



**St. Peter's C.E. Primary School**  
Belford Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG1 1JA

Headteacher – Mrs Julia Collins



27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Christmas

We do want this to be a wonderful Christmas in spite of all the restrictions so this is what we have planned during the Advent season:

Week Beginning 7th December

- EY/KS1 nativity is being filmed and this will be uploaded onto Teams as soon as it is complete for you to watch from the comfort of your own home.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Christingle Making. Please could you provide an orange so that your child can make a Christingle in school. These will be used in worship the following week. St. Peter's church are providing the rest of the items.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Victorian Day. The Year 3 and 4 children will be having a Victorian Day in school to finish off their history topic. The team would like your child to come dressed in Victorian style clothes if possible and there will be more information on this on your child's TEAMS page. The children will take part in Victorian style lessons and discover what it would have been like to celebrate Christmas at this time.

Week Beginning 14th December

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Pantomime Day. As we are missing our annual trip to the theatre, we will watch a suitable pantomime in class bubbles. Children can bring a sweet treat for this day.
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner/ Jumper Day. We will make the staggered dinner times extra special and by wearing a Christmas jumper and hats, we will sparkle it up! If your child normally has a packed lunch but wishes to have a Christmas dinner on this day please order and pay on ParentPay. They will get the choice on the day of Turkey or a Veggie Filo Cracker, with all the trimmings.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Class Parties. Children will be allowed to come in non-uniform today.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Service. We will be holding our "in house" Christingle service from our class bubbles.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Last Day. We will finish **early and the new collection times are; Reception children to be collected at 1.30pm, Year 1 and 2 children to be collected at 1.45pm and the Juniors to be collected at 2pm** for the Christmas holidays. Unfortunately, this year we are not able to sing our carols over at the Alms Houses as we would normally.



Training Days

There are two training days in January so the children return to school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** for the Spring Term. Drop off and collection times will remain staggered until restrictions change.

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### The Light Shines

The Church has set up a project around Harrogate this Christmas, which you are invited to get involved with. The idea is that families create something to display in a window at home during Advent which includes the words "The light shines". As families walk around town they can explore



and spot lots of different designs. The idea fits perfectly with our vision of 'Shine and share your light' and it would be a fun family activity to complete on a dark, cold day in December. For more display ideas and information, click on the link and get involved in 'The Light Shines'.  
<https://theharrogatehub.org/pf/thelightshines/>

### Rhythm of Life Advent

We will also be using the Rhythm of Life Advent resources prepared by the Diocese in our collective worship in December. Please find attached an advent prayer diary for adults to use this season for themselves if they wish to support schools in prayer. There is also an activity sheet for the last week of advent to complete at home if you wish.

### FOSP – "Share your Shine"

The Friends of St Peter's have compiled a "Share your Shine" flier which signposts parents, carers and everyone in our community to local places and services that are available for support. If you are wanting to either offer support to others or may be suffering hardship now or over winter, please look at the flier attached.

An additional way in which to "Share your Shine", is to take part in the Reverse Advent calendar which is supporting a local charity called "New Beginnings". To be involved please look at the document attached.

FOSP are also making personalised letters from Santa, which are £2 each. All payments can be made by being put in the FOSP black box at school or by BACS. If parents are interested need to email FOSP with the following details: Child's name, age, any siblings, teachers name, the town they live and who they live with.

### Matched Funding for School

We would really love you to support the school by visiting the Just Giving page for Belle's grandma, who is walking for St Peter's. For every pound pledged she can get it matched funded by Barclays so please give a little to school this Christmas, as we have no Christmas Fair this year. Please follow the link here and turn £5 into £10 for us.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rabinder-sidhu?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=9Kjdvz4bd](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rabinder-sidhu?utm_id=1&utm_term=9Kjdvz4bd)

### Christmas Cards

Whilst children will be making Christmas cards in school to take home, we are asking that children do not bring in cards from home for their friends this year as this may require cards being passed between bubbles. If you would like to contribute the cost of the cards to Belle's Grandma's Just Giving page instead, we would greatly appreciate it.

Hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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