

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 3

### 6th October 2023



### Visits and Visitors

As ever, it has been a busy few weeks across school. This week has been an RE focus week for our Year One and Two children. The learning has been around Christianity with the Year Two children enjoying a visit to Pickering Methodist Church to see Reverend Ransom on Monday. The Year One visit will be rescheduled along with a visit for Year One and Two to St Peter and St Paul's Church soon. We are incredibly grateful to those parents who were able to volunteer their time. Without your support, these important visits, which enable the children to see for themselves the things that we are discussing in class, would not be able to go ahead. Our next RE Week will be after half term when we look forward to welcoming Imran Kotwal back to school as part of our Islam focus. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.



On Wednesday, we welcomed Tutti Frutti Productions back to school for their current show, 'The Lightbulb Princess'. As ever, they amazed the children with the drama and fantastic sets and effects! Thanks to our Friends of School and all of the parental contributions in support of them that



have funded this exciting visit.

### Handouts

#### Email:

- Parent Governor Vacancy letter
- Reading & Busy Book Workshop KS1 Information
- First Class letter from Scarborough Press (Reception)

#### Hard copies:

- Individual school photos and covering letter
- Attendance Leaflet
- Block one club information—Years 1 & 2 only

### School Day

Rec, Y1 and Y2 doors open at 8.55am and close at 9.05am. End of day is 3.25pm

### Attendance News

Congratulations to **Badger Class** for **95.8%** attendance for the last two weeks 25th September—6th October



**Newsletters** - These are emailed to you - school newsletter and a class newsletter on alternate weeks.

**Diary Dates** - At the beginning of the term Mrs Cook prepares a dates sheet to help you with forward planning. We try and organise things in advance but do watch out for inevitable changes.

**Handouts** - Handouts may also come home. On the front of the school newsletter a list which details handouts over the last two weeks. Please check to make sure that you have them all.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We are looking for a new Parent Governor to join our existing team. No qualifications or past experience are necessary, just enthusiasm, time and an interest in shaping the strategic direction of our school.

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to children, give something back to our local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. Parent governors bring their wealth of experience and knowledge, contributing to the successful running of the school. As a governor, the decisions made by the board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. Governors set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, and they also oversee financial performance and ensure money is well-spent.

You can find more information at [Be a school governor or trustee - National](#)

### [Governance Association \(nga.org.uk\)](http://nga.org.uk)

If this sounds like a role for you, please call at the office to request a nomination form for completion and return it to the headteacher **by 12.00 noon Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023** at the school office – in a sealed envelope marked “confidential – PG nomination” or via email to [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk) with “confidential – PG nomination” in the subject line.

### Co-Opted Governor Vacancies

We also have 2 vacancies for co-opted governors, who are appointed by the governing board. They are people who, in the opinion of the board, have the skills required to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school. If you, or someone you know may be interested please contact the Clerk of Governors at [clerkofg@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:clerkofg@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

### Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are important to a child's success in all aspects of school life. It has an impact on progress and achievement as well as friendships. Thank you to all of those parents who ensure that they arrive at school on time every day. At this time of year in particular, children can pick up a number of different illnesses (as do we all!) It is sometimes difficult to know whether to send them to school or not. The following link has some useful information about different common illnesses — <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

From our own experiences, we know that some illnesses make us feel worse at the start and end of the day. If children start to feel better once this

period is over, even after the start of the school day, please bring them to school as this will mean that they're not missing as much of their learning and still get to spend time with their friends.

### Drinking Water in school



Having regular drinks of water throughout the day is vital for us all to keep hydrated. Being hydrated supports children with their concentration and learning. Children have access to water during the day but it is far easier for them, and for classes, if children have their own water bottle in classrooms. These need to be filled with water, and not juice. They should be taken home each day to be washed and refilled. If you feel that your child is not drinking much water during the day, please speak to their class teacher.

### Names in clothing



There are growing 'mountains' of unnamed clothes in school!

Please, please, please ensure that all items, including tights, PE kits, shoes, coats etc are named. It may sound over the top but when changing for PE trying to identify which shoes and tights belong to each child can be challenging, especially if they have no names in!

### 'I need to talk'

Life is incredibly busy and sometimes we all need the opportunity to sit down with someone and talk about things.

Our staff work hard to build positive relationships with the children to ensure that they all feel that the staff across school are safe adults who they can talk to. Sometimes though they may be a little unsure about how to ask an adult for some time to talk. In every class, there is a 'feelings tree' where children

are encouraged to put their photo on appropriate leaves to reflect their feelings across the day. The class teachers have a smaller version of this near their desk which children can put their photo from the larger tree onto to indicate that they need to talk. Please remind the children of this system at home to help them to understand that this is something that they should do if they need to.

### Photograph Orders

SAY CHEESE!



