



**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.

### Talk PANTS

The NSPCC [Talk PANTS](#) is a helpful resource for families helping primary age children begin to understand that their body belongs to them.

It reinforces key messages delivered through our PSHCE curriculum and ongoing safety messaging around appropriate levels of privacy especially when mixing in a school context away from the family home.



### Site Security

We want our school site and building to be a warm, welcoming, appropriately accessible secure space for all children, families and staff.

We appreciate the cable locks around the current gate systems are not completely ideal and we are working with the Trust on longer term, more appropriate solutions. Our aim is to keep the site proportionately secure and accessible to those with good reason to access it and for those needing to leave the site including in an evacuation situation. We will continue to keep families updated with our progress.

We have added a second lock to the main double gates and in the short-term request that anyone needing to access the site during the day rings the school number to be met by the single side gate at the car park end of school (as per the photo). Many thanks for your support and understanding.



# Whole School News

## New Staff Member

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Victoria Gould as our new part time clerical assistant. Mrs Gould will begin work next week from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March and will typically work in the office on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Gould has previously worked in similar roles at both Harrogate High School and Ashville College, as well as running her own business. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to the St Peter's family and will help to make her feel very welcome.



## Clubs

We are pleased to be building an extracurricular club offer which this week saw the start of Chess Club.

We continue to work with our staff team as well as looking to form partnership with high quality trusted, reliable and affordable outside providers to continue to build our offer.

What	When	Who for	Who by
Lego Club	Wednesday Lunchtime	All year groups (rota basis)	Mrs McNichol
Chess Club	Thursday lunchtime	Yr5&6	Mrs McNichol and Mr Stokes
Makaton Choir	Monday after school	KS2	Miss Potter
Maths Challenges	Monday lunchtime	Year 6	Mrs Crankshaw
<a href="#">Tchoukball</a> (starting Summer subject to equipment arriving)	Monday after school – Starting Summer term – more details to follow	Yr 4,5,6	Mr Griffiths
Cricket Comp (SI)	Wednesday after school – Summer Term	3 sessions for 3&4 3 sessions 5&6	<a href="#">Sporting Influence</a> Staff – More details to follow soon.
Debating Club	Lunchtime – Starting Summer term - more details to follow.	Year 5&6	Miss Fishburn



## Panathlon Event

We were delighted to take part in the Harrogate Sports Partnership [Panathlon Event](#) this week.

Children completed 9 different sporting activities, displaying sporting skills, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the session. Well done to all who took part.



## Nut Free School

Please may we politely remind all families we are a nut free school. Please help us keep everyone safe by not sending any foods or snacks that contain nuts. Thank you for your support with this.



## 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.



## Facebook and Instagram

We are on Facebook and Instagram. If you want to keep up to date and follow us, you can find us at [Facebook](#) or on Instagram we are [stpeters\\_primaryschool](#)

## EYFS & KS1

For the dinosaur creations we will start to papier mache, so **please, please, please can you send in your newspapers**

## LKS2

Year 3-4 production dates: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00. Children need to be in school ready to go by 5:50. Costumes need to be in school by next Friday. Please get in touch with class teacher if really struggling to get costume sorted.

## Special Mentions

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

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> Reggie and Sebastian A	<b>Owls</b> Austin and Alya	<b>Eagles</b> Reuben and Ysabella
<b>Kingfishers</b> Grace and Oscar	<b>Magpies</b> Jennifer and Oliver H	<b>Hérons</b> Matilda and Gracie F
<b>Sparrows</b> Archie and Emily P	<b>Starlings</b> Vera and Georgina	<b>Ravens</b> Addy and Ryan
<b>Finches</b> Anna and Freya		

## Dates for your Diary

25 March	Zero Carbon Walk to School Day
	Owls Cake Stall
1 April	Sparrows Cake Stall
4 April	<b>Key Stage 1</b> Easter Bonnet Making – Parents Welcome to View Bonnets at 2.45.
5 April	1.30pm - <b>Year 3&amp;4</b> Curriculum Showcase – see additional letter from the Year 3&4 team.
6 April	9.00 – 9.30 – <b>Upper Key Stage 2</b> Parent Reading Session – Parents welcome to come and join their children in class.  2.00-3.00 – <b>Early Years Parent Stay and Play</b> – Parents welcome to stay and play with their child in Early Years  6.00pm – <b>Year 3&amp;4</b> Curriculum Showcase – see additional letter from the Year 3&4 team.
7 April	Easter Service in St Peter's Church. 9.30am
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.