

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 6

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Friendship and Anti-bullying Week

Last week was our whole school themed week linked to friendship and national anti-bullying week themed around 'Choose Respect'. We have spent time in school talking with the children about the term 'bullying'. At Pickering Infant and Nursery School, we describe bullying as "unacceptable behaviour which occurs on repeated occasions, on purpose", which all of our children know is unacceptable. Our Year One and Two children spent some time categorising scenarios to decide whether they classed it as bullying or whether, whilst unacceptable, they were instances of children being unkind rather than bullying as part of expected child development.

Because of the age of our children, we spend a lot of time talking to the children and supporting them with developing friendships and negotiating with each other. As with every aspect of learning, children learn these social skills at different times and in different ways. Part of the focus has been on helping our children to understand the difference between falling out with our friends and classmates and bullying. Falling out with our friends or someone saying unkind words to us is not acceptable and needs to be dealt with but this is not bullying. Parental support with helping our children to understand the difference would be much appreciated.

Handouts

- ✿ Christmas Concert letter
- ✿ Winter Fair Raffle Tickets
- ✿ Pantomime Ticket Draw Letters

Emails

Attendance News



Congratulations to Squirrels class for achieving 96.2% attendance for the two weeks from 11th—22nd November



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New iPads

A huge thank you to Mr Temple from Kitching Walker for their donation of £1,000 which has enabled us to buy four new iPads to replace some of our aging stock. These are used in school for children to access Bug Club and for Computing lessons, including around digital photography and coding.



Children in Need Day



Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to this Children in Need via the Just Giving page. The total raised by our school community was £67.00.

Bikes and Scooters



It is great that we have so many children who are active in their mode of transport to school. It is lovely to see children riding bikes and scooters to and from school. We have however, noticed a rise in children riding bikes and scooters on school premises. Please can we ask that all bikes and scooters are dismounted and walked up to the school path when arriving at school and on collection, children push and walk alongside until they have reached the bottom of the school path. If crossing the road, please wheel them across the road rather than riding them across. All bikes and scooters left on school premises



are left at your own risk and these should be parked up within the bike park near to the Reception playground.

Parent Governor Election Result

Following the recent Parent Governor Election process, we would like to welcome Laura Holland to join our Governing Board. Thank you to all of those parents and carers who contributed the vote. We were incredibly fortunate to have two great candidates. Thank you to both of them!

Sports Club

Due to the Winter Fair there will be **NO sports club on Friday 29th November.**

Christmas Events

Information regarding the Christmas performances will be sent home this afternoon. Please return your ticket request forms to school by **Friday 6th December.** Tickets will then be distributed the following week, please look out for these in book bags. If there are any additional tickets available after all requests have been met, we will notify you via ParentMail. This may not be until the end of the week beginning 9th December.



We will be visiting St Peter and St Paul's Church for our school Christmas service on Thursday 19th December at 2pm. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us for this festive event once again.

Our Christmas Jumper Day will tie in with the last day of term on 20th

December. This date is later than the 'official' Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.



Christmas Post Box Volunteers

As per the reverse of the diary dates sheet, our Christmas Post Box will be open for children to post Christmas cards throughout the week beginning 9th December. If any parent/carer is able to help out with the emptying of the post box at any time during the week of 9th—13th December, a sign up sheet will be available at the school office. This is normally undertaken by two volunteers each morning, just after registration.

Winter Fair

Our school community is very much looking forward to our Winter Fair on Friday 29th November 4.30-6pm. This is one of the biggest fundraising events of the year and a great school event. In order to make it a success, our FoS are looking for your help please, in either setting up during the day or on the night itself on some of the stalls

Donations of bottle bags are also required—please leave any at the school office



Donations of baking are eagerly sought! Any donations to please be brought on the morning of the fair to the school hall—please include a list of ingredients

Please see overleaf for further Winter Fair details.



Nursery Rhyme Week

The children in Foundation Stage have had a fun, learning filled week of rhyme during our Nursery Rhyme Week, following the national week last week.

Children have been listening to and joining in with lots of different nursery rhymes. This is important because a child's ability in their use of oral language is predictive of later achievement. So the better a child is at knowing, using and playing with words the more likely they are to be successful in reading and writing later. We hope that the parents, carers and family members who came to the Nursery Workshop enjoyed the activities that Miss Duck and Mrs Dunsmore set up.



Online Safety

As children excitedly write their Christmas lists to Father Christmas, technology may well be a feature! For parents and carers, keeping up to speed with what your child is doing online can feel like a daunting task. There is a lot of support out there to help you to help your child keep themselves safe online. You can find a variety of links to useful websites on our website at <http://pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk/e-safety/> and we have also attached a useful leaflet with some top tips about online safety from North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Winter Fair

29th November 4.30pm—6pm

Friends of School are busy organising the Winter Fair. The winter raffle ticket information has been sent out. Please drop these in at the office or pass them to your class teacher to hand in. There will be plenty of stalls to visit on the evening. One being our school stall where parents can purchase items made especially for you by your child.

The fair will open at 4.30pm and close at 6pm with the raffle drawn just before the end.



We hope to welcome as many families to this event as possible.

Dates for the Diary:

26th Nov—Library Visit—Nursesey

28th Nov—Library Visit—Squirrel Class

29th Nov—4.30pm-6pm—Winter Fair

3rd Dec—Library Visit—Badger Class

5th Dec—Library Visit—Rabbit Class

9th—13th Dec—Christmas post box in the hall

10th Dec— Children's Christmas lunch

13th Dec—9.10am December Birthday assembly

Christmas Performances 17th and 18th December

Hedgehogs (Year 1), Squirrels, Badgers, Rabbits —Tues 17th Dec 1.30pm, Wed 18th Dec 9.30am

Nursery, Butterflies, Hedgehogs (Rec) —Tues 17th Dec 2.30pm, Wed 18th Dec 10.30am

Thurs 19th Dec—School Christmas Church Service 2pm—All welcome

Friday 20th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th Dec—School Closes for Christmas holidays

Your support for your know if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you child's education is crucial to their progress. Please let us 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 information

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