

# Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

## School Newsletter No 1

### 5th September 2025



#### Welcome to a new school year!

It has been wonderful to welcome back lots of our children and families to school this week and to also welcome lots of new children and their families to school. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly!

Children in Reception, Year One and Two as well as our first Nursery group have already had a busy start to the school year. There are some photos below which give a glimpse into school life this week. You can keep up to date with what's going on in school through social media, too. Further details are on the last page.

A close partnership between home and school is vitally important for us in working to achieve the best for all of our children. By working together and communicating openly, we can ensure that we do our very best for each child and their family. We will always welcome communication with you about your child so if you do have any queries or comments, please do get in touch with us.



It is fabulous to be back in school again. Thank you for the welcome backs this week. Staff would also like to say a huge thank you for the cards, gifts and lovely words at the end of last school year. Whilst in no way expected, these were all gratefully received.

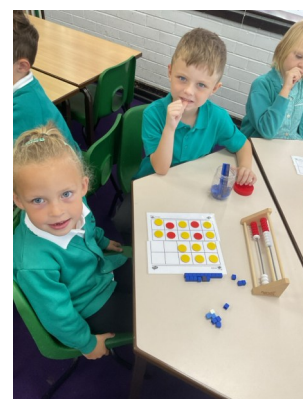
#### Handouts

##### **Hard copies:**

- ✿ Sept/Oct Diary Sheet
- ✿ Packed Lunch Policy—Packed Lunch children only

##### **Email:**

- ✿ Sept/Oct Diary Sheet
- ✿ Autumn term menu—Rec, Yr1 and Yr 2 only. Nursery to follow
- ✿ Breakfast Club and After School Club information
- ✿ Uniform Information



### **Sharing Information**

We share information with parents through Parent Mail and through some paper letters. If information has been shared or is being shared with you other than in the newsletter, this will be listed in the handouts section on the front cover of the newsletter. If you have not received any of these, please contact the office for another copy.

When returning forms and slips etc, please ensure that you make your child aware that these are in their book bags and need putting in the class basket, by them, to go to the office. Staff do not routinely check all children's book bags.

### **Change of Details**

Please remember to let school know if you change your mobile phone number, landline number, email address or move house so that we can amend our records accordingly. Also, if there is any other information relating to your child, ie medical issues, that we need to know about please call at the office so that records can be updated.

### **Email Addresses**

For reporting absences or for before and after school club bookings please use Mrs Cook's email address;

admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For any other enquires please use Mrs Newby's email address;

admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

For class based queries please use class email addresses. Remember that these are checked daily before your class start time. Your email will be

read but you may not get an immediate response. Staff will aim to respond as soon as possible but staff are encouraged, for their own work and home life balance, not to respond to emails during weekends and in school holidays. The class email system though is one greatly valued by staff and families alike!

### **Parking**

A quick reminder for all parents that the staff car park in front of school is for staff only. There is strictly no stopping or parking in the bus lanes and parking tickets for offenders can be issued by parking wardens. For the safety of all of our children, it is essential these are clear at the start and end of the school day. We know that parking on the streets around school can be difficult but 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 3.20pm and 3.35pm during term time. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase a permit. Payment is made through Parentmail but you also need to complete the accompanying form for the permit, available from the school office.

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.

### **Clothing in school**

Children in Rec, Year One and Year Two need to wear school uniform to



school each day. There is an attachment accompanying this letter that gives further information about this.

Reception children and any children new to school in other year groups will soon bring home a school PE bag, generously funded by our Friends of School. Children will need a named, plain, round neck white t-shirt, named, plain black or blue shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms and suitable named footwear for PE outside, preferably with Velcro fastenings. **Reception will not need their PE kits yet** and class teachers will let you know in the class newsletter when you need to bring these in.

As we move into autumn, we ask that children have a named pair of wellingtons that fit them, a waterproof coat and, ideally, waterproof trousers. If you have any difficulty with these, please contact us and we'll do what we can to help so that children can get fully involved in their outdoor learning. Please be aware that the pairs of wellies will be stored outside overnight under the shelter during term time.

### **Plea**

If anyone has any socks, underwear and uniform 'bottoms', ie, skirts, shorts or trousers that are no longer in use at home but could be used as spares in school we would very much welcome any donations please.

Donations of pairs of wellies that your child has out grown and waterproofs are really valuable to ensuring all children can fully participate in play outside!

### **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.

A quick checklist of reminders:

- 🔔 Telephone school on the first day of your child's absence
- 🔔 Ensure that your contact details are up to date in case we need to contact you in an emergency or for information
- 🔔 Be firm with your child about their attendance
- 🔔 Try to arrange appointments out of school time
- 🔔 If problems persist then do not hesitate to contact us to discuss them

### **Lateness**

#### **Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child**

- ☹ Missing important information about the day in registration
- ☹ It may be embarrassing to walk into a lesson that has already started
- ☹ Missing even part of a lesson can be difficult to catch up on
- ☹ It can affect behaviour and self-esteem

#### **If your child is late or going to be late:**

- ☹ Contact us and let us know why
- ☹ Take your child to the office and then sign them in the late book
- ☹ Come and see us if you have any difficulties

***Lateness and absence is checked weekly by the Headteacher***

### **Class and School email addresses**

Mrs Green	rabbits@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Robson	hedgehogs@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Smith	squirrels@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Dunsmore	butterfly@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Robson	ladybird@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Carter	badgers@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Duck and Mrs Metcalfe	nursery@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

### **Office**

General - Mrs Newby	admin@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
Absences/before and after	admin2@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk
School club etc—Mrs Cook	

### **Office Hours**

Mrs Newby—All day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Wednesday morning only  
Mrs Cook—Mornings daily, Monday and Wednesday afternoons

***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*



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