

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 4
20th October 2023



Handouts

Autumn Watch

As we start our seasonal work focusing on autumn, the weather has certainly become more autumnal! Our school grounds have provided plenty of opportunities to take time with the children to observe the wonders of the changing world around us!



The Year One and Two children have taken their seasonal visit to Outgang Lane Allotments. A huge thank you, as ever, to the wonderful Sallie Harland for sharing her time and expertise with us and to all of our fabulous volunteers who helped to make these visits possible. Going regularly to the allotments gives children a true sense of seasonal change and it has been fabulous to hear them comparing what they saw last week to what they saw back in the summer term.



May we take this opportunity to wish our whole school community a restful and fun filled half term break.

Email:

- ✦ Common Childhood Diseases
- ✦ Diary sheet for Autumn 2 half term
- ✦ Nursery children—Applying for a Reception School place

Hard copies:

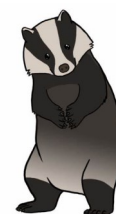
- ✦ Transport letter for next half term—School Transport children only
- ✦ Common Childhood Diseases
- ✦ Diary sheet for Autumn 2 half term
- ✦ Autumn 2 Sports Club—Years 1 & 2 only
- ✦ Magic Mike Disco Letter—Rec, Y1 & Y2

School Day

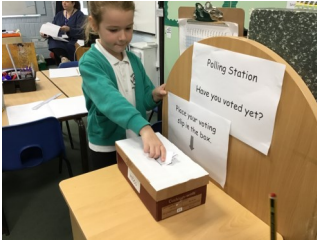
Rec, Y1 and Y2
doors open at
8.55am and close at
9.05am. End of day

Attendance News

Congratulations to Badger Class for achieving **96.4%** attendance for the last two weeks and for achieving an **AMAZING 99.7%** attendance for last week.



School and Eco Councillors



As part of our work on democracy, the children have voted in their classes in Years One and Two

for councillors. Congratulations go to...

Badger Class

School Councillors - Erny and Catherine

Eco Councillors - Charlie and Charlotte

Squirrel Class

School Councillors—Grace and Zach

Eco Councillors - Letitia and Oliver

Rabbit Class

School Councillors - Kai and Maisie

Eco Councillors - Ethan and William

Mrs Gillam, as school council leader, and Mrs Green, as eco council leader, are looking forward to their first meetings and their work together over the coming year. We were very impressed by the eagerness of children to take positions of responsibility and stand for these roles as well as other monitor roles that we have in school.

Parents' Evening

Our parents' evenings are due to be held after the half term holiday on **Monday 13th November** and **Tuesday 21st November**, with additional day time appointments for Nursery on Thursday 16th November. The online booking system through Parent Mail will be available from Wednesday 25th October at 4pm.

Poppies

In the run up to Remembrance Day

on 11th November poppies will be on sale in school from 7th to 11th November. Please send any donations with your child for them to purchase a poppy in class during the day.

Nut Aware School

Many parents will already be aware that we operate as a nut aware school. This is to reduce the exposure of our school community to this allergen. This also affects items brought into school such as empty boxes for junk modelling. Please do not send any containers/packaging in that has contained a nut product.



Common Childhood Illnesses



We are approaching the time of year when winter bugs start to come out in force. As a guide for 'if and when' your child needs to stay at home we have sent home a copy of our revised 'Notes on Infectious Diseases in School and Nurseries — Common Childhood Diseases' for your information. A colour copy of this will be emailed with this newsletter.

Non Uniform Day

The staff and children are invited to come to school in their 'ordinary' clothes, whatever they are comfortable in, on **Friday 27th October** in exchange for a gift or prize for the forthcoming Winter Fair which will be held on Friday 1st December. All gifts/prizes should be taken into class on 27th October and will be collected by one of our dedicated Friends of School team in preparation for the Fair.



Children in Need



This year we will be having a non uniform day for Children in Need. The theme for Children in Need is 'The Great Spotaacular', you are invited to wear something spotty if you have anything or any non uniform should you wish to take part. If you are able to and would like to make a donation, this can be done via JustGiving through the link ;

https://www.justgiving.com/page/pickering-infant-and-nursery-school-1697459034426?utm_term=DK6DM6aev

Safeguarding Visit

Thank you to everyone who took the time to talk so positively and openly to Karen Butler on Tuesday morning about safeguarding . She looked at a range of topics including how we train our staff and volunteers, how we teach the children about keeping safe, how we support the children with behaviour and how we work together as a school community including around things like car parking! She talked to groups of children about safeguarding. They did an amazing job and she was very impressed with the information that they were able to share! We look forward to receiving her report.

