

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 8
20th December 2024



Merry Christmas



The children have had an incredibly busy first term this school year. These last two weeks have been filled with lots of learning in classes mixed in with our Christmas events. The children did an amazing job at the start of the week with 'A King is Born' and 'Wriggly Nativity'. We were delighted to be able to share our Church Service with so many of our families on Thursday afternoon. This morning was our 'Carols Around the Tree,' when we joined together as a school to celebrate and received a surprise visit from Father Christmas! We also use this as an opportunity to say thank you to our wide and dedicated team of volunteers who support the school's work in so many ways and without whom many things in school wouldn't happen.







From all of us here at school, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and we look forward to continuing to work together in 2025.



Handouts: These will be sent home in book bags—don't forget to check for them!

-  Spring first half term Diary Sheet
-  Food in School Holiday Form (FISH) selected families
-  Golf Club Letter—Years 1 and 2 only
-  NumBots letter

Email: These will be sent out via ParentMail—so watch out for them on the App.

-  Christmas Jumper Day
-  Sports Club Allocation of Place
-  Golf Club Allocation of Place
-  Spring first half term Diary Sheet

Attendance News

Congratulations to **Squirrel class** with **97.8%** attendance for Autumn term



Clubs re-start

- 🎄 Mondays from **13th Jan**—Puzzle Club
- 🎄 Tuesdays **7th January**—Recorders, Mini Sing Squad
- 🎄 Wednesday **8th January** – Gymnastics Club, Funky Foods
- 🎄 Thursday **9th Jan**—Golf Club
Spring term1 starts
- 🎄 Friday **10th Jan**— Get Creative, Sports Club
Spring term1 starts



Redeem your vouchers for free holiday activities this Christmas

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer across North Yorkshire.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, visit the website.

Mobile Phones



If you are fortunate enough to receive a new mobile phone for Christmas and you have a change of number, please remember to inform the office of your new number.

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.

[Caretaker: Pickering Infant School \(FSC104807\)](#)



Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much to all who sent in money for their child to purchase a poppy this year. A total of £50.13 has been raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Christmas Jumper Day—In aid of Save the Children



It has been wonderful to see so many different Christmas jumpers around school today. If you would like to, and are able to make a donation to Save the Children this can be done using the Just Giving link below

[Pickering Infant and Nursery School is fundraising for Save the Children](#)

Facebook and Twitter

Don't forget to find us on Facebook and Twitter to see updates of what the children are getting up to in school. You can find us at;

<https://www.facebook.com/PickeringInfant/>



@PickeringInfant on Twitter





Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



It all adds up!

Attending school everyday gives your child the best chance of success. **100%**

Attending **4½ days** a week = **4 weeks** learning missed per year **90%**

Attending **4 days** a week = **8 weeks** learning missed per year **80%**

Attending **3½ days** a week = **12 weeks** learning missed per year **70%**

80% attendance adds up to missing **2 full years** of education over their school life!

Can they afford to keep missing out?



Every Minute Counts!

Being late for school reduces learning time.

5 minutes late every day = **3 days** of learning missed per year.



15 minutes late every day = **9 days** of learning missed per year.



Arriving late can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class.



School closes for Christmas at 3.25pm today Friday 20th December and re-opens to children on Tuesday 7th January 2025.



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

Tel: 01751 472620 email: admin@pickering--inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For attendance/absences - admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk



Congratulations!

To our children who have achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn term

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| Lottie | Arthur H | Connie |
| Molly | Alex | Liliarna |
| Noah D | Olivia A | Olivia-Rose |
| Theo H | Toby A | Willow M |
| Herbie | Dolly | Phoebe R |
| Alyssia | Emilia | Katie |
| Thomas | Finley | Rory |
| Stanley | Isaac | |
| Jack E | Aubrey | |
| Noah H | Harry B | |
| Evan | Fred | |



Dear parents/carers,

As we reach the end of a very interesting and challenging 2024 including the OFSTED inspection. I would like to take this opportunity to say what is so special about Pickering Infant and Nursery School and reflect warmly on what the inspectors had to say about our school.

I am so proud, as Chair of Governors, of the school that we strive for a very high expectation for all pupils' happiness, enjoyment, behaviour and learning enabling them to achieve the very best they can. The school's aim to help our pupils to be confident, independent and interested in the world around them, and to be prepared for the challenges they will face in the future. **The inspectors said:** The school is ambitious for all pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The school has a cohesive, thematic curriculum. The curriculum is enhanced through a range of well-planned experiences. The school maps out the key knowledge that pupils need. In many subjects, pupils successfully recall what they have learned.

With the support and guidance of a dedicated leadership team, all staff working in the school demonstrate commitment and dedication to creating a happy, safe and educationally exciting environment in which all children can learn and develop for which the Governing Board are most grateful. **The inspectors said:** Pupils are happy and safe at this welcoming and inclusive school. Staff build nurturing relationships with pupils.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Governors for giving up their valuable time, and for the effort they put into supporting the school. It is a privilege to work with such professional and enthusiastic people. I wanted to highlight some of the activities that the governing body are engaged in on a regular as well as an ad-hoc basis.

- ◆ School Development Plan – this is an annual plan relating to the overall school improvement and linked to the long-term strategic plan. It covers everything from curriculum matters and learning, to wellbeing and behaviour.
- ◆ Monitoring – we visit the school to check on everything from health and safety and safeguarding, to lessons and teacher development.
- ◆ Finance – we have a responsibility to monitor the budgets in place within the school and to ensure the budget is managed appropriately.
- ◆ Wellbeing – During the last couple of years wellbeing has been extremely important for children but also for staff.
- ◆ Premises and Facilities – we have a key role to play in ensuring the premises and facilities are appropriate and support the school in ensuring the right investments are made.

On behalf of the whole Governing Body, I would like to extend our thanks to all our parents, volunteers and friends for their continued support of the school.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you and your families and the staff of the school a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards

John Goodyear—Chair of Governors