

**Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School**  
**School Newsletter**  
**Newsletter No 15 26th April 2024**



## **Rainbow Award Certificates**

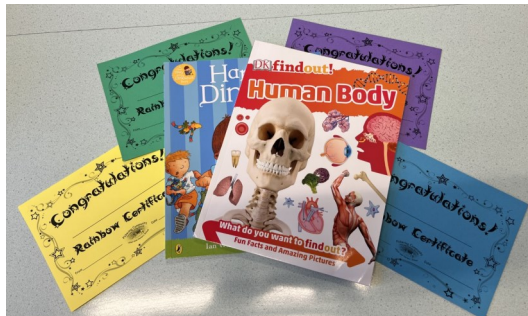
It is always a pleasure to see so many children coming to the office for their Rainbow Award Certificates. From Reception, each class has an eight-step chart to celebrate children meeting behaviour expectations. At the end of the eight steps, children are awarded a certificate, one for each colour of the rainbow. Once the child reaches their blue certificate, they are also awarded a book along with their certificate which we aim to present during a school assembly. Certificates are alternately awarded by class teacher and head teacher.

Our school motto 'Learning, caring, sharing' is the basis of our school behaviour expectations, which are;

**Be respectful**

**Be kind and helpful**

**Be the best you**



Further information about our Rainbow Award system and our Expectations can be found in our Behaviour Policy, which is available on request from the school office and on our school website on the 'Policies' page of the 'Our School' section or on the Behaviour Page in the 'Safety and Wellbeing' section.

### **Handouts:**

- 🐾 Class photograph information letter
- 🐾 Sun Safety in School form

### **Email:**

- 🐾 Sun Safety in School













## **Attendance News**

**Rabbit Class** achieved an excellent **97%** attendance for the two weeks from 15th April to 26th April 2024



## Reminders.....

-  Monday 29th April—Coffee and Chat with Mrs Gillam 6pm—All welcome (See Parentmail)
-  Tuesday 30th April—Library Visit—Badger Class—Volunteers required
-  Thursday 2nd May—Library Visit—Rabbit Class—Volunteers required
-  Friday 3rd May—Non uniform day—in exchange for a raffle prize
-  Monday 6th May—May Bank Holiday- **School Closed**
-  Tuesday 7th May—Library Visit—Butterfly Class—volunteers required
-  Tuesday 7th May—Friends of School Meeting—7pm at the Wine Bar—All welcome
-  Thursday 9th May— Library Visit—Ladybird Class—Volunteers required
-  Thursday 16th May—FoS Pub Quiz at the Sunn Inn—don't forget to book a table!
-  Friday 17th May—Sports Day

### Sports Day



Sports Day will hopefully take place on Friday 17th May starting promptly at 1.10pm. Please can we ask that you are seated by this time because there are many races to get through. The seating area will be on the opposite site of the trim trail. For Health and Safety reasons please keep toddlers with you at all times. Full details of the races are on the programme which will be sent via

email with the next school newsletter on 10th May. Should the weather be wet or rainy a ParentMail message will be sent out to parents by 11.30am cancelling sports day. Our reserve day is Friday 24th May should we be unable to go ahead on 17th May.

### Email Addresses

For reporting absences or for before and after school club bookings please use Mrs Cook's email address; [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)  
For any other enquires please use Mrs Newby's email address; [admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)  
For class based queries please use class email addresses. Remember that these are checked daily before your class start time. Your email will be read but you may not get an immediate response.

### Exciting News!

Mr and Mrs Metcalfe are delighted to share that they are expecting an addition to their family in September. Arrangements for Mrs Metcalfe's maternity cover from September will be shared as part of the class information for September, next half term.

### Reading—Books Not Returned

As a school we want to promote the love of reading, not only at school but at home also and have invested heavily in buying new books for this purpose. Since February, we have been sending home reading books for your child to share with you in the comfort of your own home. We asked that children keep their book in their book bag, along with their busy book, and bring it into school every day so that we can also read it with them in school. The books

are then collected in and a new book given out each week.

