

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
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Democracy

This week the children in Key stage One have been looking at democracy both in assemblies and in class. We have discussed democracy as a way of choosing people who will help somewhere to make decisions about how things happen, for example, Government, school governors, our school councillors and Eco Monitors. The children further discussed 'How does voting work?' One person = one vote. Every vote of equal importance. The children in each class discussed the necessary skills for the School councillors and Eco Monitors and then took a vote within the classes to elect their class representatives.



Outdoor Learning

This week we held a Key Stage One outdoor learning event to enable parents to see how our outdoor space is used for all aspects of the curriculum. We are lucky to have such amazing spaces outside our school building but also on school site to use. Our Forest School Area, Sensory Garden and great outdoor spaces are utilised across all curriculum areas for learning regardless of weather. We also use our community and town, with Year 1 and 2 recently walking into Pickering Town for their geography learning focusing on mapping skills.

Handouts

Email:

Hard copies:

- Individual school photos and covering letter

School Day

Rec, Y1 and Y2
doors open at
8.55am and close
at 9.05am. End of
day is 3.25pm

Attendance News

Congratulations to **Badger Class** for **98.1%**
attendance for the last two weeks 23rd
September—4th October



Newsletters - These are emailed to you - school newsletter and a class newsletter on alternate weeks.

Diary Dates - At the beginning of the term Mrs Cook prepares a dates sheet to help you with forward planning. We try and organise things in advance but do watch out for inevitable changes.

Handouts - Handouts may also come home. On the front of the school newsletter a list which details handouts over the last two weeks. Please check to make sure that you have them all.

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. At this time of year in particular, children can pick up a number of different illnesses (as do we all!) It is sometimes difficult to know whether to send them to school or not. The following link has some useful information about different common illnesses — <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

From our own experiences, we know that some illnesses make us feel worse at the start and end of the day. If children start to feel better once this period is over, even after the start of the school day, please bring them to school as this will mean that they're not missing as much of their learning and still get to spend time with their friends.

Drinking Water in school

Having regular drinks of water throughout the day is vital for us all to keep hydrated. Being hydrated supports children with their concentration and learning. Children have access to water during the day but it is far easier for them, and for classes, if children have their own water bottle in classrooms. These need to be filled with water, and not juice. They should be taken home each day to be washed and refilled. If you feel that your child is not drinking much water during the day, please speak to their class teacher.



Names in clothing

There are growing 'mountains' of unnamed clothes in school! Please, please, please ensure that all items, including tights, PE kits, shoes, coats etc are named. It may sound over the top but when changing for PE trying to identify which shoes and tights belong to each child can be challenging, especially if they have no names in!

Safeguarding

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we will be taking part in our annual Local Authority review of safeguarding arrangements in our school and on the school site. As part of this, Local Authority Advisor, Karen Butler, will be on school site on the morning of Wednesday 9th October. She will be outside from 8.30am to speak to parents and carers about safeguarding. Some of our safeguarding information can be found in the 'Safety and Wellbeing' section of the school website.

'I need to talk'

Life is incredibly busy and sometimes we all need the opportunity to sit down with someone and talk about things. Our staff work hard to build positive relationships with the children to ensure that they all feel that the staff across school are safe adults who they can talk to. Sometimes though they may be a little unsure about how to ask an adult for some time to talk. In every class, there is a 'feelings tree' where children are encouraged to put their photo on appropriate leaves to reflect their feelings across the day. The class teachers have a smaller version of this near their desk which children can put their photo from the larger tree onto to indicate that they need to talk. Please remind the children of this system at home to help them to understand that this is something that they should do if they need to.

SAY CHEESE!



Photograph Orders

If you wish to place an order for your child's school photograph please don't forget that **orders need to be made online by Monday 7th October**. Instructions of how to access your child's photograph can be found on the proof sent home on 23rd September.

School Crossing Patrol

We have been working in consultation with our local PCSO and contacts at the local authority to find clarity on the situation with the school crossing patrol. Historically, we have been lucky enough to have a school crossing patrol on Ruffa Lane at the end of the Whitby Road end slope coming down from school. When our most recent crossing



patrol, Mrs Ashton, retired in February this year, there was a risk assessment completed by the Road Safety and Active Travel Team at North Yorkshire Council. Within this, they consider the volume of traffic at busier times of the day, visibility, including lighting, and accident records in the area. Unfortunately, the overall score for this crossing point was not high enough for North Yorkshire to recruit to fill this post. There will, therefore, be no crossing patrol on Ruffa Lane.

We will continue to monitor the situation and share updates with our area advisor about this and thank the parents who also gave feedback to this team. Thank you also to the parents and carers who have made other suggestions about ways forward with this.

Clubs

After school activity clubs for Years One and Two will begin after the half term break, together with Sports Club and Golf Club. Golf Club will be changing to take place on a Thursday afternoon. Details of the clubs being offered will be sent home over the next couple of weeks, so please check book bags for this information.

End of Day Late Collection

We appreciate that it can be exceptionally busy for all involved in school life and there are times where you may be delayed in collecting your child. If you are running late for collection we would always appreciate a call to inform us. If you are late to collect, children will be taken to our afterschool club, as it is not always possible to remain with staff members or stay in the classroom as staff have meetings and other responsibilities after school. In this instance the After School Club charge of £3 will be payable.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 7th Oct—Year 2 Library Theatre Visit

Wed 9th Oct— Tutti Fruitti Production
- For all classes during the day

Wed 16th Oct—Allotment Visit—
Hedgehogs & Rabbits

Thurs 17th Oct—Allotment Visit—
Squirrels and Badgers

Fri 18th Oct—October birthday
assembly 9.10am

Mon 21st Oct—Workshops in school
with Yesmein Bagh Ali

Thurs 24th Oct—Non-uniform Day in
exchange for raffle prizes for the
Winter Fair

Thurs 24th Oct—Break up for half
term

Fri 25th Oct— Training Day -
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

Mon 4th Nov —School Reopens

Community Event

Little Fishes continues to be held on a Thursday morning 10am—11am at St Peters and St Pauls Church for Parents and Carers.

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

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