

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 2
20th September 2024



Reading and Parental Involvement

Reading is a hugely vital life skill that opens up endless opportunities for children as they grow and learn.

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the Reception reading workshop on Wednesday after school. We hope that you found it useful. We appreciate that the time of this would not have suited all of our parents and staff will share some of the information covered on Tapestry and via class newsletter to make sure that everyone gets the same information.

Reading is an important skill for children to master. It supports their development of language and opens up a whole world of information through which they can access all sorts of information and learning about the world that we live in and the world of imagination too! We greatly appreciate parental support around reading; both helping children to read their school reading books and access Bug Club but in sharing books at home too.

Next week, all Year One and Two children will be assigned new books on their Bug Club login (Details in the reading section of their Busy Book) and will have already brought a reading book home.



Handouts:

- ⇒ 'Build a Burger' Autumn Lunch letter packed lunch children only
- ⇒ Magic Mike Disco letter Rec, Yr1 and Yr2 only

Email:

- ⇒ Open Afternoon Poster



Attendance News

Congratulations to **Squirrels Class** for **98%** attendance for the first part of the Autumn term.



Exciting News!

We are delighted to be able to share with you that the Metcalfe family welcomed baby Aoife a little earlier than expected at the end of August. The family are delighted with their new addition who has settled in wonderfully. Her big sister is very proud! I am sure that you will join me in sharing our congratulations with them. We look forward to meeting Aoife later this term.



Individual School Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 23rd September. All the children have an individual photograph taken. If there are siblings in school, they will also have a photograph taken together. The children will bring home details of how to place an order, however you are under no obligation to buy.



Flu Vaccinations in School



For Reception Y1 and Y2

If your child is of Reception age, Year one or Year two and you would like them to receive this year's flu vaccination in school, please complete the online consent form at <https://yny.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

The vaccination team will be coming into school on **Monday 11th November** for the children whose parents have opted for the vaccination.

Birthdays

The celebration assembly for children who have had their birthday during the month of September will be Friday 27th September at **9.10am**. If we can ask parents to wait at the gate to the Eastwing playground, to the right of the school building as you come up the path.



Parents have enquired whether they are able to bring a treat for children in their child's class for their child's birthday. There is no expectation that you will share anything with the class. We teach the children that no food is bad for you if eaten in appropriate moderation and as part of a well-balanced diet. However, with the frequency of birthdays in classes, these are becoming more of a norm than an exception. With this in mind and the development of our food curriculum and food policy we are therefore asking parents not to bring sweets and treats in for birthday celebrations. We appreciate that these are often part of birthday celebrations but would appreciate your support with this.

School Office

During afternoons there is usually only one member of staff in the office. We ask for your patience in giving them time to answer the phone and door at these times. We have two phone lines and so your call may ring in the office but if the member of staff is away from their desk or on another line, they will not be able to answer straight away.

Playground Equipment

Please may we ask that in a morning the children do not touch or use the equipment out on the playgrounds.

School Caretaker Vacancy

An opportunity has arisen within our school as North Yorkshire Council are looking to appoint a caretaker to work with our current team. If this is an area of interest please click the links below for more information and how to apply. The closing date for both posts is **30th September 2024**.

[Caretaker 2 Pickering Infant School, \(FSC104807\) \(engageats.co.uk\)](#)

Autumn Lunch Menu



Thursday 3rd October is our whole school Autumn lunch where we invite children who usually bring a packed lunch to join us for a hot meal.

The menu on this day will be-

Burger in a Bun

(Chicken, Beef or Vegetarian Burger)

Ketchup, Mixed Salad

Skinny Fries

Muffin

Fresh Fruit

All dietary requirements catered for

Dates for your Diary

- ✂ **Monday 23rd Sept**—Individual photographs
- ✂ **Tuesday 24th Sept**—Open Afternoon 3.30pm—4.45pm
- ✂ **Wednesday 25th Sept**—KS1 Pickering Walk

- ✂ **Friday 27th Sept**— September Birthday Assembly 9.10am
- ✂ **Wednesday 2nd Oct**—KS1 Outdoor Learning Event 3.30pm
- ✂ **Thursday 3rd Oct**—Autumn Lunch
- ✂ **Friday 4th Oct**—Magic Mike Disco (FoS)

