

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 1

6th September 2024



Welcome to a new school year!

We have had a great first week in school and it has been lovely to welcome children and families to or back to school. Children in Nursery have enjoyed seeing their classroom and meeting the staff, who are looking forward to them starting or continuing their learning journey with us. Children in Reception, Year One and Two have already had a busy start to the school year. There are some photos below which give a glimpse into school life this week. You can keep up to date with what's going on in school through social media, too. Further details are on the last page.



A close partnership between home and school is vitally important for us in working to achieve the best for all of our children. By working together and communicating openly, we can ensure that we do our very best for each child and their family. We will always welcome communication with you about your child so if you do have any queries or comments, please do get in touch with us.

It is fabulous to be back in school again. Thank you for the welcome backs this week. Staff would also like to say a huge thank you for the cards, gifts and lovely words at the end of last school year. Whilst in no way expected, these were all gratefully received.

Handouts

Email:

- ✿ Autumn term menu
- ✿ Sept/Oct Diary Sheet
- ✿ Packed Lunch Policy—Packed Lunch children only

Hard copies:

- ✿ Sept/Oct Diary Sheet
- ✿ Autumn term menu
- ✿ Breakfast club and After School Club information





Sharing Information

We share information with parents through Parent Mail and through some paper letters. If information has been shared or is being shared with you other than in the newsletter, this will be listed in the handouts section on the front cover of the newsletter. If you have not received any of these, please contact the office for another copy.

Change of Details

Please remember to let school know if you change your mobile phone number, landline number, email address or move house so that we can amend our records accordingly. Also, if there is any other information relating to your child, ie medical issues, that we need to know about please call at the office so that records can be updated.

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

For any other enquires please use Mrs Newby's email address;

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.

Parking

A quick reminder for all parents that the staff car park in front of school is for staff only. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lanes and parking

tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. For the safety of all of our children, it is essential these are clear at the start and end of the school day. We know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult but 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 3.20pm and 3.35pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase a permit. Payment is made through Parentmail but you also need to complete the accompanying form for the permit, available from the school office.

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.

Clothing in school

Children in Rec, Year One and Year Two need to wear school uniform to school each day. There is an attachment accompanying this letter that gives further information about this.

Reception children and any children new to school in other year groups will soon bring home a school PE bag, generously funded by our Friends of School. Children will need a named, plain, round neck white t-shirt, named, plain black or blue shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms and suitable named footwear for PE outside, preferably with Velcro fastenings. **Reception will not**

need their PE kits yet and class teachers will let you know in the class newsletter when you need to bring these in.

As we move into autumn, we ask that children have a named pair of wellingtons that fit them, a waterproof coat and, ideally, waterproof trousers. If you have any difficulty with these, please contact us and we'll do what we can to help so that children can get fully involved in their outdoor learning. Please be aware that the pairs of wellies will be stored outside overnight under the shelter during term time.

Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind, the charity that supports school PTAs, have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our FoS. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school. Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. Please sign up if you have the Asda rewards app!

Plea

If anyone has any socks, underwear and uniform 'bottoms', ie, skirts, shorts or trousers that are no longer in use at home but could be used as spares in school we would very much welcome any donations please.

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are important to a child's success in all aspects of school life. It has an impact on progress and achievement as well as friendships. Thank you to all of those parents who ensure that they arrive at school on time every day.

A quick checklist of reminders:

- 🔔 Telephone school on the first day of your child's absence
- 🔔 Ensure that your contact details are up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for information
- 🔔 Be firm with your child about their attendance
- 🔔 Try to arrange appointments out of school time
- 🔔 If problems persist then do not hesitate to contact us to discuss them

Lateness

Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child

- ☹️ Missing important information about the day in registration
- ☹️ It may be embarrassing to walk into a lesson that has already started
- ☹️ Missing even part of a lesson can be difficult to catch up on
- ☹️ It can affect behaviour and self-esteem

If your child is late or going to be late:

- ☹️ Contact us and let us know why
- ☹️ Take your child to the office and then sign them in the late book
- ☹️ Come and see us if you have any difficulties

Lateness and absence is checked weekly by the Headteacher

Class and School email addresses

Mrs Green	rabbits@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Bointon	hedgehogs@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Smith	squirrels@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Robson	butterfly@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Carter	badgers@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Duck and Mrs Dunsmore	nursery@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Office

General - Mrs Newby	admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Absences/before and after	admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
School club etc—Mrs Cook	

Office Hours

Mrs Newby—All day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Wednesday morning only

Mrs Cook—Mornings daily, Monday and Wednesday afternoons

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



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