



St. Peter's C.E. Primary School
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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.

Family Lives Charity

The Family Lives charity aims to offer all parents somewhere to turn before they reach crisis point. Crisis support, provided for over 40 years through their helpline, has always been at the heart of what they do.

Family Lives also have an excellent website to help parents with the ups and downs of family life. One useful infographic is this one about [building resilience in children](#).

The Family Lives parents' helpline is available Monday to Friday, 1.30 - 9pm on 0800 800 2222.

The website can be found here:
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>



Whole School News

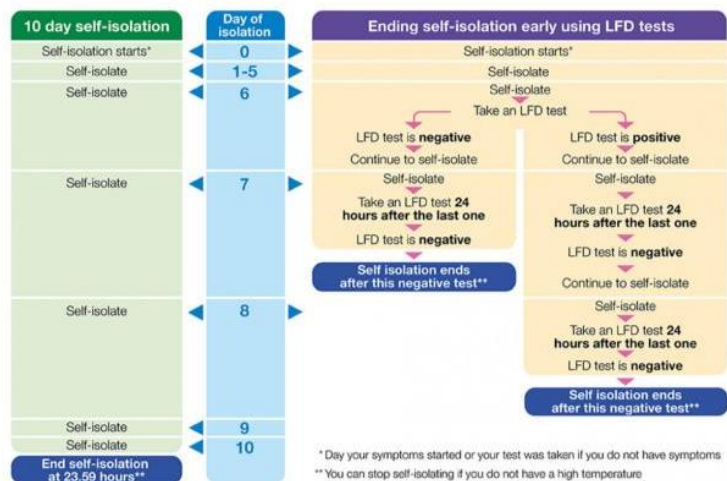
COVID Update

We understand that families may find themselves facing different challenges over the coming weeks and months. We would like to reassure families we are here help. Please do keep in touch by emailing admin@stpeters.ycway.uk or calling 01423 569684.

Today we have issued warn and inform letters to Starlings Class and Sparrows Class where the threshold of 10% of children in a class has been met. If you have a child in Starlings and Sparrows please see the letters sent earlier today.



We appreciate the guidance and expectations around isolation periods can change frequently. We are pleased to share the most recent flow chart attached to this newsletter.



Getting to School Contingency Plans

We appreciate that getting children to school if one or more parents or family members has COVID can be difficult. It is important however that families consider contingencies of how they will enable their children to continue to attend school if the person who usually brings them to school is ill or having to isolate.

Thank you to everyone who has already helped another family with taking and collecting another child and to those who have completed the [Helping Hands Form](#) where families can offer their support. This is entirely optional and all information will be treated in confidence. It will not be shared without contacting volunteers first. This form remains open to continue to receive offers of help and support.



Planning Application Update

The School Governing Board and Trust have been made aware of the following planning application:

21/04557/FUL | Conversion of vacant former home guards club to place of worship (Use Class F1). 4 Belford Road Harrogate HG1 1JA.

Harrogate
BOROUGH COUNCIL

The full application can be accessed via the Harrogate Borough Council website.

After consideration by Governors and with the support of the Trust the school has taken steps to ensure stakeholders are aware of the application and are therefore in a position to represent their own individual views on this matter directly to Harrogate Borough Council should they wish to do so.

At this stage the School welcomes the possibility of the building being brought back into use, and recognises that other statutory agencies such as the Police and Highways are being consulted in relation to the logistical implications of the proposed use.

I Love Harrogate



We were delighted to be asked to participate in a Video Projection Project within Harrogate Town Centre that will coincide with Valentine's Day. A video on loop will be projected from a town centre empty shop unit showing Harrogate primary school children. A big thank you and well done to all the children who took part and for all their efforts preparing their answers for filming.



Walk To School Day

We are pleased to promote the net Harrogate District Walk to School Day.

49% of our district's carbon emissions come from transport, which makes it the largest contributor to our district's carbon footprint. It's also 28% above the UK average! By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change.

Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, there are other options such as public transport, car sharing or 'park and stride' – this is where you park sooner than normal and walk the last part. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint. Every mile counts!



EYFS

This week we are all very excited to have brought home a reading book this week! Please practise reading this book with your child daily. If you have time, we would love you to write in their partnership book, so we can celebrate their home reading at school. Don't forget to bring their book to school every day so we can enjoy reading with them too!

EYFS Phonics books - Please ensure these books are kept in your child's bag and brought to school. It is important that we update them with our new sounds, so you can practise writing these graphemes correctly at home. We have noticed that some children are not holding their pencils correctly, which can have a negative impact on their writing. When writing with your child it is important that they use a 'tripod' pencil grip when holding their pencil. If you need any help with this, please let a member of the team know.



Special Mentions

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

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Jude and Tabitha Kingfishers Dellen and Sidney Sparrows Layla-Rose and Reuben Finches Elijah and Hugo C	Owls Hunter and Tabitha Magpies Junior and Oliver D Starlings Ellie and Iris	Eagles Isabella and Xander Hérons Noah and Tom Ravens Benson and Ryan

Dates for your Diary

15 January	Deadline to apply for Reception September 2022
21 January	Wrens Cake Stall
28 January	Whole School Cake Stall
	Closing date for The Rotary Club competition
4 February	Walk to School Day
	Hérons Cake Stall
11 February	Eagles Cake Stall
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
3 March	World Book Day
Week Beginning 7 March	Parent Consultation Meetings

Best wishes
 Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher