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1 April 2022

Dear Parents

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. This letter and alongside previous versions can be found in the [letters section](#) of our website.

Safeguarding, Welfare & Wellbeing

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.



Gaming Guidance

Computer games in moderation can be a fun way to relax and play with friends and family.

There are hundreds of different games available. The content of some games is not appropriate for children. The [PEGI](#) ratings are the video game equivalent of film classification ratings and provide a clear guide of which age groups games are suitable for.

[Action for Children Gaming Advice](#) has many helpful top tips for enjoying gaming safely as well as further information on the PEGI rating system.



HDFT - Children Health Services App.

The North Yorkshire 0-19 Children Services Team would like to announce the launch of the HDFT - Children Health Services app.

The HDFT - Children Health Services App was developed by and for the North Yorkshire 0-19 Children Services Team aka Growing Healthy/Healthy Child Team. The app was designed to be a useful resource for staff of the NY 0-19 Children Services Team as well as service users such as parents and families.



The HDFT - Children Health Services App offers information to support the health and development of children, young people, and adults. The app is tailored to the local area and can provide information relevant to North Yorkshire. The app provides support and advice on a range of topics such as;



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- Antenatal Care
- Child health/development milestones
- Infant feeding
- Perinatal, infant and child emotional health
- Advice on being a dad
- Making sure your child is ready for school
- Children with special educational needs
- Local support and activities

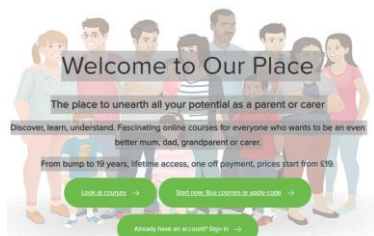


The HDFT - Children Health Services App is now live and can be downloaded from the Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

Search HDFT - Children Health Services App. Or you can scan the QR codes above.

Welcome to [Our Place](#)

The place to unearth all your potential as a parent or carer. Discover, learn, understand. Fascinating online courses for everyone who wants to be an even better mum, dad, grandparent or carer. From bump to 19 years. Courses can be accessed completely free of charge by families living in North Yorkshire using the code NYFAMILIES.



Cost of Living

In our region Northern Powergrid, Northern Gas Networks and either Yorkshire Water are responsible for making sure we have a safe and reliable supply of electricity, gas and water to our homes.

Together, they work in partnership as 'Infrastructure North', a coalition of utility companies who have joined forces to help serve customers in the north of England. There are lots of ways you can use your electricity, gas and water more efficiently to reduce your energy bills whilst helping the environment.

Together they have created a booklet to give energy saving tips as well as some potentially life-saving advice about staying safe in your home. We are pleased to attach the full booklet along with our newsletter.





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Curriculum Spotlight

Science & Reading

Children in both years five and six have been enjoying extending their reading of nonfiction texts through the science reading challenge enjoying a range of new science books kindly donated from [The Ogden Trust](http://TheOgdenTrust.org).

The Ogden Trust aims to increase the engagement of all young people (4-18), particularly those in under-represented groups in studying sciences. The Trust supports schools, teachers, projects and programmes that are committed to enhancing physics teaching and learning.



Early Years



Children in Early Years very much enjoyed time in the snow on Thursday exploring the textures and feel as well as sculpting and shaping. It was a pleasure to see them demonstrating such effective co-operation and team work as they explored and played with and alongside each other.



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Collective Worship Spotlight

Children continue to explore the Rhythm of Life Lent journey in their worship.

This week we have thought about the habit of reflecting including considering how Jesus reflected and prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane right before his arrest.

Children have explored how reflection can lead to more considered and balanced decision making and where they might like to go to reflect.

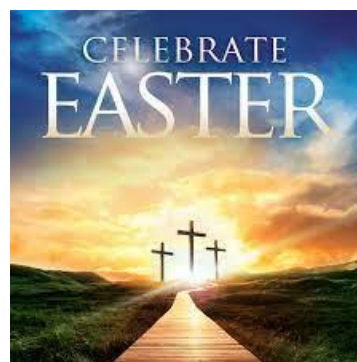


Easter Service

We look forward to sharing our worship time with families during our Easter service which is scheduled for 9.30am Thursday 7th April at St Peter's Church.

There will be no PE lessons on this day and we ask that all children come in full school uniform on this day.

If parents are free to help walk with us to church this would be much appreciated please meet on front playground at 9.15am.



Other News

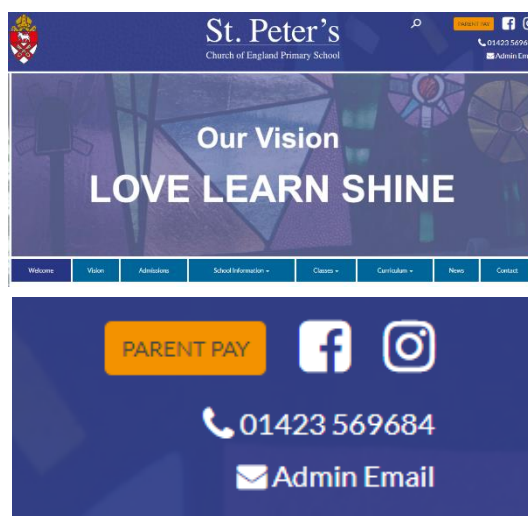
Updated Website



We are pleased to have made a number of updates to our website including a refreshed look and updated information in many sections.

We hope families find it useful and easy to use.

In the summer term we will send out a short survey to gather your views on our updates.



Connect easily to our social media feeds by clicking on the Facebook and Instagram logos in the right hand corner of the website home page.



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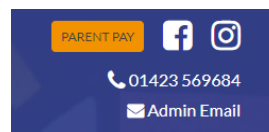
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Payments

We are pleased to be able to offer fast, easy and secure online payments via ParentPay. A link to ParentPay can be found on the main home page of our updated website.

Thank you to everyone for keeping their accounts updated and in credit. As we approach the end of the Spring term please can we remind families that accounts should be in credit before school meals are taken. Please can any outstanding balances be settled before the end of this term, Friday 8th April. Many thanks.



Medication in School

We are able to administer prescribed medication during the day if needed. Please note we can only administer medication prescribed by a doctor and not over the counter medications.

Medications that need administering must be brought to the school office in order that the appropriate forms can be completed and the medicines stored safely and securely. Many thanks for your help with this.



Parent & Visitor Conduct Policy – Social Media

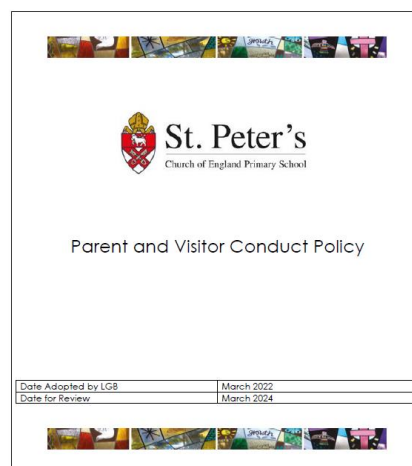
Last term we consulted with parents on our Parent and Visitor Conduct Policy. Following no objections this was adopted. The full policy can be accessed via the [policies page](#) of our website.

Part of this policy outlines the use of social media by parents and visitors. If you have not yet done so we would ask families to familiarise themselves with this document including the section around use of social media (an extract of which is below).

On occasions some parents are tempted to make comments about the school, school staff, other parents and/or pupils on social media.

Social media is not the forum for raising concerns or complaints about the school. If parents have a concern about the school, they can raise their concern directly with the Headteacher and complaints can be raised through the school's Complaints Procedure.

Parents and carers should take care when posting messages on social media. Parents are expected to treat everyone with respect and professionalism – even on social media – and adults should set a good example to their children and other pupils. Please do not use social media to criticise the school or its staff or pupils or make inappropriate comments.





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Policy Updates

We are pleased to have updated and approved at our recent Local Governing Board meeting a number of school level policies including;

- Attendance Policy
- Exclusion Policy
- Updated Child Protection Policy
- Summary Children Protection Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Peer on Peer Policy



All policies can be viewed in the [policies section](#) of our website.

Our Young Leaders

A key element of our vision of LOVE EARN SHINE is that;

We support children to grow and develop socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually, helping them to shine and share their light enabling themselves and others to flourish.

We are delighted that so many of our children wish to play and active role in school life though different leadership roles. We are pleased to share a selection of the leadership roles in school that are children take.



