

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 6

24th November 2023



### Friendship and Anti-bullying Week

This week has been our whole school themed week linked to friendship and national anti-bullying week. We have spent 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. Our Year One and Two children spent some time categorising scenarios to decide whether they classed it as bullying or whether, whilst unacceptable, they were instances of children being unkind rather than bullying.

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 has been 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.

### Handouts

- ✿ Christmas Concert letter
- ✿ Santa tickets booking letter
- ✿ Winter Fair Raffle Tickets

### Emails

- ✿ Choice Menu Week information and form (Form now closed)

### Attendance News



Congratulations to Squirrels class for achieving 97.2% attendance for the two weeks from 13th—24th November



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## Registering for a School Place

Nursery parents—Don't forget to apply for your Reception school place by 15th January 2024

Year 2 Parents—Don't forget to apply for your Junior School place by 15th January 2024

The information you need to apply for either place is available at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## Children in Need Day



Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to this Children in Need via the Just Giving page. The total raised by our school community was £126.00.

## Bikes and Scooters

It is great that we have so many children who are active in their mode of transport to school. It is lovely to see children riding bikes and scooters to and from school. We have however, noticed a rise in children riding bikes and scooters on school premises. Please can we ask that all bikes and scooters are dismantled and walked up to the school path when arriving at school and on collection, children push and walk alongside until they have reached the bottom of the school path. If crossing the road, please wheel them across the road rather than riding them across. All bikes and scooters left on school premises are left at your own risk and these should be parked up within the



bike park near to the Reception playground.

## Class emails

Thank you for using the class emails to get in touch with staff. This is a great way to keep in touch. Staff will continue to monitor these daily during the school week in term time but will not monitor these at weekends or in school holidays.

## Return of Borrowed Clothing

We do hold spare clothing in school however, we are now running very low. If your child has recently come home in borrowed clothing please could we ask if this is washed and returned.



## Sports Club

Due to the Winter Fair there will be **NO sports club on Friday 1st December.**

## Pantomime Ticket Winners

**Congratulations** go to;

Herbie—Nursery

Felix—Butterflies

Maddison—Badgers

Who are our lucky winners of tickets to attend the Pickering Pantomime—



Aladdin in January courtesy of Ryedale Lions Club for donating the tickets.

## Christmas Events

Information regarding the Christmas performances will be sent home this afternoon. Please return your ticket request forms to school by **Friday 8th**



**December.** Tickets will then be distributed the following week, please look out for these in book bags. If there are any additional tickets available after all requests have been met, we will notify you via ParentMail. This may not be until the end of the week beginning 11th December.

We will be visiting St Peter and St Paul's Church for our school Christmas service on Thursday 21st December at 2pm. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us for this festive event once again.

Our Christmas Jumper Day will tie in with the last day of term on 22nd December. This date is later than the 'official' Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.

### **Christmas Post Box Volunteers**



As per the reverse of the diary dates sheet, our Christmas Post Box will be open for children to post Christmas cards throughout the week beginning 11th December. If any parent/carer is able to help out with the emptying of the post box at any time during the week of 11th—15th December, a sign up sheet will be available at the school office. This is normally undertaken by two volunteers each morning, just after registration.

### **Winter Fair**

Our school community is very much looking forward to our Winter Fair on Friday 1st December 4.30-6pm. This is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year and a great school event. In order to make it a success, our FoS are

looking for your help please, in either setting up during the day or on the night itself on some of the stalls

Donations of bottle bags are also required—please leave any at the school office



Donations of baking are eagerly sought! Any donations to please be brought on the morning of the fair to the school hall—please include a list of ingredients



Please see overleaf for further Winter Fair details.

### **Nursery Rhyme Week**

The children in Foundation Stage have had a fun, learning filled week of rhyme during our Nursery Rhyme Week, following the national week last week.

Children have been listening to and joining in with lots of different nursery rhymes. This is important because a child's ability in their use of oral language is predictive of later achievement. So the better a child is at knowing, using and playing with words the more likely they are to be successful in reading and writing later. We hope that the parents, carers and family members who came to the Nursery Workshop enjoyed the activities that Miss Bointon set up.



# Winter Fair

**1st December 4.30pm—6pm**



Friends of School are busy organising the Winter Fair. The winter raffle ticket information has been sent out. Please drop these in at the office or pass them to your class teacher to hand in. The information regarding the tickets to visit Santa has also been sent out and tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag by Wednesday 29th November. There will be plenty of stalls to visit on the evening. One being our school stall where parents can purchase items made especially for you by your child.

The fair will open at 4.30pm and close at 6pm with the raffle drawn just before the end.

We hope to welcome as many families to this event as possible.

## **Dates for the Diary:**

**28th Nov**—Library Visit—Butterfly Class

**30th Nov**—Library Visit—Nursery

**1st Dec** -4.30pm-6pm—Winter Fair

**11th—15th Dec**—Christmas post box in the hall

**12th Dec**— Children's Christmas lunch

**15th Dec**—9.10am December Birthday assembly

## **Christmas Performances 18th and 19th December**

**Squirrels, Badgers, Rabbits** —Mon 18th Dec 1.30pm, Tuesday 19th Dec 9.30am

**Nursery, Butterflies, Ladybirds** —Mon 18th Dec 2.30pm, Tuesday 19th Dec 10.30am

**Thurs 21st Dec**—School Christmas Church Service 2pm—All welcome

**Friday 22nd Dec**—Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 22nd Dec**—School Closes for Christmas holidays

*Your support for your know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us 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 information*

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## Menu Choice Trial Week

### 4th December

Your child's meal choice has already been ordered and they will be reminded in class each morning of their choice. For those who did not make a choice they will have the main hot meal for that day or their normal packed lunch.

All dietary requirements will be catered for.

#### **Monday 4th December**

Pizza with Diced Potatoes and Vegetable Sticks or  
Quorn BBQ Wrap and Diced Potatoes with Vegetable Sticks or  
Baked Bean Jacket Potato with Vegetable Sticks

#### **Tuesday 5th December**

Chicken and Tomato Pasta with peas sweetcorn and garlic bread or  
Tuna (without mayo) Sandwich and salad or  
Cheese Jacket Potato with salad

#### **Wednesday 6th December**

Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Gravy and Crusty Bread or  
Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich with Coleslaw or  
Tuna (without mayo) Jacket Potato with Coleslaw

#### **Thursday 7th December**

Chicken Korma and Rice with Cauliflower, Green Beans and Naan Bread  
Cheese Leek and Potato Bake with Cauliflower and Green Beans  
Cheese Sandwich with Vegetable Sticks

#### **Friday 8th December**

Fish Fingers with Chips, Ketchup, Carrots, Peas and Sliced Wholemeal Bread  
Chicken Sandwich with Coleslaw  
Cheese Jacket Potato with Coleslaw

All sandwiches will be served on wholemeal bread.

Deserts will remain as on the original Menu sheet.

	<b>Lunch Menu WC 27th Nov</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 27th Nov</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