



PICKNALLS NEWSLETTER



Thursday 19th October 2017

Volume 5, Issue 2

THANK YOU!

- * Thank you to everyone who attended the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 29th September. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with other parents and staff in an informal situation. Many thanks to Mrs A Jones and family for providing the refreshments including Mrs Righton's delicious cakes! You helped to raise a magnificent £202 which will be donated to this very worthy cause.
- * Thanks to all the parents who were able to come to the EYFS Phonics workshop on Thursday 21st September. Our Early Years team successfully demonstrated many different ways you can support your child's learning at home in lots of fun ways.
- * We were overwhelmed by your generous Harvest Festival donations once again this year. All of the produce has been given to the local Uttoxeter food bank who will be able to distribute it to those most in need.



EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE

Now that we are approaching Winter we would like to remind you of our procedure regarding snowy weather.

If after severe weather it looks as if staff from outlying areas will have difficulty in getting to school a decision will be made as quickly as possible by the Headteacher and Chair of Governors. This decision will be made after consultation with other local schools.

- Closure will be the last resort.
- Radio Stoke and Radio Derby will be contacted.
- Parents are requested to tune to these stations to be kept fully informed.
- A notice will be posted on the school website www.picknalls.staffs.sch.uk
- Priority one parents will be made aware of the closure via text message on 'Teachers2Parents' (Please make sure we have up-to-date mobile phone details)
- The Staffordshire County Council School Closure list will be updated (see our homepage for a link) or visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx
- Parents can sign up on the Staffordshire County Council website for free email or text message alerts (see our homepage for a link) or visit <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/scc/customeralerts/>

EARLY CLOSURE

If the school has to close early – breakdown of heating system, flooding, emergency etc., a decision to close the school early will be made by the Headteacher with the approval of the Chair of Governors and the LA. As many parents as possible will be contacted. Parents are requested to consider this possibility and make the school aware of alternative arrangements should they be unable to take their children home themselves. No child will be sent home unaccompanied.



PARKING

We have had further complaints about parents parking on the leisure centre car park and not switching their engines off. Please be courteous to all around and turn your car off while parked.

We have also been informed that on occasions parents have blocked the driveways of the residents of Picknalls Lane. There are several elderly and ill people living near us and they find it rather stressful when the lane is used as a car park.

We will be advising anyone with a complaint to report the problem to the Highways Agency. Their number is: 0300 1118000 or email highways@staffordshire.gov.uk



SITE SAFETY

Please do not allow your child to ride their bike or scooter once they have arrived on the school site. Also please stop children from running in between parked cars especially when the main gate is open. Pupils must be supervised by their adult until 8.45am when a member of staff is manning the playground gate.



UTTOXETER LIONS GUY FAWKES COMPETITION

Looking for something to keep them busy over the half-term holiday? Why not make a Guy Fawkes for the Uttoxeter Lions Bonfire and Fireworks Display this year? Representatives from the Uttoxeter Lions will be visiting Picknalls on Friday 3rd November to judge our entries. Everyone who enters will win a ticket to Fireworks display on Saturday 4th October from 6.30pm.





PICKNALLS NEWSLETTER



Thursday 19th October 2017

Volume 5, Issue 2

LUNCHTIME DEBTS

Picknalls Governors have approved that once a lunchtime debt goes above £11.00, (this is equivalent to 5 days of lunches) meals will be immediately withdrawn until the balance is cleared. Please provide your child with sandwiches if this occurs.



ParentPay®

NEW LUNCHTIME MENU

A new menu will begin on Tuesday 31st October. Please come to the office for a paper copy or alternatively you can download one from the school website. This menu is due to run from October to March.



CHANGE FOR LIFE

Modern life can mean our families are a lot less active and a lot more likely to eat food that isn't good for them. But Change4Life is here to help you make small changes that can make a big difference.

Did you know? Children in the UK are consuming nearly 3 times more sugar than the maximum daily recommendation.

That's why Change4Life has developed the Be Food Smart app. It lets families see what's in their food and drinks, simply by scanning the barcode. Plus there are food detective activities for children and mini missions for the whole family. Download the app today.

Did you know? Children need to do 60 minutes of physical activity – the kind that gets their heart beating faster – every day.

Doing 10-minute bursts of activity is an easy way to help kids get moving – just check out the 10 Minute Shake Up games on the Change4Life website if you need inspiration. You'll also find ideas for kids to have fun, indoors or out, rain or shine!

Here's one to get you started:



Dash's Ball Skills

Grab a football or balloon. Count how many keepy-uppys you can do with your feet, hands, and head. Read more at <https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups/dashs-ball-skills&GGWrsLsluPqhgKdJ.99>

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

The Royal British Legion poppies, wristbands, snap bands etc will be available to buy from Tuesday 31st October. There are suggested prices given for some of the merchandise:

- Wristbands suggested donation £0.50
- Reflector suggested donation £0.50
- Friendship Bracelet suggested donation £1.00
- Snap Band suggested donation £1.00

If you would like your child to purchase an item please send the cash in, preferably in a named envelope and Year 4 pupils will visit every class during the day.



Content	Suggested Donation Prices
Friendship Bracelet	£1.00
Slap Rulers	£1.00
Wristbands	£0.50
Reflectors	£0.50
Pencils	£0.50

WARNING: 0-3 not suitable

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

OCTOBER 2017	
Friday 20th	Last day of half term
Mon 23rd—Fri 27th	Half-term Holiday
Monday 30th	INSET Day—no children in school
Tuesday 31st	Second part of the Autumn Term begins
	10.00am— Class 5 swimming recommences
NOVEMBER 2017	
Wednesday 1st	1.30pm – Year 3 ‘Hidden Sugars’ lesson with school nurse team.
Thursday 2nd	3.30-4.30pm- Conquerors Club starts
	3.30-4.30pm—Art club
Wednesday 8th	1.15pm—Year 4 at Oldfields Spooktacular
Thursday 9th	2.45pm—Year 1 Phonics workshop for parents
Friday 10th	10.45am - Remembrance Day Assembly (children only)
Tuesday 14th	Flu immunisation day for EYFS, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
Wednesday 15th	Children in Need Ramble Day
Thursday 16th	EYFS eye tests
Friday 17th	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 22nd	2.50pm-Class 2 assembly
Friday 24th	PTA Non-Uniform day—come to school in non uniform and bring a donation or promise towards the Christmas Fayre
Sunday 26th	1.00-3.00pm—PTA Christmas Fayre
DECEMBER 2017	
Monday 4th	10.00am, KS2 Christmas performance dress rehearsal
	2.00pm—KS2 Christmas performance to parents
	6.00pm—KS2 Christmas performance to parents
Wednesday 6th	2.00pm—EYFS Christingle Service—parents are invited
Monday 11th	10.00am—EYFS Christmas performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12th	10.00am—EYFS Christmas performance to parents
	2.00pm—EYFS Christmas performance to parents
Wednesday 13th	10.00am—KS1 Christmas dress rehearsal
	5.30pm—KS1 Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary’s C.E. Church
Thursday 14th	1.00pm—EYFS Christmas party
Friday 18th	9.30am—KS2 to Cinebowl alternative Christmas party
	1.00pm—KS1 Christmas party
	Last day of term
Wed 20th Dec– Tue 2nd Jan	Christmas Holiday
Wed 3rd January 2018	INSET Day—no children in school
Thursday 4th	Back to school

