



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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13 May 2022

Dear Parents

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. This letter 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.

Community Activities Parent Guidance

The Department for Education (DfE) have updated their guidance to help parents make informed choices about out of school settings including holiday clubs.



Department
for Education

We know many of you make use of the excellent service provided by Fun Club but also sometimes access other options during holidays. We hope you find this information helpful in making informed choices.

The guidance can be accessed [here](#)

Guidance

Keeping children safe during community activities, after-school clubs and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings

Self-harm: proposed updated guidance (NICE)

Self-harm is an umbrella term for intentional self-poisoning or self-injury, and is one of the most common reasons for hospital attendance.

Self-harm can occur at any age.

The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has a useful [article](#) which parents may find of help if they have any concerns about this potential risk.



The Association
for Child and Adolescent
Mental Health

NICE National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence

Carers' Resource

A carer is someone who, without payment, provides help and support to a friend, neighbour or relative who could not manage otherwise because of frailty, illness or disability. They may be juggling paid work with caring responsibilities at home. Carers have a tough job – it can mean unrelenting pressure, little chance to relax and a lot of worry. The system is complicated, and the issue is hidden.

[Carers' Resource](#) provides support for carers, no matter what their age, race, religion or needs.

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Sibling Survey

To ensure we can continue to cater well for all those wishing to join the St Peter's family we are taking a strategic approach to tracking and managing numbers.

To help us maintain this accurate picture we are asking all existing parents to complete a [short survey](#) if they have a child currently at St Peter's.



Thank you to everyone who has completed this short survey already. The average time to complete this has been 2 minutes. The survey remains open until Monday 23rd May. We would be grateful if anyone with a child due to start in the next three academic years could complete it. Thank you.

Curriculum Spotlight

Key Stage Two SATS

A huge well done to all our children in Year Six who have this week completed their end of Key Stage Two SATS assessments. They approached these assessments with great determination and maturity showing support and respect for each other throughout the whole week.

Over the coming weeks they will focus on further developing their writing work which is now teacher assessed rather than tested.

Thank you also to Year 5 for supporting their Year 6 classmates by working so sensibly together in the mornings this week with Mrs McNichol and Mr Radcliffe.

Last but by no means least a huge thank you to Mrs Bolton and Mrs MacDonald for preparing our wonderful SATS breakfasts this week. They have been in at the crack of dawn each morning preparing breakfast for all the children and a few hungry staff also. Thank you, Mrs Bolton and Mrs MacDonald



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We have been pleased to present our Year Six children with their leavers Hoodies this week. Thank you to the parents and staff involved in arranging the Hoodie order this year.

Having listened to feedback we are delighted to have made them available from earlier in the year than previously.

We are happy for Year 6 to wear these hoodies throughout the remainder of the term. We politely request and remind children and families that full uniform (shirts and ties) or St Peter's summer polo shirt or summer dress are worn below the hoodie on usual days and a plain white T-shirt worn below on PE days. All other uniform also remains in place. If we are concerned that other uniform expectations are no longer being met we reserve the right to revisit this decision.

We ask that on Church visit days and photo day children have both their hoodie and their usual school jumper or cardigan.





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Choir Day

We were delighted to take sixteen children from year 4/5 to a Junior Choir Day at Harrogate Ladies College on Wednesday. They learnt 8 songs in the morning including 'Hey Mr Miller' and an African Lullaby called 'Soualle' which they sang in three-part harmony.

They enjoyed a special lunch and then performed the songs for their parents in a Jubilee themed concert at the end of the day. The children of St Peters were recognised for their enthusiasm and amazing dance moves as well as their excellent behaviour and friendliness to children from other schools.

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part and represented St Peter's so superbly.



Curriculum

Our early years (Reception) children are learning about People who help us this term.

The children would love to hear from any parents or family members who do any type of job that helps others; doctors, fire fighters, police, vets, builders, postal workers, magistrates, etc. If you do a role like this or know someone who does and who would be willing to come in and speak to the children we would love to hear from you.

It does not need to be anything 'fancy' just for the children to hear direct from people about their job roles, show their uniform (if the role has one) and be willing to answer some questions from the children would be fantastic. This could be done in person or over TEAMS. You may only be able. If you are able to help please email in to the admin team at admin@stpeter.sycway.uk or speak to Mrs Renton or Miss Collins.





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Sports Day – Save the Date

Subject to good weather (fingers crossed) Sports Day will take place throughout the day on Wednesday 22nd June. As usual this will take place on the Stray.

