

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

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Autumn Watch

It has been a great week of learning more about the season of autumn across school. Children have been exploring seasonal fruit and vegetables. Children in Hedgehog, Rabbit, Squirrel and Badger Classes have taken their seasonal visit to Outgang Lane Allotments, giving them opportunities to compare what they saw this time to what they saw there in the summer. A huge thank you, as ever, to the wonderful Sallie Harland for sharing her time and expertise with us and to all of our fabulous volunteers who helped to make these visits possible.



The children in Key Stage One (Years One and Two) have then made their own class apple crumble! I was lucky enough to sample the one made by Squirrel Class and can confirm that they did an excellent job!

May we take this opportunity to wish our whole school community a restful and fun filled half term break. Please remember that, due to staff training days, school will close for children on Wednesday 22nd October.

Handouts

Email:

- ✧ Common Childhood Diseases
- ✧ Diary sheet for Autumn 2 half term
- ✧ Message from School Encouraging Good Attendance

Hard copies:

- ✧ Transport letter for next half term— School Transport children only
- ✧ Autumn 2 Golf Club Letter Years 1 and 2 only
- ✧ Autumn 2 Sports Club Letter Years 1 and 2 only
- ✧ School Activity Clubs Years 1 and 2 only
- ✧ Common Childhood Diseases
- ✧ Diary sheet for Autumn 2 half term

Attendance News



Congratulations to Badger Class for achieving **99.6%** attendance for the last two weeks and for achieving an **AMAZING 100%** attendance for last week.

School and Eco Councillors

As part of our work on democracy, the children have voted in their classes in Years One and Two for councillors. Congratulations go to...

Badger Class

School Councillors - Lucas and Isla

Eco Councillors - Bowan and Felix

Rabbit Class

School Councillors — Theo and Max

Eco Councillors - Ruth and Alex

Squirrel Class

School Councillors - Beatrix and Molly

Eco Councillors - Lexi and Herbie

Hedgehog Class

School Councillors - Sam and Lily

Eco Councillors - Eloise and George



Mrs Gillam, as school council leader, and Mrs Green, as eco council leader, are looking forward to our meetings and work together over the coming year. We were very impressed by how many children were keen to take positions of responsibility and stand for these roles as well as other monitor roles in school.

Parents' Evening

Our parents' evenings are due to be held after the half term holiday on **Tuesday 4th November 4pm-7pm** and

Thursday 6th November 3.30pm—6pm, with additional day time appointments for Nursery on Thursday 13th November. The online booking system through Parent Mail will be available from Monday 20th October at 4pm.

Poppies



In the run up to Remembrance Day on 11th November poppies will be on sale in school from **4th to 10th November**. Please send any donations with your child for them to purchase a poppy in class during the day.

Nut Aware School

Many parents will already be aware that we operate as a nut aware school. This is to reduce the exposure of our school community to this allergen. This also affects items brought into school such as empty boxes for junk modelling. Please do not send any containers/packaging in that has contained a nut product.



Common Childhood Illnesses



We are approaching the time of year when winter bugs start to come out in force. As a guide for 'if and when' your child needs to stay at home we have sent home a copy of our revised 'Notes on Infectious Diseases in School and Nurseries — Common Childhood Diseases' for your information. A copy of this will also be emailed with this newsletter.

Non Uniform Day

The staff and children are invited to come to school in their 'ordinary' clothes, whatever they are comfortable in, on **Friday 7th November** in exchange for a gift or prize for the forthcoming Winter Fair which will be held on Friday 5th December. All gifts/prizes should be taken into class on 7th November and will be collected by one of our dedicated Friends of School team in preparation for the Fair.

