

**Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School**  
**School Newsletter No 20**  
**12th July 2024**



**The end of the year**

The end of another academic year is almost upon us and it is once again the time to look back and reflect. Our school is a special place where great things happen every day and together we live out our 'Learning, Caring, Sharing' motto.

It has been an incredibly busy year in school with children focusing on learning across a broad range of themes. Our huge successes with the OPAL programme have been a great celebration of years of hard work from the team in this area this year. There are so many other things to celebrate. None more important than the many and varied achievements and progress of each and every one of our children over the last academic year!

What we achieve as a school is down to the hard work, determination and dedication of each and every member of the school community: children and their families, staff and volunteers and the wider community who support us in so many different ways. I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank each and every one of those people for what they have given to the community to make it what it is. It has been a pleasure and an honour as ever to work as part of an amazing staff team to lead our wonderful school!

For all of those children and families leaving us at the end of the term, we wish you all the best for the future and for everyone we hope you have a relaxing, fun filled summer break.



**Handouts:**

- ☺ Food in School Holiday letter— Eligible children only
- ☺ Transport letters— Rec/Yr1 Transport children only
- ☺ Autumn 1 Sports club for September
- ☺ Autumn 1 Golf club for September
- ☺ FoS Silent Auction form

**Email:**

- ☺ Autumn Term Dinner Menu - Hardcopy will be sent out in September
- ☺ Autumn Term 1 Diary Sheet— 19/7/24 (not Y2) Hardcopy will be sent out in September

**Attendance**

Congratulations to **Rabbit Class** for achieving **96.4%** attendance during the summer term



## Ofsted

Families will be aware that this week saw our routine Ofsted Inspection. This took place on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July. It was a very busy two days during which time staff, children and families took the opportunity to show inspectors what life is like at our wonderful school. Whilst we all appreciate the need to hold schools accountable for the education and pastoral support that they offer our children, it can be a very busy and stressful time, especially at this time in the school year. We greatly appreciate parental feedback to the inspectors but all of your kind words of support and encouragement during this time too. Again, this reflected the caring and wonderful school community that we are all lucky enough to be a part of. We now await the report before we can share any details of the findings of the inspectors. Unfortunately, staff will not be able to share any feedback until then. Given the very late date in the school year that the inspection took place, we do not expect to have the report before the end of term. We will make sure that, once it is released, we will share with current Year Two parents as well.

## Family Picnic

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of our families as we can to the family picnic on the field at **12 noon on Friday 19th July**.

All children who usually have a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch.



The event takes place during school time. Children are encouraged to sit with their family. Staff will be on hand throughout the lunchtime period. Children are expected to follow our school expectations throughout this time, including sitting down together to eat their lunch. Our Year Two children may, after their lunch, use markers and pens to sign each other's t-shirts or dresses, with permission from parents. This is for our Year Two children only.

All children **MUST** return to classes when the bell rings at 1pm. School will close at around 1.10pm for all children for the start of the summer holidays! In the event of inclement weather an email will be sent by 11am. In these circumstances we would only be able to accommodate children inside for a picnic.

## Attendance

Thank you to everyone for helping to support your child in working towards achieving a good level of attendance. Those children with 100% attendance for the year will be bringing home a celebration certificate this week. Congratulations! A list of our 100% achievers for this term can be found on the last page. Well done everyone!



## Year Two Leavers Event Thursday 18th July 5.30-7.00pm

A fun event open to all our Year 2 children, this event is fully funded and organised by our Friends of Pickering Infant & Nursery School. Parents/carers are to sign their child/children in from 5.30pm and must state who will

be collecting them at 7pm. The children will be given pizza and a drink. We look forward to seeing as many Year Two's who can make this event as possible for a fun filled evening. A BIG THANKYOU to friends of school for organising this event

### Menu Change

#### Wednesday 17th July



There will be a change to the published menu on Wednesday 17th July. Instead of the Gammon choice we will be serving;

Battered fish, chips, peas and sweetcorn or

Cheese sandwich or

V chilli jacket potato

The dessert option will remain the same.

### Reading Books

School reading books will have been collected in.



Please search in toy boxes, on shelves and in rooms for any books which may have got lost over the course of the year. Over summer you continue to have access to Bug Club . Please remember there is the summer reading challenge at Pickering Library too.

### PE Kits

As we get to the end of the school year and children grow out of their PE kits from this year, we would ask that, if anyone is able to, to donate this clothing to school. This will be offered to families who are struggling to buy all items of uniform needed or will be used as spare kit in classrooms for anyone who forgets or doesn't have PE kits with them. If you have anything that you're willing to donate, please drop it off in the office. Clean underwear in reasonable condition would also be welcome as donations for those odd occasions where children have a toileting accident.



happy  
holidays!

## Governor's Report - July 2024

As we reach the end of our academic year, governors would like to take the opportunity to express their appreciation for the hard work of our staff, volunteers, but most of all, the achievements of our children. The term has seen hard work from both the children and staff working together, which has made the school a fantastic learning environment.

This final term of the year is always exiting for the children, with additional activities over and above the usual curriculum work. The last few weeks have gone by in a flash, however, the weather could have been more helpful for outside events.

The levels of attendance of our children remains constant with the previous year which is good in a sense, but we still would still like to see an improvement in the overall attendance. Early years is a very important foundation on which the children build for the remaining of their school life, so we can't stress enough the importance of all children doing their very best to attend school at all times.

From these strong foundations our Year 2 children have developed well during the year and we are sure they are all looking forward to moving up to the Juniors School in September. We wish them all the very best and we are sure they are going to enjoy their new experiences.

All staff and governors have continued with their Safeguarding training and are up to date with the current recommendations. Advisors have visited to support our work in EYFS, focusing on what implementation documents could be adapted to better fit with EYFS principles as well as high quality interactions, with particular focus this year on supporting our staff with developing the outdoor areas.

As I come to the end of my third year as Chair of Governors, I continue to be spellbound by all that is achieved in our Infant and Nursery school. It is a real honour to be part of the school and would recommend anyone who is considering becoming a governor to contact the office for further information.

Finally, we hope you have a wonderful Summer break and we look forward to seeing you at the start of the Autumn term.

John Goodyear

Chair of Governors

***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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*Special Congratulations go to our children who have achieved 100% attendance throughout the whole Year*

Arthur H  
Aaron  
Joey E

Erin  
Theo

## **Congratulations!**

To our children who have achieved 100% attendance during this term

Olivia A  
Oswald  
Theo E  
Arthur H  
Ruby  
Felix  
Alex  
Albert T  
Aubrey  
Daniel  
Dolly  
Lana  
Theo H  
Lucy

Elisha  
Fred  
Connie  
Joey E  
Evan  
Liam  
Evie M  
Hattie  
Kai  
Zach B  
Leticia  
Aaron  
Henry  
Willow N

Leo  
Katie  
Albie W  
Maisie A  
Charlie  
Erny  
Erin  
Elliot  
Sophie  
Charlotte  
Harry W