



Christopher Pickering News

June 2022



**Christopher Pickering Staff Team
2021-22**

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils,

What a busy month we have had! School trips to sports days' we have done it all! The end of term is getting ever closer and the staff have planned a wonderful July for all of the children.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support at our Sports Days this year, as usual, they were a great success and the rain even stopped for our Foundation Stage sports day! Mrs Sanford and Mr Morgan, alongside our fabulous staff team worked so hard to ensure the smooth running of both events (and this isn't an easy task!)

I have dedicated most of this newsletter to our Sports Days, there are even more pictures on our website and on twitter.

The children in the next few weeks will be meeting their new class teachers or spending time in their new schools, all of the transition events are beginning to take place and I can assure you that our staff make sure that all children happy and secure during these activities.

Many thanks for all of your support.

Jane Marson

Be the Best you can Be!

Sporting news

Mr Morgan named as Premier League Primary Stars Superstar



The Premier League is celebrating five years of its schools' programme, Premier League Primary Stars.

Launched in 2017 and available to every primary school in England and Wales, Premier League Primary Stars uses the appeal of the Premier League and professional football clubs to support pupils in the classroom, the playground and on the sports field.

To celebrate, clubs nominated a 'Superstar' – a young person or teacher who has inspired others through their dedication to the programme, enthusiasm and own personal development.

Mr Morgan was chosen as the Tigers Trust's Premier League Primary Stars Superstar because of his efforts within the programme, actively championing PE and School Sport inside school which has a real impact on students. He's embedded other elements of PLPS into school utilising interventions, afterschool clubs, and pushing staff at Christopher Pickering to improve their delivery of PE and also promoting the Tigers Trust's work within schools.

Emma Hardy, MP, tweeted the following...

'I want to say a huge well done to Sam Morgan for his efforts within the #PLPrimaryStars program, actively championing PE and Sport inside school which has a real impact on students.'

Well done Mr Morgan– we are really proud of you!

Sports day

Our 8th annual sports day at Costello took place on 23rd June and what a fabulous day it was! A huge thank you to all of you for your support. I think we all slept well that night!

All of the children were superstars and worked together as teams to encourage all of the children taking part.

As you know, the children represent their house on sports day and it is our biggest house challenge of the year. We added the results from KS1 with KS1 to find the overall winners. The places this year are as follows:

In 4th place was **WILBERFORCE**

In 3rd place was **MORLEY**

In 2nd place was **JOHNSON**

In 1st place was **SULLIVAN**

Well done to everyone for taking part!







We have been busy...





Make sure you check Twitter regularly as there are lots of tweets from all class teachers about what your children have been doing at school!

Alternatively please check out the blogs on the school website!

Follow us on Twitter! @CPickeringPri

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date | Event |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 5 th /6 th July | Y6 performance to parents – more details to follow |
| 5 th July | Y1 trip to Bridlington |
| 8 th July | Reports out |
| 12 th July | Transition day in school – children meet their new class teachers |
| 18 th July | Awards |
| 19 th July | Black and amber day – more details to follow |
| 20 th July | Y6 ball – more details to follow |
| 21 st July | Y6 pizza party |
| 22 nd July | Y6 Leavers assembly |
| 22 nd July | Family picnic |
| 22 nd July | Break up for summer |

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Make the most of everyday!

Attendance for June:

| Year Group | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| F1 | 93% |
| F2 | 90% |
| Y1 | 95% |
| Y2 | 96% |
| Y3 | 90% |
| Y4 | 92% |
| Y5 | 93% |
| Y6 | 90% |

Holidays in school time

Term Time Holiday Regulations

As a school we are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time unless they are under exceptional circumstances. This is not a school decision, but a decision which has been made for all schools in the country and Christopher Pickering Primary School is expected to follow the same guidelines.

Impact of Term Time Holidays on children

On a termly basis, we continue to monitor the impact that taking holidays in term time has had on the attendance, learning and progress of individual children. There are several instances of children having had more than 5 school days off during the academic year for holidays. When children have a term time holiday, as well as illness during the year, their attendance can drop below Local Authority expectations. As a consequence, this can make it difficult for them to learn as effectively as their peers. Additional time out of school can also make it difficult for children to maintain strong friendships, missing out on social interactions and activities within friendship groups.

Because of the impact term time holidays are having on the attendance of our children, governors have made a decision, based on expectations from the Local Authority, that any term time holidays which are more than 5 school days in total within the academic year (beginning of September 2022-end of July 2023) will lead to the Local Authority issuing a Penalty Notice. The Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days and £120 per parent, per child if paid after this date.

For example:

A family with two adults and two children could be fined:

2 x children = £120 x 2 adults = £240

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice could result in the Local Authority starting legal proceedings against you for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance at school.

I understand that you may still make the decision to take your child on holiday during term time, however it is important that you are fully aware that this may result in a fine as stated above.

No money from fines goes to school. It is kept by Hull City Council.

As a school we must still be correctly and honestly informed, for safeguarding purposes, of the reasons for your child's absence, including if this is due to a holiday. A holiday form must be filled in.

We Have Already Booked Our Holiday for Next Year...

As we are aware that some families may already have booked their holiday for next school year, if you can bring proof into school that you have already booked it before the date of this letter (e.g. booking form or email with date of booking) we will make sure you do not receive a fine for the first 10 school days for this coming academic year only.

If you have any questions or would like further advice about this, please pop in to speak to Mrs Leeman and she will be able to talk you through it.

PTA news

A huge thank you to our PTA. During our jubilee celebrations and our sports day we made the grand total of:

£2437.91

Thanks again!

School Holiday Dates

| Autumn Term | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5th September 2022 | School closed for staff training |
| 6 th September 2022 | Children back |
| 21 st October 2022 | Break up for half term |
| 31 st October 2022 | Reopen after half term |
| 16 th December 2022 | Break up for Christmas |
| Spring Term | |
| 3 rd January 2023 | School closed for staff training |
| 4 th January 2023 | Children back |
| 10 th February 2023 | Break up for half term |
| 20 th February 2023 | Reopen after half term |
| 31 st March 2023 | Break up for Easter |
| Summer Term | |
| 17 th April 2023 | School closed for staff training |
| 18 th April 2023 | Reopen after Easter |
| 1 st May 2023 | School closed for May Day |
| 25 th May 2023 | Break up for half term |
| 26 th May 2023 | School closed for staff training |
| 5 th June 2023 | Reopen after half term |
| 21 st July 2023 | Break up for Summer |
| 24 th July 2023 | School closed for staff training |
| 25 th July 2023 | School closed for staff training |