Families are welcome to attend to watch and support and this year there will be no need to ticket this event or limit numbers attending.

To ensure a high quality experience for the children and adequate staffing levels to run the event smoothly Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) will have their event in the morning and Early Years and Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) will be in the afternoon.



Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an 'Academy Governor' on our Local Governing Board. Academy governors can be anyone from the community who is suitable to be co-opted onto the board by the existing members of the board and with the approval of the Trust.

They can be a parent of the school but this is not a requirement. We are keen to hear from anyone who is or knows of someone who might be interested in serving their community through this role. We would be particularly keen to hear from anyone who has a background and understanding of financial management.



If you are interested or know of anyone who is please in the first instance get in touch with our Clerk to Governors Mrs S Thom via admin@stpeter.ycway.uk

Junior Parkrun



Many of our children enjoyed taking part in the cross country last week. Well done again to all who took part.

Harrogate is lucky to have a junior parkrun that's only 2km rather than the 5km of the adult parkrun. It's on each Sunday morning in Valley gardens. It is free to take part and more information can be found [here](#).





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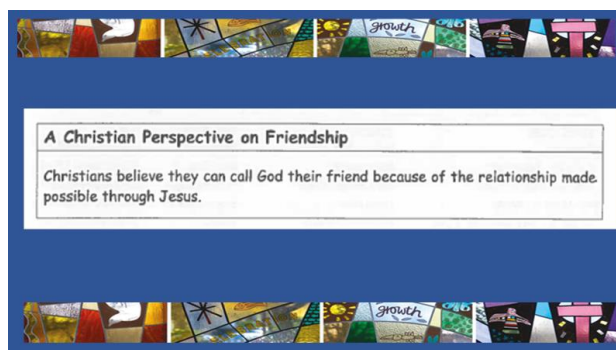
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Collective Worship Spotlight

This half term we are focusing on the value of Friendship and will also be having a week of special worships dedicated to celebrating the Jubilee.

This week we considered what friendship means in particular from a Christian perspective and also reflective on ways to repair and mend friendships.



Merit Awards

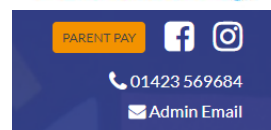
Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Luca and William Kingfishers Grace and Emily Grace Sparrows Emily W and Murphy Finches Sienna and Bentley	Owls Melodie and Serafina Magpies Oliver D and Kyran Starlings Skyla and Ari and Finlay (Owls)	Eagles Isaac and Ysabella Heron Mariia and Danny Ravens Chiara and Atanas Big shout out to all the Year 6's

Other News

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.





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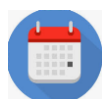
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Queen's Jubilee Themed Menu Day

Mellors catering are offering a very special menu to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Thursday 26th May 2022.



Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Monday 16 th May – Friday 20 th May	End of Key Stage One (Year 2) SATS Week.	Year 2
Thursday 26 th May 9.30 am	Jubilee Service of Thanks and Celebration. St Peter's Church	Whole School
Friday 27 th May	Jubilee Non-Uniform Day – Dress in Red White and Blue £1.00 charity Donation	Whole School
	Jubilee Cake Stall – Cake donations from all classes. Funds raised to charity.	Whole School
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Half Term – School closed	Whole School
Monday 6 th June (week beginning)	Phonics Screening Check	Year 1
Monday 13 th June (week beginning)	Multiplication Check	Year 4
Wednesday 15 th June	Class photos – full school uniform. Please bring PE kit in PE bags on this day for any class doing PE if PE day has not been swapped this week.	Whole School
Wednesday 22 nd June – Morning	Sports Day on The Stray – West Park	Key Stage Two (Years 3-6)
Wednesday 22 nd June – Afternoon	Sports Day on The Stray – West Park	Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Years 1&2)
Wednesday 22 nd June	Reserve photo day if weather is poor	Whole School
Thursday 21 st July – 9.30	Leavers Service St Peter's Church	Whole School
Thursday 21 st July – 6.00pm	FOSP End of Year Disco	Whole School
Friday 22 nd July	School Closes (2.00pm) for the end of the Summer term.	Whole School



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Cake Stall Dates

13 May	Hérons Cake Stall
20 May	Eagles Cake Stall
27 May	Jubilee Cake Stall – Donations from everyone welcome, with a red, white and blue theme for cakes and buns. Funds will be donated to a charity of the children's choice.

Thank you for supporting the Wrens cake stall on the 6 May, they raised £58.80. Details on what the proceeds will be used for will follow.

Best wishes

Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher