

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 16

10th May 2024



Balance Bikes

We are delighted to have recently taken delivery of six new balance bikes to be shared across Nursery and Reception thanks to the financial support of Pickering Town Community Interest Company (PTCIC). PTCIC are also supporting us with regular servicing of the bikes through another of their projects with Ryedale Out Of School Education (ROOSE). It is fabulous to have been included in this valuable community project to support children with learning to ride safely.



PTCIC have also offered training for one of our staff team to become our cycling champion! Mrs Weighell will undertake this training soon to be able to take on this role! A huge thank you to Carrie and the team at PTCIC. You can find out more about what they're doing in the area through their page on Facebook—search for Pickering Town Community Interest Company.

Handouts

Hard copies:

- Sponsored Bounce Sponsor Form
- Sports Day Programme

Email Attachments:

- Educational Visits Local Area Update
- Educational Visits Policy
- Sports Day Programme

Attendance

Congratulations to both **Rabbit and Badger Class** with **97.5%** attendance for the two weeks 29th April—10th May



Reminders

Thursday 16th May — Friends of School Pub Quiz at the Sun Inn, Pickering 8pm—don't forget to book a table for your team (contact the Sun Inn directly)

Friday 17th May—Sports Day—Please be seated by 1.10pm (Families welcome)

Monday 20th May— Bedtime Story Event from 3.25pm (Children only)

Tuesday 21st May—KS1 Rubicon Skate Boarding Day (Children only during school time)

Reception Allotment Visit (TBC)

Friday 24th May— May Birthday Assembly—9.10am (Families welcome)

Reserve Sports day

Break up for half term

Monday 3rd June—School reopens to children

Thursday 6th June- Sponsored Bounce (Children only in school time)

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 on the school field by this time because there many races to get through. The seating area will be on the opposite side 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 today. Should the weather be wet or rainy a ParentMail message will be sent out to parents by 11.30am

postponing sports day. Our reserve day is Friday 24th May should we be unable to go ahead on 17th May.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEOS WITH YOUR MOBILE PHONE OR A CAMERA —Thank you

ATTENTION



No Photographs
Please respect the privacy of others.

DO NOT
take photographs on the school grounds
Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Whilst we know that this is disappointing, we do not have permission for some of our children to be included in photographs or any form of social media outside of school.



Sponsored Bounce

This is always a much anticipated event in the school calendar. On **Thursday 6th June**, Friends of School (FoS) will have a bouncy castle in the hall (or outside, weather permitting) for the children to use as classes. Each child will be asked to bounce as part of a small group from their class in order to raise money for Friends of School (FoS). Sponsor forms are being sent out in book bags today. This is to give families a few weeks before the event to speak to family and friends to ask if they are able to help with sponsorship. We appreciate that family budgets are being increasingly squeezed from many sides and we appreciate any and all sponsorship that you are able to raise. Even if you are unable to help with sponsorship on this occasion, all children will still have the opportunity to bounce with their class. Please send the sponsor form into school **on the day** so that a member of the FoS can sign them.

Facebook

Facebook continues to be a well used social media tool. Some members of staff have their own Facebook accounts but I would ask that, unless you are already a friend of a member of staff or governor outside of school, that you don't make friend requests to them. Whilst staff aim to build positive relationships with parents and carers, it is important that staff have a clear boundary between their professional and personal lives. Please don't be offended if staff members and governors refuse friend requests as this is what they have agreed to do in our school acceptable use of technology and safeguarding agreements.



Please keep up to date with what's going on in school through our social media accounts.

Pickering Open Gardens



Explore 20 private and community gardens in the heart of historic Pickering

Sat 15th June

Pickering open gardens is a community event being held on **Saturday 15th June 10am—5pm** where you can come and enjoy the hidden gems of Pickering, from sprawling gardens to charming courtyards and flourishing allotments, and everything in between!

An event for all the family and a fabulous day out exploring some of

Pickering's much loved gardens, be inspired and maybe enjoy a cream tea or two!

All proceeds are to be shared between Pickering Infant and Nursery school and Pickering Junior School.

A program including a map of all the gardens will be released prior to the event and can be purchased through school or at Reeds newsagents. £5 per ticket, accompanied under 16s free.

Water Bottles

Please make sure that your child brings a clearly named water bottle containing water (not juice or flavoured water) into school. Fruit squash and flavoured waters are acidic and can cause tooth erosion, particularly when drunk between meals. Water bottles in classes are for keeping children hydrated and must therefore contain only plain water.



Parking

PWe have recently received complaints from our neighbours regarding parents parking across driveways and at road ends obstructing junctions during drop off and collection times. Whilst we know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult, we do need to be considerate where our neighbours are concerned and ask that parents are considerate in their parking. Please remember that we have the parking permit system in place to help with this. For a charge of £5, an annual permit

can be purchased for Eastgate car park for parking until 9.15am and between 3.15pm and 3.40pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase a permit for this year. Alternatively, this can be accessed on our website under 'Parents' and 'Travelling to school'.

The staff car park in front of school is for staff only and must not be used by parents to drop off or collect their children from school. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lanes and parking tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. It is essential these are kept clear at the start and end of the school day. In order to try and resolve this issue, the local PCSO has been informed and will be regularly patrolling the area.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our parents who make use of this scheme or who ensure that they park safely and courteously around school.

Shelving/Bookcases urgently 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 has any bookcases or shelving units 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.

Library Visits

The children who have had chance to go to the library so far this term have really enjoyed their chance to share stories and to choose books to take home. Please could we remind parents to remember to return library books to the library as late returns do incur a late return fee. We are aware there are several books which have not yet been returned, please may we ask for you to have a look around and return them as soon as possible. If you find it difficult to get to the library please return books to school and Mrs Smith has kindly offered to return them on your behalf.



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