

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery School

School Newsletter No 3

3rd October 2025



Outdoor Learning

Over the last two weeks we have seen a very mixed bag of weather! We very much hold the belief that 'There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing'! The wetter weather has given rise to different play and learning across school with den building in Forest School in Key Stage One and some lovely exploration of paint and colour in water in Reception.



We are incredibly lucky to have extensive school grounds which staff have worked hard with support from volunteers from our local community and financial support from our Friends of School and a grant from the Town Council, to continue to develop and update. From our sensory garden, the children have been tasting some enormous school grown peppers this week and have harvested a number of marrows and courgettes to explore over the coming week.

We greatly appreciate parents continued support with the view that play can be messy and school clothing can sometimes be the victim of this high quality outdoor play and learning. We also appreciate your continued donations. Our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) team are in need of additional large loose parts including bread crates, guttering, plastic tubes and pipes, see back page for more. Please contact Mrs Kelly or Mrs Carter directly or speak to the office team.

Handouts

Email:

- Attendance Brochure

Hard copies:

- Individual school photos and covering letter
- Magic Mike Disco letter Rec, Yr1 and Yr2—(Monday 6th Oct)

School Day

Rec, Y1 and Y2
doors open at
8.55am and close at
9.05am. End of day
is 3.25pm

Attendance News



Congratulations to **Rabbit and Squirrel Classes** for
97.7% attendance for the last two weeks 22nd
September—3rd October



Newsletters - These are emailed to you - school newsletter and a class newsletter on alternate weeks.

Diary Dates - At the beginning of the term Mrs Cook prepares a dates sheet to help you with forward planning. We try and organise things in advance but do watch out for inevitable changes.

Handouts - Handouts may also come home. On the front of the school newsletter a list which details handouts over the last two weeks. Please check to make sure that you have them all.

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. At this time of year in particular, children can pick up a number of different illnesses (as do we all!) It is sometimes difficult to know whether to send them to school or not. The following link has some useful information about different common illnesses — <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

From our own experiences, we know that some illnesses make us feel worse at the start and end of the day. If children start to feel better once this period is over, even after the start of the school day, please bring them to school as this will mean that they're not missing as much of their learning and still get to spend time with their friends. However, for sickness and diarrhoea, we do request that children are kept at home for 48 hours following the last bout of

illness, to help reduce the spread of this unpleasant bug for the benefit of everyone in our school community.

Medicines



If your child requires **prescribed medicines four times a day**, but is still well enough to come to school, please contact the school office who will advise you on our policy for administration of medicines.

Drinking Water in school

Having regular drinks of water throughout the day is vital for us all to keep hydrated. Being hydrated supports children with their concentration and learning. Children have access to water during the day but it is far easier for them, and for classes, if children have their own water bottle in classrooms. These need to be filled with water, and not juice. They should be taken home each day to be washed and refilled. If you feel that your child is not drinking much water during the day, please speak to their class teacher.



Names in clothing

There are growing 'mountains' of unnamed clothes in school!



Please, please, please ensure that all items, including tights, PE kits, shoes, coats etc are named. It may sound over the top but when changing for PE trying to identify which shoes and tights belong to each child can be challenging, especially if they have no names in!

'I need to talk'

Life is incredibly busy and sometimes we all need the opportunity to sit down with someone and talk about things. Our staff work hard to build positive relationships with the children to ensure that they all feel that the staff across

school are safe adults who they can talk to. Sometimes though they may be a little unsure about how to ask an adult for some time to talk. In every class, there is a 'feelings tree' where children are encouraged to put their photo on appropriate leaves to reflect their feelings across the day. The class teachers have a smaller version of this near their desk which children can put their photo from the larger tree onto to indicate that they need to talk. Please remind the children of this system at home to help them to understand that this is something that they should do if they need to.

SAY CHEESE!



Photograph Orders

If you wish to place an order for your child's school photograph please don't forget that **orders need to be made online by Monday 6th October**. Instructions of how to access your child's photograph can be found on the proof sent home on 22nd September.

Clubs

After school activity clubs for Years One and Two will begin after the half term break, together with Sports Club and Golf Club. Details of the clubs being offered will be sent home over the next couple of weeks, so please check book bags for this information.

End of Day Late Collection

We appreciate that it can be exceptionally busy for all involved in school life and there are times where you may be delayed in collecting your child. If you are running late for collection we would always appreciate a call to inform us. If you are late to collect, children will be taken to our afterschool club, as it is not always possible to remain with staff members or stay in the classroom as

staff have meetings and other responsibilities after school. In this instance the After School Club charge of £3 will be payable. We know that there have been some challenges for families with children at Pickering Junior School getting here on time to pick up siblings with the Junior children leaving quite late. Mrs De Barr has been working with staff at Pickering Junior School to get end of day routines established as quickly as possible and this has hopefully helped with this challenge. Thank you to families who raised this with the two schools so that we could work to resolve it.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 9th Oct—Year 1 and 2 children will join in the 'You Choose' webinar with Nick Sharratt (author of Shark in the Park and the You Choose adventures)

Mon 13th Oct—Allotment Visit—9am Squirrels 10am - Hedgehogs

Tues 14 Oct—Allotment Visit—9am—Rabbits 10am—Badgers

Fri 17th Oct—October birthday assembly 9.10am

Mon 20th Oct— 4pm—Parent Evening booking sign up slots go live on ParentMail.

Tues 21st Oct—Magic Mike Disco **Time TBC-** Rec, Yr1 and Yr2

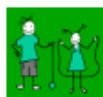
Wed 22nd Oct—Break up for half term

Thurs 23rd and Fri 24th Oct— Training Days -**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN**

Mon 3rd Nov —School Reopens

If you are able to help on the allotment visits for your child's class please email your class teacher.





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Before you get rid of anything, please check the list below and ask Mrs Carter or Mrs Kelly whether it could be used as part of our play! We are always on the lookout for more resources. The list below includes some items we are currently looking for, but keep looking out for our pleas on newsletters and social media too.

Sand Pit	Vehicles	Construction	Small World	Water Play	Mud Kitchen
shells	wheelbarrows	cable reels	toy vehicles	watering cans	fir cones
buckets	small wheeled suitcases	astro turf	dinosaurs	hose pipe	pestle and mortar
Spades and scoops	large toy diggers, tractors, lorries, excavators	wooden planks/ decking	plastic animals	bath toys	herb plants
parasols		milk crates	farm buildings and fences	funnels	lidded bins
windbreaks		guttering or pipes	Mini figures (small dolls, action figures, etc)	sieves	measuring scales
sand or jelly moulds		large pieces of fabric/sheets/ duvet covers		fishing nets	Kitchen utensils (metal or wooden)

Please ensure donations are clean and usable for the children, thank you.

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

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