To ensure that we have always got a sufficient number of books available throughout school to allow a book to be sent home with every child, we advised in the class newsletter sent out on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, that if the book was not returned there would be a small charge of £3 to go towards replacing the book which will be payable through our ParentMail +Pay system.

### Uniform

Whilst we don't have a strict uniform policy in school, we know that all children wearing a school uniform leads to a greater feeling of unity and community, which are important for good behaviour and positive attitudes to learning. Over recent weeks, we have seen a number of non-uniform items appearing in some classrooms. I would like to remind parents that we ask that children wear the following items

- \* jade green sweatshirt or cardigan
- \* white shirt or polo shirt
- \* grey skirt, dress or trousers, or a green gingham summer dress where appropriate
- \* black school shoes or plain black trainers with plain socks

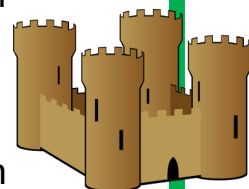
Items can be bought with the school logo on but this is not compulsory. Uniform items are available in a range of shops and supermarkets. We also have a number of second hand uniform items available from the office. Further information can be found on the

Uniform page in the Parent section of the school website.

We have also seen a number of children wearing temporary tattoos. We ask that where children have temporary tattoos put on during weekends and holidays, that these are removed for school. There are lots of suggestions about the best way to remove these, including with tape or baby oil.

### Pickering Castle Pass

Pickering castle on Castlegate is managed by English Heritage and is open to visitors from April to October. Residents of Pickering can obtain a pass which gives them free entry into the castle. The pass is available from the town council office between 9 am and 12 noon, Monday to Friday. Residents will need to bring an official document showing their address, a passport sized photograph which can be attached to the pass and £1.00 to cover the administration cost. The pass is valid whilst the holder is a resident of Pickering.



### Nut Aware!

Please remember that we are a 'Nut Aware School'! We have members of our school community with an allergy to nuts, including airborne and through touch. We ask that no nuts or any products containing nuts are brought into school, including for packed lunches and empty packaging used for junk modelling too. We are incredibly grateful for your support and compassion in this respect.





# Friends of School Newsletter

Contact us at [fos@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:fos@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

20th April 2024

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

We are heading into the busiest term so thought we would share some dates for your diary!

**Friday 3rd May** Non-uniform day in exchange for a raffle prize donation.

**Tuesday 7th May** FOPINS committee meeting at The Wine Bar, all welcome!

**Thursday 16th May** The Sun Inn Pub Quiz

**Tuesday 4th June** FOPINS committee meeting at The Wine Bar, all welcome!

**Thursday 6th June** Sponsored Bounce

**Saturday 15th June** Pickering Open Gardens - do you know someone who could open their garden? Please get in touch!

**Friday 28th June** Summer Fair

**Tuesday 2nd July** FOPINS committee meeting at The Wine Bar, all welcome!

**Thursday 18th July** Year 2 Leavers Party



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Bunny Bingo before the Easter holidays. It was a brilliant night and one we will absolutely do again! A big thank you to the Ryedale Lions for donating the amazing chocolate egg - with all your support we raised £488 which has been match funded - so doubled to £976!



We still have an almost impossibly small Friends of School team and we need your help! There's no obligation to help at every event or come to every committee meeting but knowing there were more people we could ask for help during the year would be amazing. Please get in touch via the e-mail at top of newsletter or WhatsApp / message Phoebe on 07969 958183.

## MATCH FUNDING



### Could you double our funds?!

Does your employer offer a match funding scheme? This can make A HUGE difference to our fundraising. This is when a company would match our fundraising, for example we raise £500, they match it with £500. We are so grateful to Jane from Barclays in Pickering and Jim Holliday from Lloyds Banking Group who regularly support us!

Find us on 

Please join our public Facebook group to stay up to date with goings on (and help us shout about them too!)

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/FOPINS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/FOPINS)

# Please park considerately



Do not block driveways or obstruct the pavement. Doing so may result in a fine or your vehicle being removed.



## 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](mailto:admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)

For attendance/absences - [admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk)