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Dear parents

Safeguarding and Welfare

Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of Love Learn Shine. Safeguarding covers a range of areas including the safe management of staff, volunteers and visitors, the safe management of all school activities, strong and secure child protection procedures and developing children's understanding of how to keep themselves safe in the modern world.

We will use this section of the newsletter to keep families up to date with a range of key safeguarding and welfare information.

Online Safety

We are pleased to be working in partnership with [Knowsley CLCs](#) who work across the UK to support schools, academies, teachers and learners of all ages.

Following on from the February newsletter we are pleased to share 'A guide to Parental Controls' which provide helpful information on making the most of the parental controls on a wide range of devices.



Children's Mental Health Week

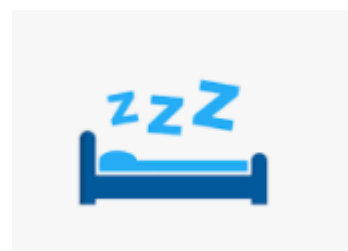
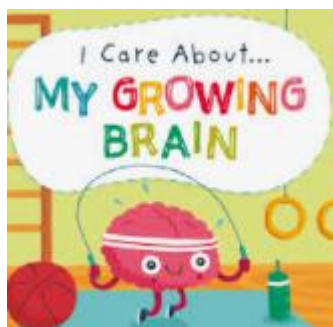
The staff and children have enjoyed exploring the theme of [Growing Together](#) during this week's Children's Mental Health Week. We are pleased to share some of our learning below.



As children grow their brains are growing and changing. We all have the opportunity to grow and develop in whatever directions we choose. With repeated practise the brain's pathways strengthen. Children can do this more quickly and easily than at other stages of life.

Growth does not have to be about developing new skills, it can be about making changes that will help us to feel better. We need to practise being brave as we have been discussing in worship showing courage such as at putting up our hand in class, being willing to make a mistake, and be open to new challenges.

Sleep is incredibly important for our brain's growth and development. Really important things happen whilst we are sleeping that helps us to grow and develop – our bodies and brains remain active and engaged during sleep. It is recommended that teenagers get between 8-10 hours of sleep EVERY night.



Whole School News

Staffing Update

Mrs Vance who works in our school office will sadly be leaving us at the end of this half term to take up a new post working at St Aidan's School. We will all miss her a great deal but wish her well with her new role.

Mrs Vance has been an incredibly loyal and hardworking member of the St Peter's team and I am sure you will all join me in thanking her for all she has done for the staff, children and families of St Peter's School.



Birthday Treats

Due to allergies and to respect the personal preferences of families in relation to foods their children are offered we are unable to facilitate the sharing of birthday cakes or birthday treats within the school day.

We are always delighted to sing to children on their birthdays and give our birthday stickers in our celebration worship on a Friday.

Thank you for respecting and understanding our position in regard to this.



Children Visit 'I Love Harrogate' Project

We were delighted to be among of the very first visitors to the 'I Love Harrogate' instalment today. All the children who had contributed their thoughts and memories of why they love Harrogate went to meet the organisers and see their contributions which will be played over the next two weeks. Well done and thank you to all the children who took part. Why not pop by next time you in in town? The instalment can be found next to WH Smiths.



Chess Challenge

The Harrogate Junior Chess Championship will take place at St. Roberts Club on Saturday 9th April 2022 from 9am to 1pm.

For more details go to : <https://fb.me/e/1j3rMN3ba>
Page: <https://www.facebook.com/JuniorChessHarrogate/>

The competition is organised by HDPSCA (Harrogate & District Primary Schools Chess Association - Charity ref 511173) and is free to enter for all chess playing Harrogate & District Primary School children irrespective of their chess playing ability. All are welcome!

There are individual prizes to be won and also the prestigious Champion District School Trophy awarded to the winning school or local junior club.

The tournament will be played as a 5 round Swiss Tournament (i.e. winners play winners and losers play losers). Each game (round) will last about 20 minutes.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to message at <https://www.facebook.com/JuniorChessHarrogate/> or email hjuniorchess@gmail.com .



Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent consultation meetings will take in afternoons and evenings during the week beginning 7th March 2022. Many parents found it convenient for these meetings to take place via TEAMS and we will continue to offer this. We can also offer, if needed, in person meetings. Bookings for meetings will be available on Wednesday 16 February. Please ensure that you have access to the Teams, and if you require resets please email to the office.

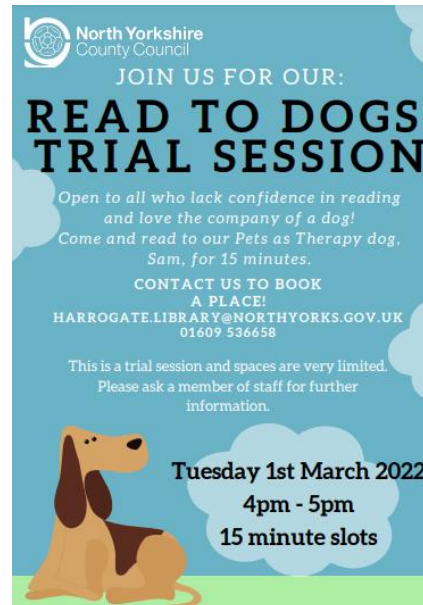


Library Reading Event

Harrogate Library have set up a 'Read 2 Dogs' session. The trial for which is to be held on Tuesday 1st March and there will be four 15 minute slots between 4pm and 5pm.

As this is a trial there are only 4 slots available for booking, although as long as the trial is successful we will be hosting weekly sessions with our Springer Spaniel, Sam. There are no restrictions and sessions are open to all ages and reading abilities.

Bookings must be placed with us at the library and we will maintain a waiting list for anyone who does not get onto our trial session.



Early Years Outdoors - Spring Spruce Up – Friday 18th February 2022

As we begin to edge closer to Spring we are planning a 'Spruce Up' day focusing on our Early Years Garden area. This will take place on Friday 18th February. Mrs Renton will be leading this day and would be very grateful to anyone who can spare a few hours to help. There will be two sessions (9.00 – 12.00 and 1.00 -3.00) during which any volunteers will be warmly welcome. Even if you can just spare an hour during one session you would be most welcome. No particular skills or equipment necessary just a willingness to pitch in. If you are able to offer your time please email admin@stpeters.ycway.uk with your name and which session you are able to offer your support during. Many thanks.

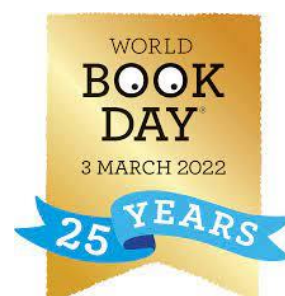


World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day which takes place on Thursday 3rd March 2022.

Staff are busy planning a range of activities for the day including a 'masked reader' challenge for the children to solve. Children if they wish may dress up as their favourite book character for the day. There is no requirement to do so and children may wear their usual uniform should they wish. We would encourage families to make and put together costumes from existing items rather than feel any pressure to buy a costume.

Mr Griffiths has his currently under construction in his garage. It is requiring a lot of orange paint! Can you guess who he is going to be?



Special Mentions

Well done to everyone this week who has earned a special mention this week!

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens George G and Liliana	Owls Finlay and Greta	Eagles Nell and Sebby S
Kingfishers Alastair and Emily-Grace	Magpies Eve and Junior	Hérons Georgia C and Mason
Sparrows Emily P and Hayley-Jayne	Starlings Freddie and Sebbie	Ravens Bonnie and Bradley
Finches Amelia and Ava		

Dates for your Diary

18 February	Ravens Cake Stall
	School closes for Half Term
28 February	School re-opens after Half Term
28 February – 4 March	Book Fair in School
1 March	Pancake races and Decorate a pancake – after school 3.15 – 3.45
3 March	World Book Day
Week Beginning 7 March	Parent Consultation Meetings

Best wishes
Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher