



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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Friday 21 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.

Online Safety Newsletter

The October edition of our monthly online safety newsletter is now available via the [online safety page](#) of our website.

It is packed full of top tips and advice to help families make the most of technology safely, developing healthy online habits.

You can also view previous editions of the newsletter on this page of our website.



Road Safety

Thank you to Martin Powell who visited on Monday to deliver Road Safety and speed awareness messages to our all our children.

The presentation and video Martin used can be viewed on our website [here](#).

These crucial messages are always worth revisiting especially as the nights get a little darker and we start a holiday. Why not spend a few minutes looking at the slides and watching the video with your child. How many of the signs do you recognise?



Curriculum Spotlight

Bulb Planting Thank You.

Thank you for everyone who donated blubs and gardening equipment over the past few weeks. A great big special thank you to Pip McCall who helped the EYFS children plant some of the blubs to make our gardens look beautiful. They had a great time on Tuesday afternoon learning all about the different types of blubs and flowers, as well as how to plant them properly to ensure they grow in the spring.





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Science and Design

Year 3 and 4 have been continuing our learning about sound and hearing this week. We designed and made some magnificent instruments that could vary in pitch, volume or both!



Key Stage 2 Design Technology

We are asking for 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 counting our blessings.

We explored what this phrase means to us and how just spending a few minutes each giving thanks for all we have can lift our spirits and help us keep a positive outlook and deal with challenges we may face. How many blessings can you think of in one minute?

Count your
blessings??



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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.

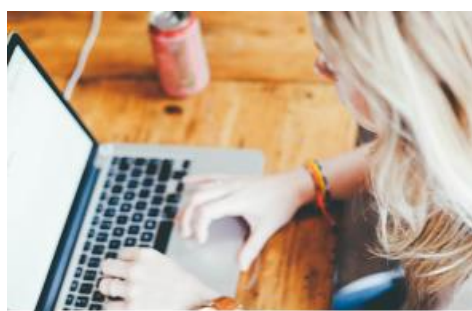
If families need any help or advice with accessing information regarding secondary schools please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr Griffiths or Miss Fishburn.

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](#)

Photos

Due to bad weather the remaining school photos and sibling photographs have been rearranged for Friday 4th November. All pre-school children are invited to join their older siblings from 8.30am to have joint photos. Please ensure the children come to school in school uniform and bring their PE kits if needed. Thank you





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Parent Consultations

Based on feedback, the forthcoming parent consultations will take place online on the following dates –

Wrens, Kingfishers, Finches & Sparrows

Tuesday 8th November
Wednesday 9th November

Owls

Wednesday 9th November
Friday 11th November

Starlings

Monday 28th November

Ravens, Eagles & Herons

Monday 7th November
Tuesday 8th November
Wednesday 9th November

Full details of how to book appointments will be sent out in a separate letter after half term. If you would prefer a face to face appointment please do let us know and we will be happy to organise this for you.



Spooktacular Special Lunch

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen team from Mellors for a tasty special 'Spooktacular' lunch which was served on Thursday.



St Paul's Church

St Pauls church have made a very generous offer to provide tea and coffee to waiting parents at the end of the school day. Initially it will be two days a week and free of charge. We are pleased to confirm that after half term the church hall will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2.45-3.15. As the first Monday is a training day, it will start on Thursday 3rd November. We extend our thanks to the volunteers at St Paul's for this kind offer.



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Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

Halloween Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Halloween disco. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves despite the rather damp weather. Thank you to the amazing team from FOSP and all the volunteers for making this event such a success.



Pumpkin Competition

Thank you and well done to all the children for their fabulous carved and decorated pumpkin entries. The standard as always was so hard and judging was incredibly difficult. The winners are below. Due to the rain some of the name cards were hard to read so if your pumpkin is one of the four below please come to see Mr Griffiths for your prize.

Lower School Winner



Lower School Runner Up



Upper School Winner



Upper School Runner Up





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Merit awards

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Lily-Dot and Oliver C Kingfishers Yeva and Jacob Sparrows Sarena and George Finches Rex and Grace	Owls Josh and Ted Starlings Gracie and Freddie	Eagles Ben K and Evie R Hérons Ryan and Ari Ravens Melodie and Jan

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
Monday 5 th December 2022	Flu Immunisation	All those completing registration for this service.
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



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Wednesday 14 December Harrogate Theatre	10.00am Pantomime Visit – 'Oh Yes We Are'	Whole School
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