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17 June 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.

Online Safety Alert – 'Huggy Wuggy'

It's useful for families to be aware of this character, in case children mention it. It's certainly not a nice cuddly bear.

This is a game/character that children are being exposed to on Tiktok and YouTube. The character is named 'Huggy Wuggy' from the 2021 horror game 'Poppy's Playtime'

The character sounds like a cuddly bear, but is actually encouraging children to copy some unpleasant behaviours There are also some images in the game and within videos of this character which can be disturbing.

Recent [BBC reports](#) have warned about this.

Digital Parenting Information

Vodafone have produced range of digital parenting resources which can be accessed [here](#).

They include fairy tales for the digital age, information on how to make digital household rules, and an A-Z on gaming acronyms.

Families can also if they wish sign up for their newsletter.



Digital Parenting

Helping your family live a happy and safe digital life



Curriculum Spotlight

We were delighted to welcome firefighters from Harrogate Station to school this week to talk to our Early Years children about fire safety and their role in helping to keep people safe. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit especially getting to use the hose to help wash the fire engine.

We are looking forward to welcoming them back later this term to talk to upper Key Stage Two about fire safety.





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Updated Website – Curriculum

We are pleased to be building and adding to the range of information on our website in the curriculum section.

As well as information around curriculum content in subjects there is information around how we learn and the strategies we are developing to help children know and remember more.

If you have not had chance to visit yet why not check it out [here](#).

Our Brains	Types of Memory	Tips for Remembering More
<p>The brain naturally forgets knowledge it takes in the first time. It remembers new knowledge for longer when it is revisited again and again over a few days or weeks.</p> <p>The more brains remember the knowledge the longer it stays in memory. This is called retrieval and is why using flashcards is so useful.</p>	<p>There are two types of memory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term 'working' memory • Long term memory <p>Short memory is used to think. Attention must be given to the knowledge for it to enter short-term memory. Thinking about knowledge, through answering questions, allows it to transfer to long term memory.</p>	<p>Learning takes time and effort.</p> <p>Regularly revisiting and recapping knowledge and vocabulary is essential in order for it to be learned and retained.</p> <p>Regular use and application of knowledge and vocabulary also support retention.</p>
		

Collective Worship Spotlight

This half term our focus is on the value of respect. Throughout the half term we will be exploring this value considering how we respect ourselves, each other and the world around us.

Below is a quote we will be exploring and discussing in the coming weeks. Do you agree? How can you give respect?



Other News

Sports Day

We are all looking forward to Sports Day this coming Wednesday 22nd June. The weather looks set to be nice. Children should come in their full school PE kit for the full day and have already applied sun cream when they arrive at school. They will need a sun hat and a water bottle.

Weather permitting KS2 (Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6) will start their activities on the Stray at 9.30am and are expected to finish around 11.45am.





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Infants (EYFS, Y1, Y2) will be participating in the afternoon and will start their activities at 12.45pm and are expected to finish at around 2.45pm. Please let a member of your child's teaching team know if you can help walk the children down to the stray on either the morning or the afternoon session. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Sporting Influence Competition Series – Year 5&6 Cricket

As part of our developing partnership with Sporting Influence we attended the first of three weeks of cricket competitions this week hosted at Bilton CC. St Peter's got off to a flying start with two wins out of two beating teams from Grove Road and New Park. Some excellent batting and nifty fielding skills as well as great team work were all on display. Well done to all the children in Year 5&6 who represented St Peter's so well.



Year 3&4 Stray PE

Year 3&4 have moved their Stray PE day to Tuesday mornings from 9am – 11.30am. If any parents/carers are able to volunteer to help with walking to the Stray the team would be most grateful. Please let us know in the school office.

**Volunteers
Needed!**



Year 6 Transition Event & Year Books

Harrogate Hub Transition Event

We are pleased to promote the Harrogate Hub 'You're Invited' Event to all children in Year 6.

