



Proud to be Picknalls

We have had a very exciting start to our new school year. There continues to be a wide variety of after school activities available to all year groups and there are more to come in the 2nd half of the Autumn Term. We have many upcoming events to look forward to including a variety of funding raising events, the PTA Christmas Fayre, the Early Years Christingle Service as well as all our Key Stage Christmas performances. We are also looking forward to seeing you all at our parents evenings on Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th October. Mrs Tapp will be welcoming you into school, alongside our governors, and will be available for any queries you may have. We will also be handing out our annual parent questionnaires. Hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 6th November.

Library

We are very excited to announce that Picknalls First School has opened our brand new library. The children will be accessing this after the October half term.



Each class will have designated time slot to access the library each week. Children will have the opportunity to bring home fiction and non fiction books to share with the rest of the family. Our library will be open during parents evening (Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th) for you to come and have a look round. If you are able to donate any books please drop them off at the school office, they will be gratefully received. We will also be holding fundraising events to fund the purchase of more books, information on these will follow.

Time to Celebrate!!

Picknalls First School is proud to announce an extremely positive set of end of year data results for 2017/18. Although we are awaiting validated national results I am pleased to say that we are above last years national results in all comparable year groups. This includes Early Years reading, writing, maths and good level of development; the year 1 phonics check and Year 2 reading, writing, maths and science. I look forward to sharing the finalised data once it becomes available.



Sports

Congratulations to all who took part in the recent sporting events. Picknalls has taken part in a Football Festival, Indoor Athletics and a Cross Country.



Our students have been extremely successful returning with a variety of medals. We are very proud of all who competed.

WELL DONE!!

Thank You

We had a brilliant turn out for our Macmillian Coffee Afternoon. We managed to raise £180.20 for Macmillian Cancer Trust. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and also thank you to Mrs Jones for putting the event together and providing the cakes and Chartwells (our catering team) who also provided some goodies.



Safeguarding

Just to remind you that we have four staff members who are the designated safeguarding leads at Picknalls First School. Anne Tapp - Headteacher, Grahame Cope - Deputy Headteacher, Angela Jones - Early Years Lead and Sam Harris - SENCO all of which are able to support you and your children should you have any safeguarding concerns. If you need to report an concerns away from school please contact First Response on 0800 1313126. All staff in school repeat level 1 safeguarding training each year.

Parking

We are very fortunate to be able to use the Uttoxeter Leisure Centre carpark for free at the beginning and end of school times. The agreed times for use are:

- 8.40am-9.00am
- 3.20pm-3.35pm

Please help us to maintain good relationships with our neighbours by parking only in official spaces and adhering to the agreed times of use. If you need to use the Leisure Centre carpark at any other time of day you must obtain a ticket from one of the machines.

Finally:

We would also ask that you do not park in Picknalls Lane, especially if you block one of the residents driveways. This road is too narrow to turn around in without mounting the curb and causing danger to pedestrians. If you do have to drive into the school drive please remember that the speed limit is 5mph. We appeal to pedestrians to use the pavements at all times. Please help us to keep everyone safe on site.



Worry Box



We have introduced a worry box in school in which children can write any concerns they may have. Senior leaders will review these concerns regularly and act upon any issues raised.

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OCTOBER 2018	
Thursday 18th	7:30pm—Fashion Show, please see Mrs Jones if you would like to purchase tickets
Monday 22nd	3:30pm-onwards—Parents' Evening
Wednesday 24th	3:30pm-onwards—Parents' Evening
Friday 26th	9:45am—Flu Vaccination in school for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 9:30am—judging of Bonfire Guys LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
Monday 29th Oct—Friday 2nd Nov	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2018	
Monday 5th	INSET day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 6th	Back to school
Tuesday 6th	1:30pm—Stoke City 7's presentation to Year 2
Thursday 8th	9:30am—'Power of One' anti-bullying performance to KS1 10:20am— 'Power of One' anti-bullying performance to KS2
Friday 9th	Remembrance Assembly
Monday 12th—Friday 16th	Anti-bullying Week
Wednesday 14th	Children in Need Ramble for Pudsey—more details to follow
Friday 16th	Children in Need day—Wear spots
Friday 30th	Non Uniform Day—Christmas Fayre Donations
DECEMBER 2018	
Sunday 2nd	Christmas Fayre 1pm-3pm
Tuesday 4th	Last swimming session of the term 2:30pm—EYFS Christingle service—parents invited
Tuesday 11th	10am—KS2 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal to school 2pm—KS2 Christmas Performance to parents 6pm—KS2 Christmas Performance to parents
Friday 14th	Christmas Disco, EYFS & KS1 5:45pm—7pm, KS2 7pm—8:15pm
Monday 17th	10am—EYFS Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal to school
Tuesday 18th	10am—KS1 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal to school 1pm—EYFS Christmas Party 2pm—KS1 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal in St Mary's C. E. Church 6pm—KS1 Christmas Performance to parents in St Mary's C. E. Church
Wednesday 19th	10am—EYFS Christmas Performance to Parents 2pm—EYFS Christmas Performance to Parents
Thursday 20th	1:30pm—KS1 Christmas Party LAST DAY OF TERM—Back in school on 8th January
Happy Christmas!!! See you in 2019	
NB—Dates are subject to change please consult the school website calendar	



Allergy Support Group

Severe allergy support group beginning Saturday 3rd November, 2-3pm at Waitrose community room, Uttoxeter. Chance to meet others in your area who are living with the day to day challenges of allergies.

Spaces are free however booking is essential.

Email: supportgroup@anaphylaxis.org.uk

Phone: 01252 546 100

Website: www.anaphylaxis.org.uk

Guy Fawkes

The Uttoxeter Lions will be in school on Friday 26th October to judge our Guys ahead of their Bonfire night celebration on 3rd November. Please ensure all entrants are brought into school on the 26th October.

