

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

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Family Involvement

Thank you to all of those parents and carers who were able to make the parents evenings this week or all about me meetings this term. Any postponed dates will be shared with parents as appropriate. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the children's successes and progress in all areas and to think about the next steps in each child's learning journey.

It has been great to see so many parents involved in other opportunities across school this term, including Year Two swimming, visits to the library, Nursery open sessions and, most recently, Reception Forest School sessions. These are a chance to get a look at school life and the curriculum on offer to our children. We hope that parents got as much out of the sessions as the children do.



Our Year One and Two classes are looking forward to their Build a Structure workshop next Wednesday morning!

Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✿ Transport letter for Summer 1—School transport children only
- ✿ Bunny Bingo Flyer
- ✿ Sports Club letter - Years one and two only
- ✿ Golf Club letter - Years one and two only
- ✿ Food in School Holiday forms—eligible children only

Email:

- ✿ Common Childhood Diseases leaflet
- ✿ Big Walk and Wheel letter
- ✿ Attendance, Punctuality and Leave brochure
- ✿ Allocation of place for Block 2 clubs -Years one and two only

Attendance News

Congratulations go to **Rabbit class** for achieving **98.5%** attendance for the two weeks 4th March to 15th March 2024





Comic Relief

Today! - Friday 15th March is Comic Relief. The children and staff have certainly dressed to make people smile! Where families are able, donations are to be made via the School's Comic Relief Just Giving page which can be accessed through the link [Pickering Infant and Nursery School is fundraising for Comic Relief \(justgiving.com\)](http://Pickering Infant and Nursery School is fundraising for Comic Relief (justgiving.com))

Attendance

Punctual and regular attendance are essential in establishing good routines for school and learning, as well as friendships. Nationally, the youngest children tend to be the ones who pick up bugs and are off ill as they start in school and we know that the large majority of absences for our children are unavoidable. However, if your child is tired, for example, due to being up in the night feeling unwell but is well and rested by lunchtime or just perks up as the day progresses then please bring them back to school for the afternoon session. Parents should make every effort to arrange medical and dental appointments after school or during school holidays. If there is no alternative and your child has to be absent, please inform the school office and provide a copy of your child's appointment letter or card, this will then be recorded as an authorised absence.

Medicine Administration in School

If children are prescribed medication for a short period of time,

for example, antibiotics, these can be administered by our admin team as long as they are required **four times** per day. Three times a day can be managed at home by administering them in a morning, at home time and before bed, unless your child is with us for a longer day and they attend our After School Club. Parents/carers **must** complete an Administration of Medication form at the office before any medication can be administered.

Dates to remember

-  **Tuesday 19th March**—Last Year Two swimming
-  **Wednesday 20th March**—Year one and two—*Build a Structure* parent workshop 9.15-10.30am
-  **Thursday 21st March**—Family Bunny Bingo doors open 5.15pm—All welcome
-  **Friday 22nd March**—March Birthday assembly 9.10am
-  **Friday 22nd March**—Break up for the Easter break
-  **Monday 8th April**—School Closed to children—Staff Training Day
-  **Tuesday 9th April**—School reopens

Let's Talk Food survey

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk>
The Let's Talk Food survey is part of the wider conversation that has been taking place about food in North Yorkshire, looking at the whole food system - from how we grow food, what we grow, to what we buy and eat and how much we throw away



There are several ways you can take part in Let's Talk Food:

You can fill in an online survey here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk> – the survey is on Commonplace, which is a safe and easy-to-use online tool used to engage with communities, by over 250 organisations including neighbouring councils in Leeds and West Yorkshire.

If you would prefer, you can pick up a paper copy from your local library, leisure centre or [main local office](#) and return it in the envelope provided.

You can also email letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk or call **0300 131 2 131** (please say 'Let's Talk' when prompted) to request a survey.

You can write to: Let's Talk, North Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Northallerton

Age UK



Age UK are in urgent need of stock for their shops. If you have any unwanted items and are able to help, bags are available to collect from the school office. These will need to be

taken directly to the local shop not school.

Diary Dates and Menu

The diary sheet and menu for the summer term will be sent home with children on the last day of term, Friday 22nd March. These will also be available on our website <http://pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

Trespassers

As the nights get lighter, it is great for children to be able to get outside after school. At this time of year though, we sadly tend to see a rise in trespassers on the school site. Whilst this may seem harmless, we have already noted some deliberate damage to property in the Forest School Area. We ask that families support us by reminding children, including older siblings, to stay off school property out of school hours. There can often be the incorrect belief that a school is public property and anyone can have access. This is absolutely not the case and we ask for support from families in sharing this message to keep our school site safe.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we all have a role to play.

If you have concerns about your own or another child's safety then you can speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead—Mrs Sarah Gillam or our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead—Mrs Nicky Smith.

Anyone can make a referral. If you believe a child to be at immediate risk, call 999. If you believe the situation to be urgent, please call: 0300 131 2 131

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

Bunny Bingo and Spring Raffle

Thursday 21st March Doors open 5:15pm for a 5:30pm start.

The Bunny Drive last year proved very popular with families. This year we hope that our **Bunny Bingo** will be just as enjoyable.

Inspired by the traditional game of Bingo, using quirky rhymes and phrases that help identify numbers with plenty of shouting out, so lots of fun for the whole family. £1 per ticket, purchased on the night with great prizes to be won, refreshments cakes and sweets.

Spring Raffle and Hundred Square Draw

Once again Ryedale Lions Club have very generously donated a wonderful chocolate egg made by Birdgate Chocolatiers. We will be holding a Hundred Square Draw for the chance of winning this egg-cellent confectionary. Squares will be £2 each. If you are unable to attend on the night, don't worry, you can buy a square by sending your money in an envelope with your child's name and class on and we will choose a square(s) at random on your behalf or you may find one of our Friends of School volunteers in the playground some days!

There will also be a raffle running alongside this with tickets available at £1 each for the chance of winning additional prizes. Tickets will also be available from the school office from Monday 18th March.

Thank You from Friends of School

We really hope you can join us for this exciting Bunny Bingo, it's going to be a fun filled night! Without you and your continued support it simply wouldn't be possible to fund some of the amazing things within our school.

So far for the 2023/2024 academic year, with your help, Friends of School have been able to fund things such as the workshops and performances, OPAL equipment and much more.

We thank you for everything you help us do for the school and our children!

If anyone is able to help out with baking of cakes/biscuits for the evening, these would be greatly appreciated. Baking can be brought into school during the day or on the evening (please send a list of ingredients with your items in case of allergies).

