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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.

Ukraine – Talking with Children

The situation in Ukraine is distressing and concerning. Whilst we are geographically far away from the events, we are aware that there will be families directly affected and may have families or connections in the region. The news and social media are dominated with the latest information, which can be upsetting and worrying; and from some sources may not even be verified. Children listening and viewing distressing images can become frightened and fearful.

We are pleased to share some background reading resources to help you think about how adults can support children with what they are seeing or feeling.

[Advice from The Department for Education DfE.](#)

This advice is directed to schools and families.



An article regarding events from [Children's Commissioner Rachel de Souza](#)



[Childnet](#) has some helpful advice for parents in relation to the situation in Ukraine.



[BBC Newsround](#) & [First News](#) provide a helpful sources of information written and presented in an appropriate way for children. We would always recommend children watch or read material with an adult.



Ukraine – DEC Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has been thinking of how we can show our support and help for those affected by the invasion of the Ukraine.

We understand the charities that have begun collections are now overwhelmed with donations and don't have anywhere to store good which seems to be a common problem currently.

An alternative suggestion for those who wish to help is to support the [Disasters Emergency Committee](#) DEC which has launched a Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The DEC brings together a number of leading aid charities including Christian Aid, Oxfam and Save the Children in order to raise funds quickly when large-scale disasters hit countries without the capacity to respond. It is quick and easy to donate and the UK Government will match pound-for-pound up to £20 million donated by the public to this appeal. DEC charities and their local partners are in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries providing water, food, shelter and medical assistance.



Mental Health

Mindful March Calendar from [Action for Happiness](#).

Each month Action for Happiness create a daily calendar of activities. For the coming month, the theme is Mindful March. Let's pause, breathe and really take in what's all around us.

You can download the calendar [here](#).



Whole School News

COVID Update

As I am sure you are aware there have been changes made as outlined in the Prime Minister's briefing on the next phase of the Government's COVID-19 response on 21st February. We wrote to families on Tuesday with a full update and have attached the most current advice shared on Tuesday at the end of this newsletter also.



Attendance and Punctuality

At the mid academic year point whole school attendance is 94%. This is higher than both the North Yorkshire (90%) and National (91.9%) averages reflecting the efforts made by families to help their children attend well despite the challenges of COVID. Thank you to everyone for supporting their children to attend well.

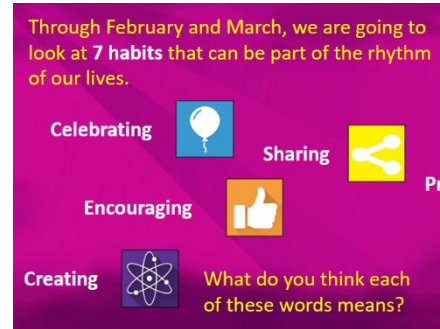
Please can we remind everyone the school day starts with all children ready to enter school at 8.45am. Gates open at 8.35. Please ensure children arrive in time to be lined up by 8.45. Staff will be on the playground from 8.40 for any brief handover messages. If you require more time than just passing a quick message please email the school office to arrange a convenient time to speak with your child's teacher.



Collective Worship

In our worship time throughout this half term we will be exploring Lent and the Rhythm of Life Journey. During the half term we will explore 7 habits that can be part of the rhythm of our lives.

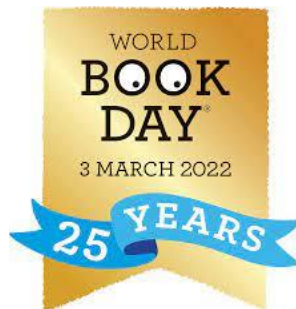
This week we have introduced the 7 habits and started to think what they might mean to us and how they might help us in our lives. The habits are; celebrating, reflecting, sharing, encouraging, praying, creating and resting.



World Book Day



We all had great fun celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. As well as a wonderful array of costumes children enjoyed extra reading sessions, sharing their favourite books, writing book reviews and solving our masked reader challenge. Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to everyone who helped make the day extra special.



Check us out on the [Your Harrogate](#) pages in their World Book day Photo Special.

A 'Flipping' Good Time

Many thanks to all who helped set up and run and support our pancake stall and pancake races on Shrove Tuesday.

Many tasty pancakes were enjoyed and there were some excellent flipping and running techniques displayed in the pancake races.

Many thanks to FOSP for organising and leading this event.



Class of the Week - Did you See Us?

We were delighted to be asked to feature one of our classes in the Harrogate Advertiser School of the Week section.

On this occasions Ravens class were featured with their maths work led by Mrs Crankshaw who is also a Primary Specialist for the [Yorkshire and Ridings Maths Hub](#).

We hope to be able to feature other classes in future additions.



Harrogate Library

Harrogate Library are launching a Stay and Play session for pre-school age children and their parents.

It's free to attend and will run weekly on a Monday morning (term-time only). Bookings can be made on



Facebook and Instagram

We are on Facebook and Instagram. If you don't keep up to date and follow us, you can find us at [Facebook](#) or on Instagram we are [stpeters_primaryschool](#)

We are Recruiting

We currently have vacancies for;

- Midday Supervisors
- Relief Caretaker

If you are interested in any of these roles or know someone who is please visit the [vacancies page](#) of our website which can be found in the 'Our School' section.



EYFS & KS1

Year 1 and 2 have a new topic – Dinosaur Dig, and they need junk modelling donations for art to create their junk dinosaurs.

WRENS AND KINGFISHERS

In the next couple of weeks, we are going to be making junk model dinosaurs! How exciting! If you have any small recyclable objects like toothpaste boxes, yogurt pots, lids off things, juice cartons, small milk cartons (1pint) etc. then it would be brilliant if you could bring these into school next week to help us create our junk models. Thank you!

Special Mentions

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

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Felix H-M and Felix P	Owls Ava S and Lola- Rose	Eagles Isabella and Isaiah
Kingfishers Lily-Mae & Sarena	Magpies Annabel and Jonah	Heron Danny and George
Sparrows Josh and Martha	Starlings Cormac and Nel	Ravens Eva and Seth
Finches Daniel and Georgia		

Friends Of St Peter's

FOSP Quiz Night

We are all looking forward to FOSP quiz night this coming Thursday 10th March 7.00-9.00pm. Tickets are still available and can be bought for groups or individuals.



FOSP Fish & Chips Quiz Night

Thursday 10th March | 7pm – 9pm

Groups of 10 or buy a single ticket and we'll find a great group for you to join! This will be followed by fish and chips from a local takeaway!

BYOB

(Corkage donation for FOSP is kindly asked for)

£9.50 per ticket

To book your place please email fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk or contact FOSP on our fb page. BACS payments to:

St Peters PTA, Yorkshire Bank, Acct. 16916423, S/C. 05-04-54

Funclub

Funclub are still looking for that perfect person to lead their Funclubs at Pannal and Oatlands Junior Schools. Please see the attached information if this is of interest to you.

Dates for your Diary

Week Beginning 7 March	Parent Consultation Meetings
10 March	FOSP EVENT – Fish and Chip Quiz
11 March	Magpies Cake Stall
17 March	FOSP AGM. 7pm.
18 March	Comic Relief Whole School Cake Stall
25 March	Owls Cake Stall
1 April	Sparrows Cake Stall
7 April	Easter Service in St Peter's Church
8 April	Kingfishers Cake Stall
29 April	Finches Cake Stall
6 May	Wrens Cake Stall
13 May	Herons Cake Stall
20 May	Eagles Cake Stall
27 May	Ravens Cake Stall

Best wishes

Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher

Latest Government COVID Guidance:

From Thursday 24 February, the Government removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test and the advice to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.

Staff, students and pupils in all mainstream education settings (including private, voluntary, independent (PVI) and maintained nurseries) are no longer advised to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. Schools should no longer distribute test kits to students or staff for regular testing.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Children, staff and other adults who have COVID-19 symptoms, should follow guidance on People with COVID-19 and their contacts.

You should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do.

If you insist on your child attending nursery, school, or college when they have symptoms, they can take the decision to refuse your child if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Their decision would need to be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice.

In addition, the Government will:

No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.

End the legal obligation for individuals to tell their employers when they are required to self-isolate.

Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advice on COVID-19 vaccination for healthy 5 to 11 year olds

The NHS is currently offering vaccines to at-risk children and those who live with immunosuppressed people in this age group. Parents and guardians of at risk 5 to 11 year olds should wait for the NHS to contact them, with local NHS teams already contacting those who are eligible.

On Wednesday 16 February, the government accepted the advice from the independent JCVI to make a non-urgent offer of COVID-19 vaccines to all children aged 5 to 11 in England.

The JCVI advice follows a thorough review by the UK's independent medicines regulator, the MHRA, which approved Pfizer's paediatric vaccine, as safe and effective for children aged 5 to 11. Children without underlying health conditions are at low risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and the priority remains for the NHS to offer vaccines and boosters to older age groups and vulnerable children, as well as to catch-up with other childhood immunisation programmes.

The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April so parents can, if they want, take up the offer to increase protection against potential future waves of COVID-19, as we learn to live with this virus.

The updated JCVI advice for vaccinating 5 to 11 year olds, which was published on Friday 18 February by the NHS, confirms that community pharmacy-led local vaccination services and vaccination centres should be the primary delivery models for this cohort.