

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School
School Newsletter No 11
7th February 2025



Signs of Spring!

The days are gradually getting longer and it is lovely to see bulbs and spring flowers springing up around us as spring approaches. Under our very large beech tree at the front of school there are lots of crocus bulbs springing into life. We have spoken to the children this week about being respectful to nature and staying off the grass under the tree where these bulbs are growing. We kindly ask that parents remind children of this message on your way onto and off the school site.



You may have also noticed the installation of three new wooden planters at the front of school. These are SuDS planters, which are Sustainable Drainage Systems which are designed to manage rainwater run off from roofs. These have been donated and installed by Yorkshire Water as part of their commitment to sustainable drainage systems by reducing the amount of water entering the sewer network. We are pleased to have been included by them in their project!



Handouts

Hard copies:

- ✿ Sports Club letters for Spring 2—Yrs 1 & 2 only
- ✿ Golf Club letters for Spring 2—Yrs 1 & 2 only
- ✿ Transport letter for pupils using school transport
- ✿ Diary Sheet
- ✿ Spring 2 and Summer Terms Menu

Email copies:

- ✿ Diary Sheet
- ✿ Spring 2 and Summer Terms Menu
- ✿ PANTS Underwear Rule Letter

Attendance

Congratulations to **Squirrel Class** for achieving **99.1%** attendance for the two weeks from 27th January to 7th February 2025.





Tuesday 11th February will be the national Safer Internet Day. With increasing access to devices that connect to the internet, it is vital that we all know how to keep ourselves and our children safe online. We will be sending out links and information relating to online safety next week via ParentMail. Further information can be found too on our school website on the 'E Safety' section in our 'Safety and Wellbeing' page.

Keeping safe online is a theme that runs through both our Computing Curriculum and PSHCE/PSED Curriculum and is something that we talk to children about regularly.

We have a filtering system, Smoothwall, in place in school to filter the content of internet searches and information accessible to both children and staff. We also have monitoring systems in place to provide appropriate supervision to children when using digital equipment with internet access.

Please remember that most social media sites, such as Facebook, require users to be aged **thirteen** before they can have an account. It is a violation of their terms to provide false details to set up an account. This is to protect children from potential harm.

Scouts Founders Day and Guiding World Thinking Day

February 22nd is a day of celebration for all sections of Guides and Scouts across the world. As 22nd



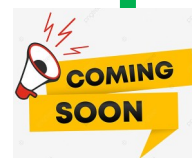
February is not a school day, on Monday 24th February, to support our children in this celebration, we welcome any of our children who are members of Rainbows, Brownies, Squirrels or Beavers to wear their uniform to school on that day.



ParentMail Payment Accounts

As we approach the end of the financial year, we would be extremely grateful if you could ensure that your child's payment accounts are paid up to date. This will include Nursery fees, Nursery lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club payments through ParentMail. Please could this be done by the end of March. Thank you

Breakfast and After School Clubs



Exciting News!

As a school we recognise that the times of the school day don't always coincide well with the times of a working day. Over recent years we have established and built up our own Breakfast Club and After School Club provision to help with this.

We are now in a position to **extend our offered hours from 8am until 6pm daily from Monday 24th February!** If you feel that this is something that you would find helpful and would like to take advantage of, please speak to the office. It is open to all children across school including Nursery, daily.



Clubs

Block One Activity Clubs finish at half term.

Singing Squad will continue with the same children throughout the year.

Block 2 activity clubs will start after the half term break for the Spring 2 and Summer 1 terms.

Golf club will start on Thursday 27th Feb for 5 weeks.

Sports club will start on Friday 28th Feb for 6 weeks.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12th Feb—National Child Measurement Programme in School—Reception age children only

Thursday 13th Feb—Nursery Stay and Play 9.30-10.30am

Friday 14th Feb—School closes for half term

Monday 24th Feb — **School reopens**

Thursday 27th Feb — Imran Kotwal Visit

Friday 28th Feb –February Birthday Assembly—9.10am

Please remember to keep checking Parent Mail for updates.

Parking

P Whilst we know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult, we ask that families of children at school park respectfully and carefully.

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 3.15pm and 3.40pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would

like to purchase a permit for this year. Alternatively, this can be accessed on our website under 'Parents' and 'Travelling to school'.

The staff car park in front of school is for staff only and must not be used by parents to drop off or collect their children from school. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lane and parking tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. It is essential these are kept clear at the start and end of the school day. Our local PCSO continues to regularly patrol the area.

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.

Correspondence

Correspondence, reply slips etc can be sent into school with your child to be placed in the class basket which will then be sent to the office for actioning. Should any correspondence for the office contain personal information please bring directly to the office.

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 is 26th January 2025.

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





Music Matters



This has become an annual event over the last few years, celebrating the musical talents of children and young people locally. It will take place on Saturday 8th March at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Pickering. Mrs Carter will be sending an invitation to Singing Squad in the next few weeks. If your child plays a musical instrument or is a keen singer, they are welcome to perform at this event. If this is the case, please contact Gina Southey at ginasouthey@gmail.com or by phone on 07753682004. Equally, you don't need to perform. All are welcome to come and be a part of the audience for this lively event!

Swimming

It is at this time of year that we traditionally take the Year Two children swimming. We have recently reviewed our curriculum to look to see how we can maximise opportunities for learning

and ensure that we continue to deliver a wide curriculum. Swimming is not a statutory part of the Key Stage One curriculum and it was felt that the two hours that it takes for a thirty minute swim lesson could be better spent on other curriculum aspects. Swimming will therefore no longer be offered as part of our curriculum.

Ryedale Neighbourhood Policing Survey

Ryedale Neighbourhood Policing Team are encouraging all parents and staff to complete this quick survey around matters of road safety outside the Infants School. Please scan the QR code with a phone camera to take the survey.



A larger QR code can be found as an attachment with the newsletter.

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 Spring 1 half-term

★ Phoebe

Alyssia

Evie M

★ Dottie

Thomas

Pippa

★ Sam C

Stanley

Felix

★ Jenson

Olivia A

Teddie

★ George D

Dolly

Alex

★ Margot

Emilia

Kai

★ Lottie

Lana

Harry B

★ Gracie

Theo E

Ella B

★ Artie

Finley

Fred

★ Ella L-S

Autumn G

Lily E

★ Odelia

Alfie

Autumn-Rose

★ George M

Novalee

Lilly F

★ Theo M

Lucy

Liliarna

★ Matilda P

Albert

Matilda G

★ Lennie S

Aubrey

Elsie

★ Beatrix

Max

Olivia-Rose

★ Molly

Maisie Co

Liam

★ Edgar

Millie

Rya

★ Eloise

Jack Ed

Willow M

★ Esmay

Joseph

Willow N

★ Zion

Noah H

Phoebe R

★ Ava-Rose

Adam

Leo

★ Rowan

Evan

Katie

★ Oscar

Arthur H

Rory

★ Theo H

Albie

Violet-Rae

★ Herbie

Jonny

Hattie

★ Ruby J

Zach

Jack W

★ Edie

Amelia