



1 July 2022

Dear Parents

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. This letter and previous versions can be found in the <u>letters 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 <u>Love Learn Shine</u>. We will use this section of the newsletter each week to keep families up to date with a range of key safeguarding and welfare information.

Monthly Online safety Newsletter

We are pleased to share this month's dedicated online safety newsletter written in partnership with Knowsley City Learning Trust. This month there are special features on internet hoaxes and advice on screen time. The July newsletter can be accessed <u>here</u> alongside previous months also.

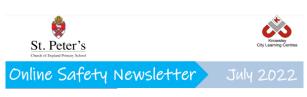
NSPCC Gaming & App Purchases In-app purchases have become a popular way for children to spend money online. While many games are free to download, lots give players the option to buy premium features or accessories.

Recently there has been lots of discussion around loot boxes and debate around whether children should be able to buy them. The NSPCC have produced updated <u>support</u> <u>auidance</u> to help families understand what loot boxes are and how you can talk to your child about spending money online.

Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok Is TikTok safe? How does it work? And can I do a duet with my child? Everything you need to know about this popular musical singing and sharing app can be found in a helpful article produced by common sense media. The article can be accessed here.

Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Heath The aim of the <u>Compass Phoenix</u> service is to improve outcomes for children and young people in relation to their emotional wellbeing and mental health by strengthening the range of mental health support available to children and young people.

They have produced a booklet aimed at helping a child prepare for transition. It is designed for children to share with their parents and carry out some of the activities with them. Children can also take this with them as they move into year 7.



# **NSPCC**











Copies can be accessed via the <u>Wellbeing</u> section of our website and printed copies can be made available on request by emailing admin@stpeters.ycway.uk

# Whole School



### **COVID Update**

Schools received an update from the NYCC Public Health tea this week in relation to COVID. In summary the key messages are;

- Cases of Omicron are rising nationally and in the local area.
- School staff and children who are unwell should stay at home.
- Anyone choosing to test (this cannot be mandated) should stay at home for 5 days in the event that the result is positive.
- Everyone should continue with key infection prevention and control measures (good ventilation and hand hygiene.

We continue to follow and advocate this guidance and thank you for your support in doing so.

### Class for 2022-2023

Please see the additional letter with information regarding our class and staffing structure for 2022-2023. Families will also receive an email letting children and their families know their class and class teacher(s) for 2022-2023.



### Walk to School Event

To mark and support Walk to School Day today we were pleased to organise a 'walking group' this morning from the Stray to school. Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning for the walk to school. We hope you enjoyed walking together as well as the chance to meet Harry Gator from Harrogate Town FC

"Today marked the second Walk to School Day campaign we have supported in partnership with Zero Carbon Harrogate. The turnout from all the pupils, parents and staff from St Peters CE Primary School was fantastic to see. All the pupils were in fine tune chanting 'Harry, Harry, Harry...' for the





Harrogate Town AFC club mascot Harry Gator. It is really important we all keep raising awareness regarding the impact of carbon emissions on our local environment to the next generation." – Tom Blackburn, PE and School Sport Manager, Harrogate Town AFC Community Foundation.

"A huge thank you to all St Peter's Church of England Primary School's pupils, their families, and teachers who took part in the Harrogate District Walk to School Day. It was fantastic to see such high levels of enthusiasm from the children upon meeting Harry Gator on their journey to school this morning. We hope the event has encouraged families to consider using sustainable transport methods on a more regular basis. Even just parking a bit further from the school gate than usual is a positive step we can all make - Every Mile Counts!"

Sarah Bissett, Zero Carbon Harrogate





#### Jubilee Books

We were pleased to receive and distribute the Jubilee books for each child this week. We hope families enjoy reading together this commemorative book that has been provided free to every child of primary school age.





Church of England Primary School

### **Curriculum Spotlight**

#### **Fire Safety**

As part of their ongoing PSHE learning children in Year 5&6 received a visit from local firefighters this week.

They learnt first hand from the experts about the different types of work undertaken by firefighters including a range of different rescue techniques used in various emergency situations. They also learnt about how to keep themselves safe in different situations including around deep water.







### Maths – Pattern and Sequences

Children in upper Key Stage Two have been learning about and exploring the Fibonacci sequence and exploring this through some of their art work.

Interested to learn more? Click <u>here</u> to find out more about the Fibonacci sequence.





Church of England Primary School

#### **Skipping Workshops**

All classes have enjoyed taking part in a skipping workshop with coaches from Skipping School on Thursday and Friday this week.

The children very much enjoyed learning a range of individual skipping skills as well as group skipping games.

They experienced first-hand the different physical challenges of skipping and had chance to develop their co-ordination skills.





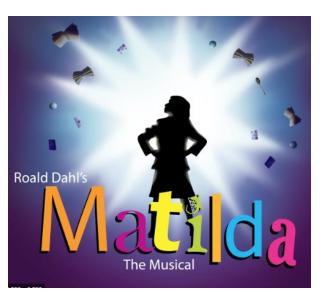


#### Year 5 Trip to see Matilda

Rossett High School kindly invited all of our Year 5 children to their production of Matilda. Here is George's review.

#### George's Matilda Review

Year 5 went to watch Matilda at Rossett High School on Wednesday morning. The play was very inclusive with the year groups and they were very cooperative. My favourite part of the play was when Matilda scared Miss Trunchbull away because it was a funny part and made sense in relation to the rest of the play. My favourite character in the performance was Bruce Bogtrotter because they conveyed the character well and he was the reason for one of the best songs. My star rating out of 5 is 5.1! The acting was amazing, the songs were written incredibly well and the humour was really good. If I didn't know it was made by kids, I would probably have thought it was made by professional actors. I would recommend to everybody over the age of 6.



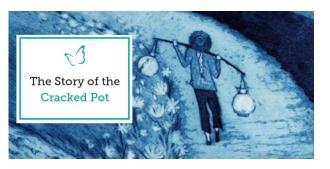




# **Collective Worship Spotlight**

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. This week we explored the idea of respecting ourselves and each other including our flaws and aspects of ourselves we may wish to improve.

We read the story of the cracked pot and learned how perceived flaws or imperfections can actually be wonderful.



Read the story <u>here.</u>

# **Merit Awards**

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens	Owls	Eagles
Rosie and George R	Ava and Nancy	Emily and Isaac
Kingfishers	Magpies	Herons
Grace and Luka	Jonah and Annabel	George and Amy
Sparrows	Starlings	Ravens
Henry and Rex	Tom and Miles	Bradley and Rose
Finches		
Sophie and Milly		

### **Other News**

### Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Gadgeteers and is all about getting creative with science and inventions.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited edition Gadgeteers medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 16th July until Sat 10th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them







free, to go with the challenge. Families can find out more information at their local library or online <u>here</u>.



### Summer Camps

We are pleased to be building a partnership with <u>Sporting Influence.</u> They provide a rage 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 <u>here.</u>

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.



# **Diary Dates**



# **Important Diary Dates**

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Headingly Cricket Trip	Selected Year 5&6 children.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm	Afternoon Performance of 'Greece Goes to Pieces'	Year 6 – rest of school watching
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm	Evening performance of 'Greece Goes to Pieces'	Year 6 and families
Thursday 21st July – 9.30	Leavers Service St Peter's Church	Whole School and families
Thursday 21st July – 6.00pm	FOSP End of Year Disco	Whole School
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School Closes (2.00pm) for the end of the Summer term.	Whole School
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens for all children for the autumn term 2022	Whole School





# Bake sale rota

Date	Class
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Magpies
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Owls
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sparrows
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingfishers

Best wishes Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher