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Dear Parents

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. This letter and alongside previous versions can be found in the <u>letters</u> <u>section</u> 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.

# Monthly Online Safety Newsletter

We are pleased to attach our dedicated online safety newsletter for April. Copies can also be accessed via the <u>Online Safety</u> page of our updated website.

It is packed full of helpful tips for families to help keep them updated in keeping their children safe online.

This month there are features on

- You Tube safety
- Parental controls for a range of different gaming devices
- Helping children to understand fake news

# TikTok Guide

While we strongly advise parents follow the App age restriction guidance we are also aware children may being showing and interest through older siblings and friends in the App TikTok. To support families, we have attached a helpful parent guide in relation to the TikTok App.





#### Does your child want to be a YouTuber?

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however the App store rates YouTube as 17+ due to the content that can be found on there.

Have you heard of Ryan Kaji? He is the face behind the YouTube channel Ryan's World, which in 2021, earned a staggering £19ml! (Source: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-59987711). Lots of YouTube channels centre around children so is it any wonder that many children aspire to have their own channel? How can we support and keep them safe though?









## Happy Easter

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing Easter break. We hope you are all able to enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the summer term on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

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# Curriculum Spotlight

#### **Science Ambassadors**

Year 5/6 science ambassadors have enjoyed exploring and setting up their Primary Science Playground Science kits this week.

With the bags and the experiment cards provided by the <u>Ogden Trust</u> the children have been putting together the necessary equipment so they can undertake the different challenges and experiments at playtimes with children from across the classes.



# **Project Planet**

This term children in lower Key Stage Two (Years 3&4) have been learning about the impact humans are having on our planet. They read The Last Bear by Hannah Gold and have developed their understanding of the impact of different actions on the environment. The children have learnt about everyday environmental heroes as well as the actions that we can all take to lower our carbon footprints.

The Project Planet play was the perfect accompaniment to their learning as it tells the story of a local children rewilding unused land to help create wildlife thrive and tackle climate change.

Thank you to everyone who came to see one of the performances we hope you enjoyed sharing in our learning as much as the children enjoyed presenting to you.



Find out more about the author Hannah Gold and her award wining books <u>here.</u>









# Stay and Play

A big thank you for all who attended our EYFS Stay and Play session this week. It was fantastic to see so many adults having an 'eggcellent' time completing Easter crafts with your children.

We hope everyone enjoying 'channelling their inner 4 or 5 year old. Thank you for taking time away from your days to visit us.











## **Easter Bonnets**

Children in Key Stage One had great fun designing making and presenting their Easter Bonnets in a parade to parents earlier in the week.

Children from across the school were all also invited to design and make an Easter Bonnet.

FOSP kindly donated a prize for each of the following categories.

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

The winners were; Early Years – Milo from Wrens Yr 1 & 2 – Amelia from Finches Yr 3 & 4 – Ariana from Starlings Yr 6 & 6 – Ming Ming from Eagles

Mr Griffiths was amazed at the creativity, thought and effort put into the designs of the bonnets. Well done!











# **Collective Worship Spotlight**

#### Creating

This week in our worship children have reflected on creating. We have studied the part of the Easter story where Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane and thought about different ways we can be creative through, making, writing, dance and all the different ways in which we can express ourselves.

#### Putting creating into action!

- Find something that you can mend or recycle to use in a new way today – it might be a friendship, clothes or something you can make to use at home.
- Create an Easter Garden to remember the story we have heard. There are lots of ways you can do it!





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#### Holy Week Virtual Pilgrimage

We are pleased to share a Holy Week Virtual Pilgrimage resources that families might like to use during the holidays. It gives suggestions of a short activities and reflections during holy week leading up to Easter Sunday.





#### **Easter Service**









Thank you to everyone who was able to join to share in our worship at St Peter's Church on Thursday and help us get all the children to and from church safely.

It was wonderful to see the church filled with children and family members. Thank you to all who contributed to leading a thoughtful and vibrant act of worship.



#### Easter Worship at St Peter's Church

#### Stepping Stones – Good Friday Service

A family friendly craft service looking at the story of Good Friday. Music, Hot Cross Buns, Tea & Coffee

Starts at 10am Friday 15th April. All Ages are welcome.



St Peter's Church Harrogate

A list of all Easter worship can be found <u>here.</u>





#### **Other News**

#### Summer Term Lunch Menu

We are pleased to attach the lunch menu for the summer term. As well as a daily choice of hot options we cater for diary requirements and provide vegetarian options as well as meat free days throughout the three-week menu cycle.

Children have choice of options on the day.



Regular theme meals days are also a feature of each term. Children recently enjoyed a special Easter lunch.

# **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.

Any outstanding balances from the spring term should be settled before any further paid services are taken at the start of the summer term. Payments via ParentPay can be made at any time including during school holidays.











# **Special Mentions**

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

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
	<b>Magpies</b> Albie and Neli <b>Starlings</b>	<b>Eagles</b> Matthew and Ming Ming <b>Herons</b> Felix and Addy <b>Ravens</b> William and Dermot

**Diary Dates** 

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – School opens for the start of the summer term.

Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May – End of Key Stage Two (Year 6) SATS Week.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee events more details to follow.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half Term Week.

Thursday 21st July – 9.30 Leavers Service St Peter's Church

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – School Closes (2.00pm) for the end of the Summer term.

#### **Cake Stall Dates**

- 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