



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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Friday 16 December 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.

On behalf of the St Peter's team I would like to thank all families for their support this term as we work together to help every child *Love Learn and Shine*. We would like to wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday and a happy new year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

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.

Winter Water Safety

Stay safe in winter – the dangers of frozen waters. In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Areas with frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs can be beautiful places to visit during the winter months but all too often many people risk their lives by venturing onto frozen water. Here are some useful tips to help you know what to do in an emergency.

Visit the [safeguarding section](#) of our website to access a full [winter water safety advice pack](#) and activity for children.

Infection Control Advice

If your child is ill with an infection your local GP will often be able to advise. We have also published via our website guidance from the Public Health Agency that is issued to schools in relation to recommendations in relation to common childhood infections. We hope this is helpful. As always, we are here to discuss any individual situations with families.

Holiday Support & Help

We very much hope all families have a peaceful and relaxing holiday. We do know that sometimes holiday periods can be when difficulties arise.

If you have any worries about a child there is help and support available through the North Yorkshire Children's Partnership.

You can access information on the different support services available and how to access this support [here](#).



Guidance on infection control in schools and other childcare settings



Worried About a Child?





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Curriculum Spotlight

Sustainable Christmas Theatre Visit

Children in Year 1&2 enjoyed a trip to the tepee at the Cedar Court Christmas experience this week. During their visit they learnt all about the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and how to work towards a more sustainable Christmas. What a magical experience they had whilst meeting Father Christmas! Thank you to Enchantica's for organising such a wonderful experience for the children. A big thank you also to all the parents who helped us walk there and back safely and make this experience was possible.



Sporting Influence Newsletter

Early Years and KS1 as well as Starlings have enjoyed working with Mr McTernan from Sporting Influence this term in one of their two weekly PE lessons.

Mr McTernan has produced a newsletter outlining some of what has been going on this term. This can be accessed on the [PE curriculum page](#) of our website.

Next term we welcome Mr Crooks on a Tuesday morning and Mr McTernan on a Tuesday afternoon. They will be working with; Starlings Owls, Herons, and Ravens.

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Improving Social Skills Through Sport

PE with Mr McTernan
We've had some busy Tuesday mornings this term, started and back in September where all the other children trained to be knights.
Alongside Mr McTernan, we worked through the Knight's challenge - each letter representing a skill or attribute the children had to show to pass the training.

- Children had opportunities to work on individual skills as well as demonstrating good teamwork.
- Starting class was introduced to hockey and looked at dribbling, passing and shooting in their lessons.

After October half term, infants moved onto some real PE topics and trained as citizens before heading to the lessons this included:

- 'Cleaning Around' and worked on ball manipulation challenges.
- We then went to the seaside to practice some counterbalances with our perfect partners.

Starting get to show off their gymnastic abilities which has included:

- Developing routines to include pathways and hand apparatus such as hoops and balls.

Have a lovely Christmas holiday - enjoy some quality family time!

To find out more visit:
www.sportinginfluence.com

Change to PE Days – Ravens and Herons

Ravens and herons PE days will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday after Christmas.



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Nativity Performances

Thank you to all family members who supported the children from Early Years and Key Stage one in their nativity performances this week.

The children performed superbly speaking clearly and singing beautifully.

Thank you also to the FOSP team who organised a splendid fireside family feast before the evening performance.

We have submitted a nativity picture to the Harrogate Advertiser for their supplement and have attached a letter from the Harrogate Advertiser regarding this to the newsletter,



Collective Worship Spotlight

Christmas Service

A big thank you and well done to all the children for leading a thoughtful and reflective act of worship in Church on Thursday.

Through their readings, songs, drama and prayer they helped us all reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. It was a pleasure to see St Peters church full to the rafters with families joining our worship time.



Community Carols

Thank you to everyone who supported our community carol singing this afternoon. It was a lovely way to round off the Christmas week and the whole term. The children sang beautifully, it was a pleasure to hear.

Thank you to FOSP for the supply of warm drinks which were very much appreciated.





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St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival

We are pleased to have entered a tree on behalf of St Peter' School into the St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival. The Festival finishes tomorrow but there is still time to cast a vote in support of your favourite tree, If you are able please do pop and see what is a magical spectacle.

If you would like to cast your vote towards the St Peter's School tree also we would be very grateful.



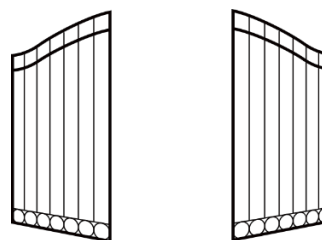
Whole School

Improvements Works & Access to School

Thank you to everyone for their patience as we complete works on the site security and access arrangements and also some of our rainwater goods. We hope these will be complete for the start of the spring term.

Once complete parents and visitors will be able to access the warm, dry secure entrance area for appointments or if they need to collect children during the day.

From the start of the spring term in January parents are welcome to come onto the site in the morning and wait with their child in the appropriate playground area of school until the staff come out at 8.40am. Families no longer need to wait on the pavement for the gate to be unlocked. Please do ensure however that children are not left unsupervised and wait with them until their class teacher or class adult is present. Thank you.



Head lice Advice

Head lice are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

Children with headlice can and should continue to attend school as normal. They can be treated without the need to see a GP.

For more detailed advice on the best way to treat Head lice visit the NHS Headlice page [here](#).





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Panto Visit

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Harrogate theatre to watch this year's Pantomime, Aladdin. As always it was a spectacular family fun filled theatre experience. The children behaved impeccably as they walked to and from theatre and enjoyed the show.

Huge thank you to FOSP who fully funded this visit for every single child in school. This is a significant annual fundraising commitment and we are very grateful to the FOSP team and everyone who supports them. Thank you.



Christmas Lunch

We would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful kitchen team for preparing a lovely Christmas lunch on Thursday. It was a super traditional Christmas menu which was enjoyed by all. It was made even more special by a special appearance from Mrs McNichol who is back from the Bahamas visiting for Christmas. Thank you to all the team for pitching in to help serve the children who all seemed to enjoy their lunch very much. Clean plates all around!.



Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

FOSP Newsletter

Thank you to the whole FOSP team who have worked incredibly hard this term arranging a host of activities and events for the enjoyment and benefit of us all. They have produced an end of term newsletter updating everyone on all that has been achieved and information on future plans. Their newsletter can be accessed on the [FOSP page](#) of our website.



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Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Tuesday 3 January 2023	Start of Spring Term – INSET Training Day – School closed to children.	Whole School
Wednesday 4 January 2023	Children return for the start of the spring term.	Whole School
Week commencing 9 January	Lunch and after school clubs begin	See clubs list. This will be published during first week of the spring term.
Friday 10 February 2023	School finishes for half term	Whole School
Monday 20 February 2023	School opens for second half of spring term.	Whole School
Thursday 30 March 2023	9.30 am Easter Service St Peter's Church.	Whole School
Friday 31 March 2023	3.15 pm School closes for Easter.	Whole School