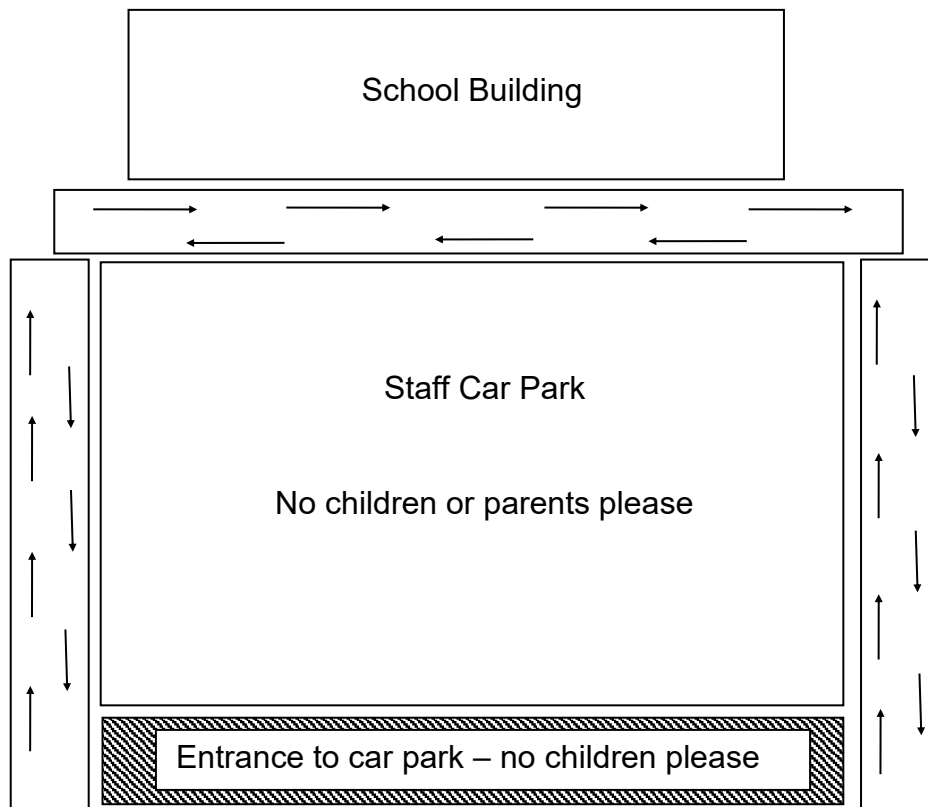
Open Afternoons

A reminder that our Open Afternoon will take place on **Tuesday 24th September 2024 from 3.45pm** and it would be lovely to see some of our current families as well as some potential new ones. Everybody is welcome. There is a flyer attached about this. It says that booking is preferred—the main reason for this is to make sure that we have enough samples of our school desserts!

On this date, we are hoping to be able to share the most recent developments in our Sensory Garden too. Mr Eddon (Parent to two children in school and Parent Governor) has been working with Mrs Smith, Mrs Carter and a team of dedicated staff who have generously given their time to support the updates. This is an amazing space that we can't wait to get up and running using again. If any parents or family members would be willing to give any time to support the children in this area particularly with planting and general gardening, please get in touch with the office to discuss with our Volunteer Leader, Mrs Smith.

There will be a further opportunity to explore our outdoor spaces, with a focus on how we use them as part of our curriculum learning, at the event for Year One and Two families on Wednesday 2nd October.

Safe School Access



The safety of our pupils is paramount and that is why we ask that parents do not walk across the car park at drop off times but rather use the paths to the right and left of the car park (as above). The reason for this arrangement is that some of our staff arrive between 8.45 and 9am and leave between 3.25 and 3.40pm. They are always vigilant and ensure that there are no children behind them as they reverse, but to minimise the risk, I would stress the importance of using the paths.

Please could I also ask that parents do not let children climb on the grassed hill next to the car park. There is a steep drop at the other side of this.

It has been lovely to see some of the children arriving on scooters and bikes! Please ask your child to push these rather than ride them on school grounds as the paths can get busy and there are steep slopes leading directly to the road. There is a scooter and bike park at the entrance to the Reception playground where children are welcome to leave these during the day. These are left entirely at parents' own risk.

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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