

**Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School**  
**School Newsletter No 11**  
**9th February 2024**



**A half term from the past!**

This half term, the children across school have been learning about the past and from the past. A visit for Reception on Tuesday from the fabulous team at Beck Isle Museum was a great opportunity for parents and children to learn together about toys from the past. This was a lovely way to finish the learning in Reception about toys this half term, comparing old and new toys as well as thinking about toys from the past through stories. The photographs below are from the workshop and parents of Reception children can see more of these through Tapestry.



Years One and Two have been learning about explorers and comparing the adventures of Captain Cook (not to be confused with Captain Hook which was an initial misconception!) as well as Neil Armstrong.

Further information about our curriculum can be found on our school website—[www.pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk) in the Our School section on the Curriculum page.

**Handouts**

**Hard copies:**

- ✿ Sports Club letters for Spring 2—Yrs 1 & 2 only
- ✿ Golf Club letters for Spring 2—Yrs 1 & 2 only
- ✿ Transport letter for pupils using school transport
- ✿ Diary Sheet

**Email copies:**

- ✿ Diary Sheet

**School Day**

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

**Attendance**

Congratulations to **Rabbit Class** for achieving **96.9%** attendance for the two weeks from 29th January to 9th February 2024.





## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February was the national Safer Internet Day. With increasing access to devices that connect to the internet, it is vital that we all know how to keep ourselves and our children safe online. We sent out links and information relating to safety at the start of the week via ParentMail. Further information can be found too on our school website on the 'E Safety' section in our 'Safety and Wellbeing' page.

Keeping safe online is a theme that runs through both our Computing Curriculum and PSHCE/PSED Curriculum and is something that we talk to children about regularly. Tuesday was another opportunity to highlight this and the key messages to our children.

Please remember that most social media sites, such as Facebook, require users to be aged **thirteen** before they can have an account. It is a violation of their terms to provide false details to set up an account. This is to protect children from potential harm.

### Children's Mental Health Week

5th to 11th February is Children's Mental Health Week and the national theme is Connect. As part of our work in this area, children have been exploring different activities based on 'my voice matters'.



Kindness causes elevated levels of dopamine in the brain, helping us feel happier.

#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek



## CROCUS ALERT!

Under our very large beech tree at the front of school there are lots of crocus bulbs springing into life. We have spoken to the children this week about being respectful to nature and staying off the grass under the tree where these bulbs are growing. We kindly ask that parents remind children of this message on your way onto and off the school site.



## World Thinking Day



February 22nd is a day of celebration for all sections of Guides and Scouts across the world.



To support our children in this celebration, we welcome any of our children who are members of Rainbows, Brownies, Squirrels or Beavers to wear their uniform to school on that day. This is an addition to the Diary Dates sheet.

## ParentMail Payment Accounts

As we approach the end of the financial year, we would be extremely grateful if you could ensure that your child's payment accounts are paid up to date. This will include Nursery fees, Nursery Lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club payments through ParentMail. Please could this be done by the end of March. Thank you

## Breakfast and After School Clubs

As a school we recognise that the times of the school day don't always coincide well with the times of a working day. Over recent years we have established and built up our own Breakfast Club and After School Club

provisions to help with this. If you feel that this is something that you would find helpful and would like to take advantage of, please speak to the office. It is open to all children across school including Nursery daily.



### Clubs

**Block One Clubs have now finished.**

**Singing Squad** will continue with the same children throughout the year.

**Block 2 clubs will start after the Easter break for the Summer 1 term (9th April—w/c 20th May) -details during next half term**

**Golf club will start on Thursday 22nd Feb for 5 weeks.**

**Sports club will start on Friday 23rd Feb for 5 weeks.**

### Diary Dates

 **Friday 9th Feb**—School closes for half term

**Monday 19th Feb** — **School reopens**

**Tuesdays weekly**—Year 2 continue swimming


**Wednesday 21st Feb 4pm**—Parents Evening booking sign ups go live on ParentMail

**Thursday 22nd Feb 9am**—Fraud and Scams workshop for parents by Yorkshire Building Society

**Friday 23rd February**—February Birthday Assembly 9.10am

Please remember to keep checking Parent Mail for updates.

## Yorkshire Building Society Fraud and Scams workshop for Parents



**On Thursday 22nd February at 9am** the team at the Yorkshire Building Society will be coming into school to provide parents and carers (and anyone who may be interested) with information about fraud and scams and what to watch out for, how to spot a potential fraud or scam and how to deal with it. Hopefully, they will also be accompanied by a representative from the Citizen's Advice Bureau. Following the session for adults they will be running their Money Minds workshops with the children.

### Staffing Update

Our wonderful After School Club team, Mrs Middleton and Miss Lack, have sadly stepped down from their roles in school. Whilst we are sad to lose them as part of our team, it is because Pickering Preschool is going from strength to strength and, as such, more of their time is needed there. We have begun the recruitment process for new team members and will update you as this progresses.



We have also been informed that Mrs Ashton, our school crossing patrol, is retiring from her post. She will leave today. We have not been told when there will be someone appointed to the role, so please take extra care at the crossing point from after half term as there will be no crossing patrol for now.



## Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved **100%** attendance during the Spring 1 half-term

★ Olivia A	★ Theo H	★ Liam	★ Willow A
★ Maisie Ca	★ Jonny	★ Amelia L-S	★ Charlie
★ Noah D	★ Zaynab	★ Pippa	★ Ethan Ba
★ Delilah	★ Emma	★ Teddie	★ Toby
★ Jack E	★ Lucy	★ Phoebe	★ Bethan
★ Theo E	★ Tristan	★ Hattie	★ Melody
★ Penelope	★ Dalton	★ Jack W	★ Erny
★ Arthur H	★ Lucas	★ Casper	★ Frank
★ Edie	★ Max	★ Zach B	★ Adil
★ Alfie K	★ Elisha	★ Harry B	★ Erin
★ Novalee	★ Ethan Bo	★ Grace B	★ Lily O
★ Alyssia	★ Maisie Co	★ Maisie B	★ Sophie
★ Spencer	★ Fred	★ Aaron	★ Bertie R
★ Alex	★ Connie	★ Henry	★ Lexi
★ Albert T	★ Lily E	★ Lilly F	★ Maddison S
★ Daniel	★ Joseph E	★ Olivia-Rose	★ Charlotte
★ Harry C	★ Liliarna	★ Harry L	★ Francesca
★ Emilia	★ Matilda G	★ Lola	
★ Rowan	★ Noah H	★ George	
★ Finley	★ Evan	★ Katie	

***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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