



Welcome Back!

We are very excited to welcome everyone back to the Summer term and hope you all had a fantastic Easter break. We have a very busy term ahead of us with lots of end of year activities planned including Proms at Picknalls, our PTA Summer Fete and our Sports Days. We can't wait to see you all in school over the following few weeks.



New Roof and additional building works

I am thrilled to inform you that Picknalls have been fortunate to secure Conditional Improvement Funding of nearly £500,000 for a new roof, ceilings, lighting and additional building works around school. This building work is due to start week commencing 13th May 2019 and will continue until approximately the end of August.

Over the next few weeks, you will notice scaffolding will be erected around the school in readiness for the project and a temporary traffic management system will be put into place.

With this in mind parking onsite will become quite restrictive so we request that you use the Leisure Centre car park where possible.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school office or email Mrs Tapp on headteacher@picknalls.staffs.sch.uk.

Rotary Club Handwriting Competition

We are very proud to announce that 4 of our entries to the Uttoxeter Rotary club handwriting competition have been awarded 'Highly Commended' for their piece of writing. The competition had 138 entries from 16 schools. The winners from our school are Frankie Brown, Reuben Johnson, Abbie Clay and Ruby Mander. Congratulations to all.



Health and Wellbeing

The school have received a small number of complaints regarding parents behaviour on the school site before and after school. Please be aware of others and act accordingly. Thank you for your support.

Nurture Club

We have started a club at lunchtime called Nurture Club which has been organised by Miss Harris along with Isla Stubbs, Scarlett Ratcliffe, Abbie Clay and Lucie Bliss. The idea behind this is to give some children a quiet area to play at lunchtime. They play with board games, puzzles and train tracks etc. The club has proven to be very successful and the girls have lots of plans to develop the club further including raising money through cake sales and themed non uniform days.

The year 4 girls would also like to ask if anyone has any puzzles or Lego sets that you could donate the girls would be extremely grateful.



Sporting Achievements



Over the last few weeks our Year 4's have been very busy with various sporting events. We came 4th in the CADSSA netball tournament. Following a Tag Rugby tournament on 3rd April our Picknalls team are now East Staffordshire Tag Rugby champions. On 4th April we took part in the first ever Uttoxeter Dodgeball competition, our teams came 3rd and 1st! Well done to all who took part and good luck for the upcoming tournaments!

Racecourse Choir

On Saturday 4th May the Uttoxeter Learning Trust Choir performed at Uttoxeter Racecourse. This was their first performance as an ensemble choir. We would like to thank everyone who took part, it was a hugely successful performance. The Executive Director of the Racecourse was 'extremely pleased' with the performance and said it 'brought a tear to his eye'. All the staff at the Racecourse were very impressed with the level of professionalism and hard work that went into the performance. Mrs Tapp is especially proud of the Picknalls students who took part.

Proud to be Picknalls!



Free School Meal Eligibility

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are entitled to receive free school meals and generate pupil premium funding:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit - provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and annual income does not exceed £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

To apply online please visit <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/> or call at the school office for more information.

School Uniform

Missing Uniform

Please ensure all your child's uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. We have had a cardigan with the initials IS go missing from Year 4, please could you check you haven't picked up another child's clothing by mistake.

Clothes donations

If anyone has any clothes they could donate to school we would be extremely grateful. Particularly knickers, pants, socks and tights for ages 6,7 and 8.

Nursery Refurbishment



We are very excited to announce that the Nursery is currently undergoing a refurbishment. Over the Easter break we replaced all the flooring and in the next few weeks we will be receiving new furniture. We can't wait to showcase this towards the end of the Summer term!!

Parentview



Please support us in sharing your views by going on to

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and click 'Give your views'. Please rate us in the 12 questions so that Governors can continue to celebrate what we do well and continue to make improvements.

Contact Details

We have now launched 'SIMS Parent', a new secure app to enable parents to view and make any changes to their child's contact information. This will enable parents to ensure all contact details held for your child are fully up to date. You can also update your contact information via the school office.

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Wednesday 15th	Class 2 Assembly—2:45pm parents are invited to attend
Thursday 16th	Theme Menu—Beef Burger with potato wedges, Quorn sausages & tomato pasta bake and chocolate shortbread or muffin
Wednesday 22nd	Class 7 assembly—2:45pm Parents are invited to attend
Friday 24th	Last Day of School

JUNE 2019

Monday 3rd	Back to School Arts Week—The Solar System
Friday 7th	Hobgoblin Theatre Show—whole school
Monday 17th	Class 7 Transition Day to Oldfields
Tuesday 18th	Class 8 Transition Day to Oldfields
Wednesday 19th	Class 5 Assembly— 2:45pm Parents are invited to attend
Friday 21st	Non uniform day—Donations for PTA Summer Fair
Sunday 23rd	PTA Summer Fair 1pm—3pm
Tuesday 25th	New Nursery Induction Evening 6pm



JULY 2019

Monday 1st	New Reception Induction Evening 6pm
Tuesday 2nd	Sports Day—KS2 from 9:30pm, KS1 from 1:30pm
Wednesday 3rd	All change day EYFS Sports Day—from 1:30pm
Thursday 11th	Year 3 recorder concert—3:00pm Parents are invited to attend
Friday 12th	Den Building Day Proms at Picknalls 5:00pm—8:00pm
Thursday 18th	Year 4 Leavers Assembly—2:00pm Parents are invited to attend
Friday 19th	End of Term—Have a fantastic summer holiday!! We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3rd September!!



Sun hat and sun cream

As the weather gets warmer please ensure your child has a labelled sun hat and a labelled sun cream with them.

Thank You.



NB—Dates are subject to change please consult the school website

Governor Corner

Welcome back to the first half of the summer term; I hope you all had a good Easter break. It's hard to believe that once again we will be saying goodbye to our Year 4 pupils and readying ourselves for a new intake in Nursery and Reception. In much the same way that our children grow and move on, so to do our governors and, after four years of supporting the school, I would like to thank George Holland and Tessa Clay for giving up their time as they step down from being parent governors. We therefore now have two parent governor vacancies on our governing body. Ideally, we would like to find additional members for our governing body who have backgrounds in either the legal profession, human resources, or financial services, but, if you are willing to give up at least one evening every half term to support the strategic development of the school, then I would very much like to hear from you.

Please can any interested parents contact either myself, at governor@picknalls.co.uk, or Mrs Tapp, at headteacher@picknalls.staffs.sch.uk by Friday 24th May. In the event of more than two applicants for the two vacancies there will be a parental ballot. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon, Paul.

Thank You



Huge thank you from the PTA for your continued support over the last year. We have had fantastic support for our events including the Mother's Day Tea Party and the Film night. We also hosted the first Picknalls Makers Market which was lovely. Each year group made things to sell. One of our Year 4 students, Hayley Dawes, made items at home to sell and raised £36.00 which she is donating to the Samaritans. The PTA would also like to thank all the staff at Picknalls without which none of this would be possible.

Vacancy—School Kitchen

We're looking for an enthusiastic catering assistant to join our catering team at Picknalls.

- 20 hours per week, term time only.
- Great working environment.
- £8.21 per hour for staff over 25.
- Subject to enhanced DBS.

If you'd like to apply for this position please send a copy of your CV to: Judith.rowe@compass-group.co.uk or alternatively call 07800 880 948.