This event hosted by Harrogate Hub is an opportunity for children in Year 6 from local schools to meet up for fun games and activities and meet other children going to the same secondary school as them. It takes place;



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The Stray, 7pm Weds 22nd June 2022.

To find out more and register the event via the [Harrogate Hub Website](#)



A quick reminder Year book orders for children in Year 6 must be placed at the very latest by Monday 27th June. Please make sure you have ordered before this date if you would like a year book for your child.



Summer Camps

We are pleased to be building a partnership with [Sporting Influence](#). They provide a range of sporting opportunities for children across Harrogate through their work in schools and during holidays through their sports camps. They are now taking bookings for the summer which can be made [here](#).

Through their charitable foundation they provide a number of subsidised and funded places at their holiday camps. If you would like any further information with regard to this please do speak to Mr Griffiths.



Parent Surveys

We are keen to gather parent views on two aspects of our work, homework and our updated school website.

Homework

As you will no doubt be aware the most complex issue with homework is the range of differing views as to what it should look like. As we prepare to update our policy and approach we are keen to seek your views via this [short survey](#). As part of our review we will be considering what research tells us about the impact of homework. We will be making use of the [Education Endowment Foundation research](#) which families may also be interested in reading.



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School Website

We recently updated our website. We are keen to gather information on how it is used by families. We are also keen to gather your views on the impact of recent improvements and how we may be able to improve the website further for the benefit of children, families including families considering St Peter's as a school for their child. We would be most grateful for your thoughts which can be given by answering this [short survey](#).

Class Photos

An email regarding a new date for Class Photos has been emailed today.



Friends of St Peter's FOSP

FOSP Fundraising

FOSP is delighted to be helping the school fulfil its ambition to create a new playground for the children to enjoy. We are aiming to raise £10,000 to replace the current pirate ship with a fantastic new climbing frame. As a charity, we rely on the school community helping us fundraise to provide experiences and resources for the children, and we are always so grateful to all of you who are able to volunteer your time to help run or attend events. We often hear from parents who want to help out but don't have spare time. Therefore we are pleased to provide the link to our just giving page below, which we will do termly to make it easier to donate a voluntary contribution for anyone that wants to. Thank you again to all our wonderful parents and carers for all your support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/stpetersharrogatepta>





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Biscuit Decorating

Many thanks to all involved in setting up and running the biscuit decorating on Thursday and Friday this week.

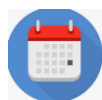
We hope everyone who took part enjoyed themselves. As well as making a tasty gift snack you helped raised valuable funds for FOSP. Thank you.



Merit awards

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Bea and Viv Kingfishers Nikita and David Sparrows Maddie and Ivy Finches Robbie and Ava	Owls Lola- Rose and Nina Magpies Starlings Liberty and Sebbie	Eagles Ysabella & Justin Hérons Oliver P and Jake Ravens Seth and Olivia

Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Saturday 18 th June 12.00- 4.00	FOSP Car Wash	Year 3&4 running, all welcome to book in.
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 30 th June & Friday 1 st July	Skip to be Fit – Skipping Workshops	All classes over the two days
Friday 1 st July – 8.15am	Walk to School Day – Walking Bus from the Stray with special celebrity guest appearance	Whole School
Monday 11 th July	Headingley Cricket Trip	Selected Year 5&6 children.
Monday 18 th July 2.00pm	Afternoon Performance of 'Greece Goes to Pieces'	Year 6 – rest of school watching



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Tuesday 19 th July 6.00pm	Evening performance of 'Greece Goes to Pieces'	Year 6 and families
Thursday 21 st July – 9.30	Leavers Service St Peter's Church	Whole School and families
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
Wednesday 7 th September	School re-opens for all children for the autumn term 2022	Whole School

Bake sale rota

Date	Class
Friday 17 th June	Starlings
Friday 24 th June	Magpies
Friday 1 st July	Owls
Friday 8 th July	Sparrows
Friday 15 th July	Kingfishers

Best wishes

Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher