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Church of England Primary School

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Friday 14 October 2022

Dear Parents

I am pleased to write with this week's newsletter. This letter and 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](#). 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.

PCSO – Martin Powell

An important aspect of our safeguarding work is an awareness of contextual safeguarding. This means having a good understanding of and response to specific local risks. We have undertaken an evaluation of local risks including our response measures and outlined these in our [child protection policy](#).

We work closely with a range of local agencies including the Police to keep fully apprised of local risks. We are pleased to introduce Martin Powell who is our Partnership Hub School liaison officer. You can read more about Martin on the [Safeguarding page](#) of our website



Road Safety

We are pleased that Martin Powell (above) will be visiting us next week on Monday to deliver Road Safety and speed awareness messages to our all our children. The presentation and video Martin will use will can be viewed on our website [here](#).

We appreciate this can be a sensitive subject if families have been involved in accidents. Please do let class teachers know if we need to be aware of any particular previous incidents. Martin will also be available in school from around 3.00pm to chat informally to parents if they wish.

Jewellery

A polite reminder that jewellery should be limited to a wrist watch (non smart watch) and stud earrings only please.

Others items especially other styles of earrings, bracelets and necklaces pose a risk to the children wearing them and to other children and are best kept safely at home.

Nut Free School

Like many we are a nut free school. This means we ask staff and children to ensure they do not bring in nuts or foods containing nuts such as





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cereal bars, peanut butter, nut mixes, baked goods with nuts inside.

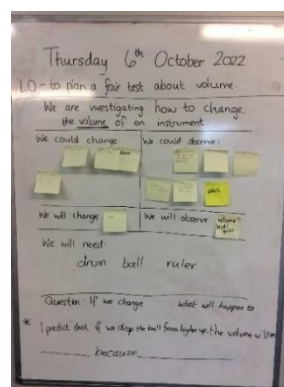
We also ask that no foods with sesame seeds such as snack bars, bread buns, breadsticks and humous as some examples which have sesame seeds on are brought into school. Other seeds such as sunflower seeds or products with other seeds that are not sesame seeds are okay. Thank you for your support.



Curriculum Spotlight

Science Lower KS2

Year 3 & 4 have been very busy in Science, learning all about Sound & Hearing. They have had great fun with some very noisy investigations seeing sound as waves and vibrations; finding out how to alter the volume of an instrument; and discovered how to make different sounds with everyday objects, just like Stomp! They have also created some wonderful newspaper reports in English, based on our text Friend or Foe and carried out some fantastic interviews to get some quotations for their reports, using some awesome alliteration to create their headlines!



Early & Key Stage 1 Autumn Walk

Children from Early Years and Key Stage One very much enjoyed their Autumn walk around our local area. Children follow the same route throughout the year to compare and contrast the seasons using their senses to consider how things look, feel and smell different throughout the different times of year. Thank you to everyone who helped out.





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Cycle Safety with [Bikeability](#)

Children in Year 6 have had a great time this week working with the North Yorkshire [Bikeability](#) team. Using our playground and local roads they have been developing their knowledge and skills of how to ride safely and with confidence.



Key Stage 2 Design Technology



Fabric donations for our KS2 DT learning, which all classes in KS2 will be doing after half term. The children will be making a stuffed toy/animal for a child who is being evacuated in WWII using a 'make do and mend theme'. It's our first Kapow unit and having donations for fabric rather than buying felt etc would be amazing.

**DONATIONS
NEEDED**
Can you help??

Collective Worship Spotlight

Thankfulness

As we continue exploring our theme for this half term of thankfulness we have focused this week on giving thanks in difficult times.

Children shared the story of Paul and Silus who faced the challenge of being imprisoned for telling people about Jesus. They explored how we can still give thanks even in the most challenging of situations.





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Whole School

Consultation on Admissions

On Monday we launched a six-week consultation regarding our Published Admission Number (PAN) for September 2024 onwards.

Full details of this including how families can give their views during the consultation period can be found on our [website](#).

Thank you to everyone who has already responded using the [online response form](#). This will remain open until Monday 14th November 2022.



Starting School or Moving to Year 7 in September 2023?

Do you have or know of a child who will starting school or moving to Year 7 in September 2023?

Now is the time of year to be planning ahead, visiting schools and considering choices.

If you have a child or know of anyone with a child due to start reception have a look at the [Admissions page](#) of our website for details of how to book a personalised visit with Mr Griffiths.

If families need any help or advice with accessing information regarding secondary schools please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Griffiths or Miss Fishburn.

Key Dates

31 October 2022 is the deadline for applications for secondary school places for September 2023.

15 January 2023 is the deadline for applying for a place at primary school to start in September 2023.

Applications can be made online via [NYCC admissions](#).



[Guiding you through the admissions process](#)



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In the News

We were delighted to have featured on [Your Harrogate](#) this week who featured our Harvest Festival celebrations.

Thank you again to all families for supporting our children in leading the lovely act of worship in St Peter's church alongside the many very generous donations of food that will support the work of the Church in feeding the local community.

You can read the article [here](#).

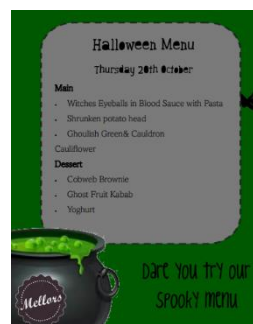
Harrogate primary school support St Peter's Church with annual Harvest Festival



Spooktacular Special Lunch

Our wonderful kitchen team from Mellors have planned a special 'Spooktacular' lunch menu for next Thursday which is the same day as Halloween Disco.

This special menu (opposite) will replace the usual menu for that day.



Behaviour & Shine Awards

Sharing Success

Central to our vision is to Shine and Share Our Shine. We do this with regular encouragement and celebration of children's contributions and achievements via our merit and shine awards.

You can read more about the different certificates awards on the [behaviour page](#) of our website.





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School Meals

Please note the following menu change on Tuesday 18th October. Menu will be –
Chicken in a BBQ sauce served with rice
Jam Sponge and Custard



Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

Friday Cake Stalls

Thank you to everyone for supporting the weekly cake sales with donations and also buying cakes on a Friday. These will continue as usual with donations requested on a rota basis from each class. All funds from cake sales will go into FOSP funds with a focus on funding the tickets for the pantomime each year for every child in school. Every cake donated and bought will help all children access this magical event each year.



Halloween Disco

FOSP have kindly arranged for a family Halloween disco on Thursday 20th October 6.00-8.00pm.

As well as food and dancing there will be a fancy-dress competition also.

Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult to this event and must be supervised by the accompanying adult.



Pumpkin Competition

St Peter's Pumpkin Competition is back. It's time to get creative.

Please bring your pumpkins to the front playground on Thursday 20th October.

Prizes for the winners and runners up from infants (Early Years and Years 1 & 2) and Juniors (Years 3 – 6) to be announced at the Halloween disco.

All pumpkins to be collected and taken home Friday 21st October before the half term break please. Thank you. Entry is £1 per person.



Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who donated bulbs, garden tools, compost and their time to help tidy up our planters and get them ready for Spring.

Children in Early Years will also be doing some planting over the next few weeks!

We look forward to seeing the colourful fruits of their efforts in Spring.





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Merit awards

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Isabelle S and Lucy Kingfishers Octavia and Nikita Sparrows Duncan and Isabelle Finches Evie and Sidney	Owls Serafina and Yui Yui Starlings Flora and Ava T-H	Eagles Atanas and Alisha Hérons Hannah and Ethan Ravens Pany and Eva

Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Monday 17 October 6.00pm	Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting - TEAMS	Year 4
Thursday 20 October 6.00pm	FOSP Halloween Disco & Pumpkin Competition	Whole School – parents must attend with children.
Friday 21 October	School finishes for half term	Whole School
Monday 31 October 2022	INSET Staff Training Days. School Closed to children.	Whole School
Week beginning Monday 7 November	Parent Consultation Week – Both online and in person appointments available	Whole School – dates for classes to follow.
NEW DATE Tuesday 22 November	FOSP Key Stage Two Movie Night	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Saturday 3 December 12.00- 2.00pm	FOSP Christmas Fare	All welcome
NEW DATE Monday 12 December St Paul's Church	2.00pm Nativity Dress Rehearsal – (limited spaces as rest of school watching)	All welcome
NEW DATE Tuesday 13 December St Paul's Church	9.30am Nativity Morning Performance 5.00pm Nativity Evening Performance	All welcome
Wednesday 14 December Harrogate Theatre	10.00am Pantomime Visit – 'Oh Yes We Are'	Whole School



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Thursday 15 December 9.30 St Peter's Church	Christmas Service	Whole School and families welcome to attend.
Friday 16 December 2022	Community Carol Singing – Alms Houses 1.30pm	Whole School – All welcome
Friday 16 December 2022	School Closes for Christmas Holiday – 2.00pm Finish	Whole School

Best wishes

Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher