

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 5
10th November 2023



Friendship and Anti-bullying Week

Coming up is our whole school themed week linked to friendship and national anti-bullying week. We will be spending time in school talking with the children about the term 'bullying'. At Pickering Infant and Nursery School, we describe bullying as "unacceptable behaviour which occurs on repeated occasions, on purpose", which all of our children know is unacceptable.

Because of the age of our children, we spend a lot of time talking to the children and supporting them with developing friendships and negotiating with each other. As with every aspect of learning, children learn these social skills at different times and in different ways. Part of the focus next week will be on helping our children to understand the difference between falling out with our friends and classmates and bullying. Falling out with our friends or someone saying unkind words to us is not acceptable and needs to be dealt with but this is not bullying. Parental support with helping our children to understand the difference would be much appreciated.

This will take place next week for Key Stage One and On **Monday 13th November** we are asking the children and adults in school to wear odd socks. There's a serious message behind the fun: let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✉ Bad Weather Plans & Emergency Collection Arrangements
- ✉ Pantomime Tickets Draw Letter
- ✉ Christmas lunch invite—packed lunch children only

Email:

- ✉ Nursery Rhyme fun Night Form—Nursery only
- ✉ Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct
- ✉ Allocation of Clubs (Years 1 & 2 only)
- ✉ Y2—Applying for a Junior School place



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Attendance News

Congratulations to Rabbit Class who achieved **96.4%** attendance for the Autumn 1 half term





Children in Need Day

Friday 17th November

This year we will be having a non uniform day for Children in Need. The theme for Children in Need this year is '**The Great Spotacular**'. 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 below;

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

Online Safety and Gaming

As children begin compiling their Christmas wish lists, technology may certainly feature on some of these. It is sometimes hard to keep pace with this ever changing world. Knowing what technology is appropriate for your child can be daunting. For things like computer games, the easiest way to decide is by using the age rating, which also identifies what content makes it inappropriate for younger children. An example of this might be Call of Duty, which has an 18 rated certificate due to graphic violence and strong language. Many technology suppliers offer guidance and advice on gaming on their websites. One example is Vodafone who have a section, amongst others, on Games which gives a useful overview of the game and information on what parental controls are available - <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/digital-parenting-pro/>

Skips Safety Net offers pages of simple information and advice on a number of

areas relating to keeping children safe online, including relating to gaming - <https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/parent-guides/>

Registering for School

Do you have a toddler or know of anyone that does? Are they registered with us for a Nursery or School place? If it is your/their intention for your/their child to attend our school, please make sure that they are registered as this helps us with future plans. This is particularly important if your child was born between:

01/09/20—31/08/21 for Nursery place
September 2024

01/09/19—31/08/20 for School place
September 2024

Current Nursery parents please don't forget to complete your on line application for your child's place in Reception for September 2024.

Current Year Two parents will also need to complete the online application for their child's place at the Junior school for September 2024.

Clubs

Tuesdays 3.25-4.05pm—Brilliant Builders Club

Wednesdays 3.25-4.05pm—Film Club, Gymnastics Club

Wednesdays 12.30-1pm—Be Happy Club

Thursdays 12.30-1pm—Sing Squad

Please note most of the above clubs start next week. Week commencing 13th November **except** Gymnastic Club and Film Club which start on **22nd November**

Fridays 3.25-4.25pm—Sports Club continues

Parent Code of Conduct

We are incredibly grateful that our school community all work so well together for the good of our school and our children. We always encourage parents and staff to talk to each other about any concerns. We ask that both staff and parents, no matter how difficult the conversation might be, always remember to be respectful in their communication. As such, our staff have been asked as they are every year to review and sign our Staff Code of Conduct. In line with this, please find attached our Parent Code of Conduct for your reference.

Dates Reminder

Next week—Foundation Stage Nursery
Rhyme week

Monday 13th Nov—Parents Evening
4.30-7pm

Tuesday 14th Nov—Library visit for
Rabbit Class

Tuesday 14th Nov—Nursery Rhyme
Fun Night—Nursery families 3.50-
4.30pm

Wednesday 15th Nov—Magic Mike
Disco Rec, Yr1 and Yr2 4.30-6pm

Thursday 16th Nov— Library Visit for
Badger Class

Thursday 16th Nov—Additional
Nursery parent meeting appointments

Friday 17th Nov—Children in Need
Day

Tuesday 21st Nov—Library visit for
Ladybird Class

Tuesday 21st Nov— Parents Evening
3.40-6pm

Thursday 23rd Nov—Library visit for
Squirrel Class

24th Nov—November Birthday
Assembly 9.10am

The Importance of Good Attendance

Government policy states that parents and guardians have a duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly, on time and must provide an explanation for any absences.



Is Your Child an Attendance HERO?



***Lateness and absence is
checked weekly by the
Headteacher***

Red Letters

If children suffer a significant bump or injury at school, you will receive notification of this. For bumps to the head, at any point on the back of the head or forehead you will be given a red letter. This red letter includes advice from the NHS Head Injury Advice Sheet.

Library Visits

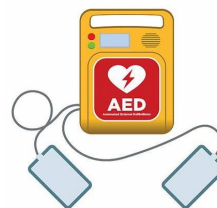


If your child does not already have a library card please sign up to the library via the website [How to join the library | North Yorkshire County Council](#) or call into the library on Ropery Lane, Pickering. It is FREE to join the library and it only takes a few minutes to set up membership. Please can children bring their actual library cards (not the key fob sized card) with them on the day of their visit, if anyone has lost their card please let the library know and they will check on the system and assign a new card.

Outgang Lane Allotments Community Defibrillator Fundraiser

The Outgang Lane Allotment Committee and members are raising funds to purchase a 24/7 public access Defib on Outgang Lane. It is hoped it will bring increased peace of mind to the many residents and businesses on the East side of our town. We have a Just Giving page and are looking to raise £700 which is around half of the total cost. The

Allotment Association will donate the remaining amount needed along with some grant funding.



You can use link below to donate. Thank you for supporting this much-needed community resource.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/OutgangLaneDefibFund>

Help needed!

We are in the process of redeveloping our school sensory garden but we need some help or advice. We have an area of concrete which needs removing and replacing and we need new fencing at one end of the sensory garden. We are looking for help from members of the community with regards to recommendations of who might be able to help with the project. This area is for our raised beds, which will be used to grow a rotation of food crops.

Relief Midday Supervisors Needed

We are always looking for enthusiastic and reliable members of our community to join our existing team of Midday Supervisors to support the children over lunchtimes. If this is something that you would be interested in, please call at the office for further information.

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 13th Nov
Monday	Pizza Diced Potatoes Crunchy Veg sticks Lemon Drizzle Muffin
Tuesday	Chicken and tomato Pasta Peas and Sweetcorn Homebaked Garlic Bread Autumnal Fruit Crumble and Custard
Weds	Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato Medley of Vegetables Gravy and Crusty Bread Cheese and Crackers
Thursday	Chicken Korma and Rice Cauliflower and Green Beans Naan Bread Berry Marble Sponge and
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips with Ketchup Carrots and Peas Sliced Wholemeal Bread Chocolate Orange Mousse Cake
Vegetarian	Lunch Menu WC 13th Nov
Monday	BBQ Wrap
Tuesday	Seasonal Veg Hotpot
Weds	Meat Free Sausage and Yorkshire pudding
Thursday	Cheese, Leek and Potato Bake
Friday	Vegetable Lasagne

	Lunch Menu WC 20th November
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
Friday	Battered Fish Chips Ketchup Sweetcorn and Peas Crusty Bread
Vegetarian	Lunch Menu WC 20th Nov
Monday	Oven Baked Sausage and Bean
Tuesday	Veg and Bean Burger in a Bun
Weds	Pea-ter Croquette
Thursday	Cauliflower Cheese Bake
Friday	Cheese Whirl