Children in Need—Friday 14th November



This year we will be having a non uniform day for Children in Need. The theme for Children in Need is '**Challenge Yourself**', you are invited to wear something spotty if you have anything or any non uniform should you wish to take part. If you are able to and would like to make a donation, this can be done via JustGiving through the link;

[Pickering Infant and Nursery School is fundraising for BBC Children in Need](#)

Car Parking

The space outside of schools across the country at drop off and pick up times is always very busy. As a school community, it is incredibly important that we all play our part in keeping the road outside of our school as safe as possible for our children. This means, first and foremost, making use of the parking scheme in East Gate Car Park. We also ask that families do not ever park in the bus lane or on the white lines outside of school and that parking does not block access to road ways or drive ways of local residents. We are incredibly

grateful that so many of our families put the safety of our children first, despite the pressures that we all face in our busy lives, by parking courteously.

A polite reminder too that the staff car park at the front of school is for staff only at all times.

Autumn 2 Clubs—Years One and Two only

Sports Club Fridays starting 7/11/25

School Activity Clubs starting 10/11/25

Golf Club Thursdays starting 13/11/25

If your child is in Year One or Two they will have recently brought home letters inviting them to attend any of the Clubs running. If your child would like to be offered a place, slips need to be returned back to school by the date specified on each letter.

You will receive a confirmation of place email via ParentMail by Wednesday 22nd Oct for Sports Club, Wednesday 5th Nov for School activity clubs and by Thursday 6th Nov for Golf Club. Please ensure payments are received by **Wed 5th Nov for sports club** and by **Tues 11th Nov for golf club**.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21st October—Magic Mike Disco—Rec, Yr1 and Yr2 5pm—6.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October—School breaks up for half term

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October—Training Days, School Closed to children

Monday 3rd Nov—School reopens

4th-10th Nov—Poppies on sale

Tuesday 4th Nov—Parents evening
4.00-7pm

Thursday 6th Nov—Parents evening
3.30-6pm

Thursday 6th Nov—Tutti Frutti
Production—whole school

Friday 7th Nov—Non-uniform Day—in
exchange for a gift/prize for the Winter
Fair

Friday 7th Nov—Autumn 2 Sports Club
starts

Monday 10th Nov—Flu Vaccinations
Rec, Year1 and Year2. For those
registered for the vaccination.

Monday 10th Nov—Odd Sock Day—
children are invited to come to school in
odd socks to celebrate that we are all
different

Thursday 13th Nov—Autumn 2 Golf
Club starts

Thursday 13th Nov—Additional
Nursery Parent Meetings pm

Week commencing 10th Nov—school
activity clubs start

Library Visits

Our termly visits will continue to
Pickering Library on the following dates.
Parent and family volunteers are always
needed. Please let your child's teacher
know if you or a family member is able
to join us.

Tuesday 18th Nov—Rabbits

Thursday 20th Nov—Badgers

Tuesday 25th Nov—Squirrels

Thursday 27th Nov—Hedgehogs

Kind reminder

Smoking anywhere on the school site
(including e cigarettes) is not permitted.

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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

Governor Vacancies

We are looking within the local community for new Governors to join our existing team. No qualifications or past experience are necessary, just enthusiasm, time and an interest in shaping the strategic direction of our school.

School governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities and futures. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to children, give something back to our local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. Governors bring their wealth of experience and knowledge, contributing to the successful running of the school. As a governor, the decisions made by the board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. Governors set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, and they also oversee financial performance and ensure money is well-spent.

You can find more information at [Be a school governor or trustee - National Governance Association \(nga.org.uk\)](http://Be a school governor or trustee - National Governance Association (nga.org.uk)) [Interested in becoming a school governor or trustee? | National Governance Association](#)

We currently have vacancies for a Local Authority Governor (someone from the local community with an interest in supporting the school who can be nominated by the Local Authority) and a Co-opted Governor, both are appointed by the governing board. They are people who, in the opinion of the board, have the skills required to contribute to effective governance and the success of the school. If you know someone within the community may be interested please contact Mrs Cook, Clerk of Governors, at clerkofg@pickering-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk or share her contact details with them.