If you wish to place an order for your child's school photograph please don't forget that **orders need to be made online by Monday 9th October**. Instructions of how to access your child's photograph can be found on the proof sent home on 25th September.

### Safeguarding Visit

In the last newsletter, I let you know about our annual Local Authority Safeguarding Visit. Unfortunately, this needed to be postponed on the day and has been rearranged. Karen Butler, will be on school site on the morning of Tuesday 17th October. She will be outside from 8.30am to speak to parents and carers about safeguarding. Some of our safeguarding information can be found in the 'Safety and Wellbeing' section of the school website.

### Clubs

After school activity clubs for Years One and Two will begin the second week back after half term, the week beginning 13th November. Details of the clubs being offered will be detailed in the letter your child will be bringing home today. If your child would like to take part in any of the clubs please **ensure that you return your slip by 20th October 2023 at the latest to secure a place.**

Clubs are split into two blocks. The first runs November to February and the second from February to May. The clubs for blocks one and two can be different. Families are asked, on this occasion, to just apply for block one clubs. You will be notified by ParentMail during the first week back after half term which club they have been allocated a place for.

### **Staffing Update**

Following Mrs Goff's resignation, I can confirm staffing arrangements from November 2023. It will mean some changes across the Foundation Stage Classes.

Butterfly Class; Miss Duck (Mon, Tues, Weds) and Mrs Metcalfe (Thurs, Fri) with Mrs Sowden and Mrs Davis

Ladybird Class; Mrs Dunsmore with Mrs Weighell and Mrs Davis

Mrs Dunsmore and Mrs Metcalfe will make their class change from next week with Mrs Dunsmore and Mrs Goff working alongside each other until half term.

### **Lockdown**

Last week we were notified of a wandering pet dog close to school. Whilst it was reported to be a very friendly dog, it gave us a 'live' opportunity to put our lockdown procedures into practice in school. For this, we use our phone system across school to announce that all

classes should remain within the school building. Children and staff did a great job, just continuing with their learning as usual. This is one of our emergency processes in school that we routinely practice. A lockdown procedure would be used for things in the local area which mean that we are safer in the school building than outside for a period of time. This includes for things like stray animals, chemical leaks or a police incident close to school.

### **In the press**

Photographs of our Reception new starters will be part of a special edition of the Scarborough News on Thurs 12th Oct There is an attached letter giving further details.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Tues 10th Oct**—Allotment Visit—Badgers & Rabbits

**Wed 11th Oct**—Allotment Visit—Squirrels

**Thurs 12th Oct**—Reception Parents Reading Workshop 4pm-5pm

**Tues 17th Oct**—Flu Immunisations Rec—Year 2

**Fri 27th Oct**—Non-uniform Day in exchange for raffle prizes for the Winter Fair

**Fri 27th Oct**—October birthday assembly 9.10am

**Fri 27th Oct**—Break up for half term

**Mon 6th Nov** —School Reopens

***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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	<b>Lunch Menu WC 9th October</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Creamy Mac and Cheese Broccoli and Carrots Homebaked Garlic Bread Berry Crumble Mousse Pot
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nacho Beef Bake Rice Sweetcorn and Peas Chocolate Berry Brownie
<b>Weds</b>	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Mashed Potato Medley of Vegetables Gravy Crusty Bread Rice Pudding and Peaches
<b>Thursday</b>	All Day Breakfast Homebaked Bread Oatie Cookie and Cheese
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Star and Chips Peas and Carrots Homebaked Wholemeal Bread Fruity Jam Sandwich and Custard
<b>Vegetarian</b>	<b>Lunch Menu WC 9th October</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Lightly Spiced Bean and Vegetable Curry
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cheese and Bean Enchilada
<b>Weds</b>	Vegetable Cottage Pie
<b>Thursday</b>	Veggie All Day Breakfast
<b>Friday</b>	Crunchy Garlic Bread Topped Tomato Pasta

	<b>Lunch Menu WC 16th October</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Pizza Diced Potatoes Crunchy Veg sticks Lemon Drizzle Muffin
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken and Tomato Pasta Peas and Sweetcorn Homebaked Garlic Bread Autumnal Fruit Crumble and
<b>Weds</b>	Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato Medley of Vegetables Gravy and Crusty Bread Cheese and Crackers
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Korma and Rice Cauliflower and Green Beans Naan Bread Berry Marble Sponge and Custard
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers and Chips with Ketchup Carrots and Peas Sliced Wholemeal Bread Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake
<b>Vegetarian</b>	<b>Lunch Menu WC 16th October</b>
<b>Monday</b>	BBQ Wrap
<b>Tuesday</b>	Seasonal Veg Hotpot
<b>Weds</b>	Meat Free Sausage and Yorkshire pudding
<b>Thursday</b>	Cheese, Leek and Potato Bake
<b>Friday</b>	Vegetable Lasagne