

Pickering Community Infant & Nursery
School
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Rainbow Award Certificates

It is always a pleasure to see so many children coming to the office for their Rainbow Award Certificates. From Reception, each class has an eight-step chart to celebrate children meeting behaviour expectations. At the end of the eight steps, children are awarded a certificate, one for each colour of the rainbow. Once the child reaches their blue certificate, they are also awarded a book along with their certificate which we aim to present during a school assembly. Certificates are alternately awarded by class teacher and head teacher.



Our school motto 'Learning, caring, sharing' is the basis of our school behaviour expectations, which are;

- Be respectful
- Be kind and helpful
- Be the best you



Further information about our Rainbow Award system and our Expectations can be found in our Behaviour Policy, which is available on request from the school office and on our school website on the 'Policies' page of the 'Our School' section or on the Behaviour Page in the 'Safety and Wellbeing' section.

Handouts:

-  Sun Safety in School form
-  Sponsored Bounce Form

Email:

-  Sun Safety in School



Attendance

Congratulations to **Rabbit Class** with **97.05%** attendance for the Spring 2 half term.



Dates for your Diary

- 🐘 **Monday 20th April - Block 2 school activity clubs resume this week**
- 🐘 **Monday 20th April** - Police Officer Visit - Whole School
- 🐘 **Tuesday 21st April**—Library Visit—Hedgehog Class -Volunteers required
- 🐘 **Thursday 23rd April**—Library Visit—Badger Class—Volunteers required
- 🐘 **Friday 24th April**—9.10am Birthday Assembly
- 🐘 **Tuesday 28th April**—Library Visit—Ladybird Class—volunteers required
- 🐘 **Thursday 30th April** - Library Visit—Nursery—volunteers required
- 🐘 **Monday 4th May**—May Bank Holiday- **School Closed**
- 🐘 **Tuesday 5th May** - Library Visit—Butterfly Class—volunteers required
- 🐘 **Wednesday 6th May**—Class Photographs
- 🐘 **Thursday 7th May**—Sponsored Bounce

Class Photos

Classes will be having their class photographs taken on Weds 6th May.



Sports Day

Sports Day will hopefully take place on Thursday 14th May starting at 1.10pm. Please can we ask that you are seated by this time because there are many races to get through. The seating area will be on the opposite site of the trim trail. For Health and Safety reasons please keep toddlers with you at all times. Full details of the races are on the programme which will be sent via email with the next school newsletter on 9th May. Should the weather be wet or rainy a ParentMail message will be sent out to parents by 11.30am cancelling sports day. Our reserve day is Thursday 21st May should we be unable to go ahead on 14th May.

Sponsored Bounce

This is always a much anticipated event in the school calendar. On Thursday 7th May, Friends of School (FoS) will have a bouncy castle in the hall (or outside, weather permitting) for the children to use as classes. Each child will be asked to bounce as part of a small group from their class in order to raise money for Friends of School (FoS). Sponsor forms are being sent home in book bags today. This is to give families a few weeks before the event to speak to family and friends to ask if they are able to help with sponsorship. We appreciate that family budgets are being increasingly squeezed and we appreciate any and all sponsorship that you are able to raise. Even if you are unable to help with sponsorship on this occasion, all children will still have the opportunity to bounce with their class. Please send the sponsor form into school on the day so that a member of the FoS can sign them.

Five Ss of Sun Safety

We have started to discuss this in assembly this week, helping children to understand how to keep themselves safe in the sun. More information is available at <https://www.safersun.co.uk/fiveSsOfSunSafety/>

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.

Office Hours

Mrs Newby—All day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Wednesday morning only

Mrs Cook—Mornings daily, Monday and Wednesday afternoons only.

Uniform

Whilst we don't have a strict uniform policy in school, we know that all children wearing a school uniform leads to a greater feeling of unity and community, which are important for good behaviour and positive attitudes to learning. Over recent weeks, we have seen a number of non-uniform items appearing in some classrooms. I would like to remind parents of our uniform expectations and have attached our updated Uniform Information Sheet that gives details about the items that we ask to be included as part of our uniform.



Items can be bought with the school logo on but this is not necessary. Uniform items are available in a range of shops and supermarkets. We also have a number of second hand uniform items available from the office and our Friends of School run second hand uniform sales, particularly in this term.

Nut Aware!

Please remember that we are a 'Nut Aware School'! We have members of our community with an allergy to nuts, including airborne and through touch. We ask that no nuts or products containing nuts are brought into school, including for packed lunches and empty packaging used for junk modelling. We are grateful for your support and compassion in this respect.

Please park considerately



Do not block driveways or obstruct the pavement. Doing so may result in a fine or your vehicle being removed.



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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