Car Parking

On the theme of car parking, Mrs Smith has been working closely with PCSO Luke Aaron over the last year to see what can be done to address some of the issues that remain around parking, despite so many of our school community parking safely and courteously. The work has continued

this year with Mrs Smith and I being a part of a meeting with a range of stakeholders from NYCC and our mayor to look at what can be done regarding parking and traffic outside of schools. Mrs Smith and PC Aaron look forward to involving our community more in their project and updating you as the project moves forwards.

Autumn 2 Sports Club—Years One and Two only

If your child is in Year One or Two they will be bringing home a letter inviting them attend the Autumn 2 Sports Club running on Fridays starting on 10th November for 5 weeks. If your child would like to be offered a place, slips need to be returned back to school no later than **Tuesday 24th Oct**. You will receive a confirmation of place email via ParentMail by 26th Oct. Please ensure payments are received by **Wednesday 8th November**.

Book Fair

There will be a Scholastic book fair in school from November 7th until 14th November. The fair will be open at Parents evening on Monday 13th November and will also be open after school daily until 4.10pm. You can pay by cash or card. (using the QR code on site)



Scholastic Books

If you are looking to buy books in the near future why not try out Scholastic Books and earn free books for our school at the same time. You can find them at www.scholastic.co.uk and select 'shop and earn free books for your school'. It's as simple as that!

Cleaner Vacancy in School

An opportunity has arisen within our school as North Yorkshire County Council are looking to appoint 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 **28th October 2023**.

<https://nycjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/6300/0/407027/19918/cleaner-pickering-infants>

Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th October—Non-uniform Day—in exchange for a gift/prize for the Winter Fair

Friday 27th October—October birthday assembly—9.10am

Friday 27th October—School breaks up for half term

Monday 6th Nov—School reopens

6th-10th Nov—Poppies on sale

Tuesday 7th Nov—Parents evening 4.30-7pm

Thursday 9th Nov—Parents evening

3.30-6pm

Friday 10th Nov—Autumn 2 Sports Club starts

Week commencing 13th Nov—Block one clubs start

Half Term Activities with the Yorkshire Arboretum

We are looking forward to meeting you all again on Monday 30th October during half term for Nature Rangers. We will be having an autumn theme for this event, with games, crafts and activities about nocturnal animals including making a clay hedgehog. There will be opportunities for exploring the grounds and collecting but also to become creative in the inside space. The café will be open serving drinks and food.

Please book below:

[Nature Rangers Day 30.10.23 — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)

Please spread the word via your friends and schools.

We also have events during half term to plant acorns:

[Grow Your Own Oak 29.10.23 — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)

[Grow Your Own Oak 01.11.23 — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)



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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

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	Lunch Menu WC 23rd October
Monday	Pasta Bolognese Bake Broccoli and Sweetcorn Garlic Flatbread Custard Cookie with Fruit and Ice Cream
Tuesday	Chicken Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Peas and Coleslaw Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce
Weds	Roast Loin of Pork with Apple Sauce Boiled Potatoes Carrots and Green Beans Gravy, Homebaked Bread Jam Bun and Cheese
Thursday	Mexican Beef Pitta with Rice Medley of Vegetables Homebaked Sunflower Seed Bread Toffee Apple Muffin
Friday	Battered Fish and Chips Ketchup Sweetcorn and Peas Crusty Bread Lemon Shortcake
Vegetarian	Lunch Menu WC 23rd October
Monday	Oven Baked Sausage and Bean Bake
Tuesday	Veg and Bean Burger in a Bun
Weds	Pea-ter Croquette
Thursday	Cauliflower Cheese Bake
Friday	Cheese Whirl

	Lunch Menu WC 6th November
Monday	Creamy Mac and Cheese Broccoli and Carrots Homebaked Garlic Bread Berry Crumble Mousse Pot
Tuesday	Nacho Beef Bake Rice Sweetcorn and Peas Chocolate Berry Brownie
Weds	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Mashed Potato Medley of Vegetables Gravy Crusty Bread Rice Pudding and Peaches
Thursday	All Day Breakfast Homebaked Bread Oatie Cookie and Cheese
Friday	Fish Star and Chips Peas and Carrots Homebaked Wholemeal Bread Fruity Jam Sandwich and Custard
Vegetarian	Lunch Menu WC 6th November
Monday	Lightly Spiced Bean and Vegetable Curry
Tuesday	Cheese and Bean Enchilada
Weds	Vegetable Cottage Pie
Thursday	Veggie All Day Breakfast
Friday	Crunchy Garlic Bread Topped Tomato Pasta