Librarians

Our Librarians are so organised and passionate about encouraging reading and respect for our beautiful library. They are always available to help and are dedicated to maintaining a wonderful reading environment.



Play Squad

Our dedicated team organises playground equipment for our children to enjoy and engage with over lunchtime. They support the younger members of the school and ensure the Play Squad cupboard is always tidy and ready for the next session.



Science Ambassadors

This dedicated bunch share a passion for Science and have extremely enquiring minds. At the moment we are taking part in a Science reading challenge that the children are thoroughly enjoying. We have just received some playground equipment sets so they will be sharing their shine and wealth of knowledge with the younger children.



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Upper KS2 Worship Leaders meet to help plan the Easter Service.



Worship Leaders

Our worship leaders help to plan and deliver acts of worship both in their classes, in school and at St Peter's Church. They also help give feedback to school staff on our worship cycle and the impact it has on them and other children. They help us to improve our worship cycle making it the best it can be.

Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders are passionate for technology and want to share their knowledge with others and promote the use of all things digital throughout the school. Being a Digital Leader is a fantastic opportunity to take on responsibility, learn new skills, develop and demonstrate leadership skills.

Uniform

We are proud of our uniform and grateful for all the support families give to ensure their children wear correct uniform each day.

We do have preloved uniform available to families. Please ask at the office if this would be of help.

Please can we also remind you of the following;

- Please name all uniform.
- Trainers should only be worn on PE days
- PE hoodies should be completely plain blue or the St Peter's Hoodie. No other hoodies or Sports tops are part of our uniform.
- Socks should be plain blue, grey or black.



School PE Hoodie or completely plain navy hoodie only please. Usual school jumpers on PE days are also acceptable.



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FOSP Events

FOSP are kindly supporting two Easter events. We are pleased to share the details of these below.

Easter Bonnet Competition

All children are invited to design and make an Easter Bonnet and bring this to school on Friday 8th April 2022. Mr Griffiths will judge these during the day and there will be a prize for each of the following categories

- Early Years
- Lower Key Stage 1 – Years 1&2
- Lower Key Stage 2 – Years 3&4
- Upper Key Stage 2 – Years 5&6



Early Years Egg Hunt

Children from Early Years are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt. This will take place Tuesday 5th April 3.15 – 3.45 in the early Years outdoor area (at the side of school by the Early Years entrance) A donation of £1.00 is requested and all children will be able to hunt for and take home some eggs.

Many thanks to the FOSP team for their hard work and efforts.



Special Mentions

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

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Elodie and Yeva Kingfishers Sidney and Alastair Sparrows Sophia and Emily W Finches Zachary and Freddie	Owls Luna and Jack Magpies Tyron and Isabella Starlings Tom and Lola	Eagles Eli and Evie D Hérons Evie and Tilly Ravens Maya and Edie



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 4 th April	Key Stage 1 Easter Bonnet Making – Parents Welcome to View Bonnets at 2.45.
Monday 4 th April	Dress Rehearsal of Year 3&4 Curriculum Showcase of Project Planet Production. Others year groups to watch.
Tuesday 5 th April	1.30pm Year 3&4 Curriculum Showcase of Project Planet Production. This will take place in St Paul's Church. Please also see additional letter from Year 3&4 team
Tuesday 5 th April	FOSP Early Years Egg Hunt. 3.15 – 3.45 in the Early Years Outdoor Area. £1.00 donation requested. Eggs for all children taking part.
Wednesday 6 th April	9.00 – 9.30 – Upper Key Stage 2 Parent Reading Session – Parents welcome to come and join their children in class.
Wednesday 6 th April	2.00-3.00 – Early Years Parent Stay and Play – Parents welcome to stay and play with their child in Early Years
Wednesday 6 th April	6.00pm Year 3&4 Curriculum Showcase of Project Planet Production. This will take place in St Paul's Church. Please also see additional letter from Year 3&4 team
Thursday 7 th April	9.30am Easter Service in St Peter's Church
Thursday 8 th April	Easter Bonnet Competition. Bonnets/Hats brought to class for Judging. FOSP donated prize for winner from EY, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 to be awarded by Mr Griffiths in Friday worship time following judging in classes in the morning.

Cake Stall Dates

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