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Church of England Primary School

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Friday 7 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.

### **Policy Updates**

As we do each year we have updated our safeguarding and child protection policies to ensure they are current, relevant and reflect the most recent guidance and expectations.

Our policies and procedures reflect the updated expectations and guidance in [Keeping Children Safe In Education 2022](#).

All these key documents can be accessed via the [policies page](#) of our website.

### **Behave Policy**

We have updated our behaviour policy for 2022-2023 to reflect our updated behaviour expectations of being – [Responsible, Respectful and Safe](#).

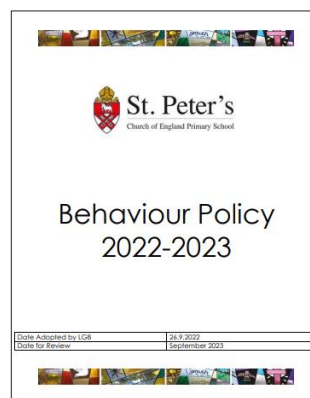
We have also included a section on children's use of mobile phones in school. In summary these are strongly discouraged and should only be brought if children are going to and from school independently. They must be handed to class teachers for safe keeping and remain switched off at all times.

The full policy can be accessed [here](#).

### **Premises Security**

We are delighted to have now found a solution with regard to premises security and visitor access that meets the approval of the local planners.

We now have the necessary permission to install additional fencing at the front of school including a secure walkway from the main front gate to the entrance area. This will keep our site secure but allow secure parent and visitor access during the day. We will also upgrade the gates to include fitted combination locks. We hope this work will take place over the coming months and will keep families updated.





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Huge thanks to Ms Foster our Business Manager and our building consultant partner [LHL](#) who have supported us with this.

### Curriculum Spotlight

#### Outdoor Learning

We were delighted to see our Year 5 children Love Learn and Shine this week in the great outdoors as they undertook their residential trip to [Bewerley Park](#) in Nidderdale.

Taking part in a range of outdoor learning activities including scrambling, canoeing, night walking and bush craft skills the children developed their team work and communication skills while also learning how to face and overcome challenges as part of a team. It was a pleasure to watch them sharing their shine. Well done to all and a big thank you to the staff team for making organising and running this visit.



### Collective Worship Spotlight

#### Thankfulness

We continue to explore the theme of thankfulness in our worship this half term. This week we have thought about remembering to say thank you exploring who we might wish to give thanks for and to. We have discussed when and how we might give thanks to these people. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Dr Garrow and Rvd Chris who take



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turns to come in each week on a Wednesday to support the delivery of our worship. We thoroughly enjoy your visits and are very grateful for the time you give to our school. Thank you both.



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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





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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](#)

### **In the News**

We were delighted to have featured in the [Stray Ferret](#) this week with an article all about the improvement works that took place over the summer break.

Did you know – Our school building was built in 1883, and was Harrogate's first purpose-built hospital. The hospital was closed in 1932 and then bought a few years later and turned into a school.

The ambitious schedule of works completed this summer represents the single largest investment in the school in its history.

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

We are already busy planning the next stages of development. We are looking forward to sharing our next set of plans in the coming months.



### **School Meals**

School meals were due to be increased to £2.60 per day as detailed in a [letter](#) which was emailed on the 15 July 2022. The increase was not implemented however the new charges will start from Monday 10 October 2022.





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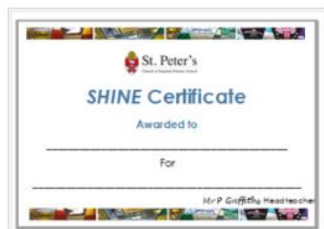
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## Behaviour & Shine Awards

### 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.



## Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

### FOSP Next Meeting

The next FOSP meeting is this Thursday 12 October at 7.00pm in the school hall. Everyone is warmly welcome to come and share ideas and support the planning and development of events for the year ahead and beyond. We hope to see you there.



### Book Fair and Sponsored Readathon

The book fair is back in school from Tuesday 11th October until Thursday 13th October, after school in the lower hall. Please come along and browse the selection of lovely books on offer! This year, to run alongside our book fair, FOSP is running a sponsored readathon. Children will be coming home today with a reading challenge sheet. These activities are to be completed at home, with help from a grown up if needed. Please support your child asking friends/family for sponsorship and encourage them to achieve as many challenges as possible over the next 2 weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity to make reading really exciting and rewarding for your child! The deadline for handing challenge sheets





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back into school will be Friday 21st October, and certificates will be handed out after half term. Sponsorship money can either be donated directly to the FOSP JustGiving site, or brought into school by Friday 4th November. We hope that the children will really enjoy the challenges as well as the opportunity to contribute to FOSP's fundraising for their new playground installed over the summer.



### **Halloween Disco**

FOSP have kindly arranged for a family Halloween disco on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> October before the half term break please. Thank you.

Entry is £1 per person.



### **Fantastic Fundraisers**

One of our fantastic grandmothers in the St Peter's family, Rabinder, is doing her sponsored walk again this year to raise money for FOSP.

Barclay's bank match whatever she raises up to £750 so every little bit we can raise for her really makes a big difference to the overall total.

Please donate if you can to help raise money for the fantastic new playground your children will be enjoying for years to come.

Donations can be made via Rabinder's [Just Giving Page](#). Let's help her reach her £1200 target.





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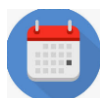
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## Merit awards

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> Luca B and Luca S <b>Kingfishers</b> Faye and Jonathan <b>Sparrows</b> Emelie & Seb <b>Finches</b> Will and Layla- Rose	<b>Owls</b> Emily P & Eli <b>Starlings</b> Jack and Anna	<b>Eagles</b> Seth and Freddie P <b>Hérons</b> Miles and Neli <b>Ravens</b> Bo & Olivier

## Diary Dates



### Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Tuesday 11 – Thursday 13 October	Book Fair in School after school 3.15	Whole School
Wednesday 12 October 7.00pm	FOSP Meeting in School	All welcome
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm	FOSP Halloween Disco & Pumpkin Competition	Whole School – parents must attend with children.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School finishes for half term	Whole School
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	INSET Staff Training Days. School Closed to children.	Whole School
Week beginning Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultation Week – Both online and in person appointments available	Whole School – dates for classes to follow.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	FOSP Key Stage Two Movie Night	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 12.00- 2.00pm	FOSP Christmas Fare	All welcome
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December St Paul's Church	2.00pm Nativity Dress Rehearsal – (limited spaces as rest of school watching) 5.00pm Nativity Evening Performance	All welcome
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December St Paul's Church	9.30am Nativity Morning Performance	All welcome
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30 St Peter's Church	Christmas Service	Whole School and families welcome to attend.



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Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Community Carol Singing – Alms Houses 1.30pm	Whole School – All welcome
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	School Closes for Christmas Holiday – 2.00pm Finish	Whole School

**Best wishes**

**Mr Paul Griffiths - Headteacher**