



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.

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. They offer Computing Curriculum Support, Online Safety Sessions as well as Teacher CPD and advice for parents.



There will be monthly online safety newsletter for families which will cover a range of topical online safety issues and provide what we hope families feel is helpful advice and support.

Online Safety Newsletter

As the cost of living continues to rise we have seen a significant increase in the number of families who are struggling to pay for their gas and electricity bills, with many having to make difficult decisions over heating or eating. The energy price cap will increase in April which is expected to drive more families into fuel poverty as industry predictions suggest bills could rise as much as 50%. Living in a cold home can have a significant effect on health and wellbeing with increased rates of respiratory illnesses and a negative impact on mental health.

Warm & Well
in North Yorkshire

North Yorkshire has higher rates of fuel poverty compared to the national average. There is support available through the [Warm and Well Service](#) who can offer advice to households, help with energy switching, signpost to home upgrade measures and access to emergency fuel vouchers.

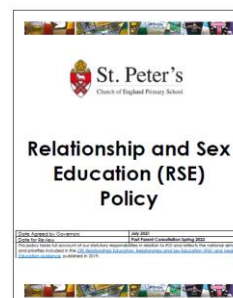
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Curriculum RSE Consultation Reminder

Our curriculum plays a key role in helping children develop an age appropriate understanding of how to keep themselves safe in the modern world.

Thank you to all those who have responded to the consultation so far. This will remain open for one more week from today.

We have set up an online [RSE Consultation Response form](#) for families to use to share their views.



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week through our phase and class collective worship time we will be recognising and taking part in [children's mental health week](#).

This year's theme is Growing Together. We will be encouraging children and adults to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow and in line with our vision Love Learn and Shine in their own way.

Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. Emotional growth is a gradual process, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

Families may like to have a look at the [dedicated resources](#) for parents on the 'Place2Be' website to complement the learning in school.



GROWTH STORIES



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.

Whether it is clarifying actions needed or supporting where children or family members have tested positive please do keep in touch by emailing admin@steoter's.ycway.uk or calling 01423 569684.

This week we have issued warn and inform letters to Eagles Class where the threshold of 10% of children in a class has been met.

Currently in EYFS & KS1 there are 6 children off who have tested positive for Covid, and in KS2 4 children are off school.



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 in e comings weeks and we will notify parents of the system for this via our newsletter.



Baking Boxes

We have a number of baking boxes containing all the recipes and ingredients to make a range of baked goodies including cookies and chocolate log. They will be available at the Friday cake stall and also from the office throughout the week.

We are offering these to any family for a small donation of whatever families feel is fair. All funds to go to FOSP. Many thanks to Mrs Bolton for securing these for us.



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.



St Peter's Children Take to the Airwaves

We were delighted to be invited by '[Your Harrogate](#)' to feature in a radio interview on the subject of walk to school week. A number of children were interviewed for the feature which will be played out throughout the day on walk to school day Friday 4th February. They spoke thoughtfully and considerately about the many benefits of walking to school. Well done to them for representing St Peter's so well and a big thank you to everyone who supported the walk to school day.



Dining Tables Available

We have two folding dining tables available that are surplus to requirement.

We are happy to make them available free of charge to any individual or group who could make use of them.

If you know of any individuals, groups or organisations who would be interested please let them know to contact Ms Foster in the school office via admin@stepeters.ycway.uk or 01423 569864.

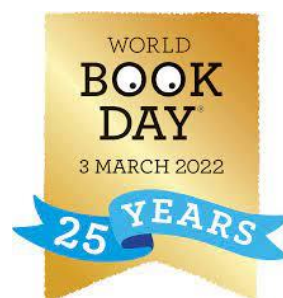


World Book Day

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 Summer Kingfishers Tanya and Duncan Sparrows Hermione and Murphy Finches Angela and Robbie	Owls Lucy and Nina Magpies Jemima and Karson Starlings Macauley and Pheobe	Eagles Gabriela and Jamie Hérons Irwin and Ted Ravens Edwin and Sophia

Dates for your Diary

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