

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
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12th April 2024



Training Days

Everyone seems to have returned after a fun Easter break. Despite the weather, everyone seems to have enjoyed some relaxation as well as important family time.

We returned to school this term on Tuesday 9th April due to a staff training day. I wanted to take this opportunity to share more information about these, using the latest educational research it reinforces how valuable these are for the staff team, and ultimately our children.

There are five staff training days each school year. This is dedicated time that is used for updating staff qualifications, working together on school development priorities and updating staff knowledge in key areas including the curriculum, safeguarding and Special Educational Needs. Many of these hours are worked on the training days and some are used during several shorter evening sessions throughout the year. These training days are attended (pro-rata) for teachers, teaching assistants and office staff.

This year, the focus of our staff training days has been on;

- first aid training and qualifications
- Focusing on the role of adults and high quality interactions in children's play
- Safeguarding
- Group reading

Handouts:

Emails:

NHS—Children's
Therapy Team Courses

Communication

Please remember to keep checking Parent Mail for updates. We will also continue to use Facebook and Twitter for sharing information and celebrating learning at home and school across our community. Follow us at [facebook.com/PickeringInfant](https://www.facebook.com/PickeringInfant) and [@PickeringInfant](https://twitter.com/PickeringInfant) on Twitter

Please share or retweet your favourite posts



**Congratulations to Rabbit class with 97.1% attendance for
the Spring term**



Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th April—Sports Club for Summer 1 starts

Tuesday 23rd April—Library visit for Squirrel Class—Volunteers required

Thursday 25th April—Class Photographs

Friday 26th April—April Birthday Assembly—9.10am

Monday 29th April -Parent Coffee and Chat with Mrs Gillam—6pm

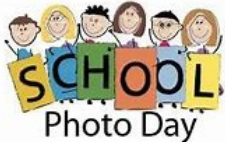
Tuesday 30th April—Library visit for Badger Class—Volunteers required

Thursday 2nd May -Library visit for Rabbit Class—Volunteers required

Friday 3rd May—Non-uniform Day in exchange for a raffle prize

Monday 6th May—May Day—School Closed

Class Photos



Classes will be having their class photographs taken on Thursday 25th April.

And the winner is.....

Congratulations to Mrs Smith who was the lucky winner of our Spring 100 square competition for the Giant Easter Egg generously donated by the Ryedale Lions and made by Birdgate Chocolatiers.



Staff Changes

Following our recent recruitment processes, I am pleased to share that we have appointed Mrs Laura Connors, as After School Club Supervisor, and Ms Kay Crowder, as

After School Club Assistant. These staff may be familiar to a number of our families already, as part of the Pickering Pre School team. Mrs Laura Connors also joins our team of teaching assistants in Reception as Ms Heather McIvor moves onto her new role at Malton Secondary School.

Appointments

We would like to ask that, wherever possible, any appointments for children are made for after school or during holidays rather than during the school day particularly for dentist, doctor and optician appointments. We understand that this is sometimes not possible. In these cases, please let the office know so that they can ensure that lunch orders are correct and know when to expect the adult to collect your child. Please also let them have a copy of your child's appointment letter so that this can be recorded as authorised.

Before and After School Club

Our Before and After School Clubs are located in the bottom classroom on the east side of school. If you stand on Ruffa Lane, this is the furthest classroom to the right and nearest the modular building. We offer Before and After School Club places on either a regular or ad-hoc basis, as and when you need the provision for any children who attend our school. Our school based staff Mrs Johnson and Mrs Nichols run our Before School Club and Mrs Connors and Ms Crowder run our After School Club. Our After School Club runs from the end of the school day until 5pm and includes a light tea and refreshment after a busy school

day. The cost of the After School Club is £3.00 between 3.25pm and 4pm; £7.00 between 3.25pm and 5pm, including a light snack and drink; Further information and booking forms can all be found on our website at <http://pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk/before-and-after-school-club-provision/> Alternatively call in, telephone or email the school office.

Parent Governor Election Result

Following the recent Parent Governor Election process, we would like to welcome Miss Alice Coates to join our Governing Board.

Shelving/Bookcases required

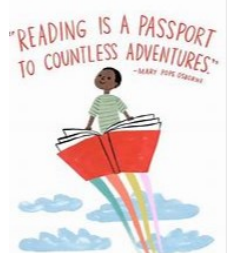


The children have planned to introduce a new lending library in our small playground shed (Lavender's Cabin). To get this established we are in need of bookcases and shelving to store the

books. If anyone one has any bookcases or shelving that are surplus to requirements that they would be willing to donate to school they would be gratefully received. If you are able to help us out at all please let us know by emailing the office at admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk phoning us or calling in at the office.

Reading

Sharing a bedtime story every night can have a huge positive impact on so many things. Book Trust share that, 'Reading at home not only increases academic ability, but it also helps to strengthen family relationships and foster a lifelong love of books ' Even when children can read books themselves, sharing bedtime stories together still remains one of the best things that you can do with your child to support learning at home.



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

Pickering Community Celebrates



Earth Day

Saturday 20th April

All events **FREE**

Go Wild!
Create a crafty caterpillar
Listen to wildlife stories &
become a bug explorer!



 Beck Isle Museum
10-3

Plus:
Waste Not Want Not
Fun activities & showcases to
help you become more
eco-friendly and
self-sufficient.



 Hungate Centre
11-3

A range of engaging activities
across Pickering to inspire us to
provide more space for nature
in our gardens

Nature & Wildlife Fair
Visit stalls about our amazing
local wildlife and learn how
you can help



 Memorial Hall
10-3

**Wildlife Photography
Exhibition**
Stunning photos of local
wildlife taken by local
photographers



 Pickering Library
12th-26th
April



Full details of all events: www.ryedaleenvirogroup.co.uk/ed24