rooms for any books which may have got lost over

the course of the year. Over summer you continue to have access to Bug Club. Please remember there is the summer reading challenge at Pickering Library too.

SEND Hub Information



FREE

SEND Hubs
Stay & Play and
coffee and a chat

Every Thursday (from 27th Jul-31st Aug)
Session 1 : 10:00-12:00
Session 2 : 13:00-15:00

At Briercliffe Children's Centre

The C & I team work with children in the SWR area. We are hosting Stay and Play sessions for children up to 11 yrs old. We would love you to join us! **NO NEED TO BOOK!**

Dates:
27th July
3rd August
10th August
17th August
24th August
31st August

For more information email helen.hunter@northyorks.gov.uk
Briercliffe Children's Centre, 76 Briercliffe, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO12 6NS



FREE

SEND Hubs
Drop in coffee
hour

Every Monday (from 31st Jul-28th Aug)
Session 1 - 11:00-12:00
Session 2 - 14:00-15:00

At the Eastfield Community Hub

The C & I team work with children in the SWR area. If you need advice, information or signposting, pop down to our weekly coffee morning. Children welcome! We are a friendly team, wanting the best for all children (and parents!) in North Yorkshire.

Dates:
31st July
7th August
14th August
21st August
28th August

For more information email helen.hunter@northyorks.gov.uk
Eastfield Community Hub, Overdale Community Primary School, Ashmead Square, YO11 3XJ

Governor's Report - July 2023

This final term of the year always seems to fly by in a flash. Such a term for hard work and celebration. It's been a fantastic term at the school and I'd like to thank Mrs De Barr and Mrs Smith and all of our staff for their commitment to our children.

Since COVID, the level of attendance has not been as good as in previous years and has been a focus of our attention for some time. At the last Governors meeting before the end of the summer term we were pleased to hear that the attendance for this academic is 94%. Last year for the same time, it was 91%. We do hope that this can be maintained in the forthcoming academic year.

All the governors have done Safeguarding training and the Safeguarding Audit was submitted in February 2023 with positive comments.

We have gained grants with the support of Friends of School from the town council to help with improvements to our outdoor areas, sensory garden and forest school and look forward to seeing the outcome when all the work is completed. We also have joint working with Pickering Environmental Group with a three year plan for the wild flower area.

We received capital funding and we are looking to spend some of this on doors which need replacing and mending along with the windows in Squirrels, Rabbits and After School Club in mid-August which should save us some energy during the winter months.

The school is encouraging the children to be aware of the whole community in Pickering and have had a dance day with a local dance school, visited Pickering Fire Station, Pickering library and Outgang Lane allotments over the summer term. We also have links with the local PSCO who has been supporting us with parking and traffic issues at collection and drop off times as well as coming into school for a session with each class.

As I come to the end of my second year as Chair of Governors, I continue to be spellbound by all that is achieved in our Infant and Nursery school. Thanks to everyone for your contribution to that.

Have a wonderful Summer break and we look forward to seeing most of you in the Autumn.

John Goodyear

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



Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved
100% attendance during this term

Elisha
Fred
Matilda G
Evie
Pippa
Oliver S
Katie
Liliarna

Maisie A
Poppy
George S
Francesca
Toby
Phoebe C
Elliot
James

Harry W
Imogen
Lilly K
Alice M
Hayden



happy
holidays!