



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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Friday 2 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.

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.

Every Mind Matters

The NHS supported [Every Mind Matters](#) website is a great source of information to support families with emotional wellbeing and mental health tips for the whole family.

The site contains a host of helpful small and manageable strategies we can all do to help be kind to our minds, and these can make a big difference to how we feel.

Get expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental wellbeing and make them part of your daily routine.

Online Safety Newsletter for December

We are pleased to have published our online safety newsletter for December via our website which can be accessed [here](#).

As always it is packed full of helpful tips and hints to help keep families safe while working, playing and communicating online.

As we head towards Christmas and perhaps some tech-based gifts there is a special focus on games and gaming including top tips on game ratings and setting parental controls on consoles.

IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Services)

IDAS is the largest specialist charity in the North supporting people affected by domestic abuse and violence. They have a dedicated helpline for anyone who is subject to domestic abuse.



Call: 03000 110 110



Online Safety Newsletter December

Parental controls

With Christmas nearly here and perhaps with presents including new technology or related games being received, we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how to set up appropriate parental controls.

Games/consoles

First, check the PEGI rating of any new games to ensure that your child is old enough to be playing them. PEGI provides age classifications for games and considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty.

It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games. If a game does allow your child to communicate with others then you can adjust the settings so they are appropriate to your child - or disable it completely.



Safe Lives Free from Abuse and Violence



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Curriculum Spotlight

Getting Crafty in EY and KS1

Children in Early Years and Key Stage One have been getting craft over the last few weeks making decorations to sell at our Christmas Fare and also to give as gifts to our neighbours during our community carols on the final day of term Friday 16 December. They have been developing their fine and gross motor skills with deliberate practice of painting and gluing skills.



Getting Dramatic in Lower Key Stage Two

In English Owls gained deeper understanding of their story, Hetty Feather, by creating fantastic freeze frames.

Look at their brilliant facial expressions and body language depicting key scenes!



Termly Assessments

Between now and the end of term children from Key Stage Two will bring home their termly maths and reading assessment papers that they have completed in school. This provides an opportunity for parents to see the style of questions and the expectations for the year group as well as provide chance for children to have another go at any elements that were not correct initially.



Sharing Our Sporting Shine

It was a pleasure to accompany the group of Year 6 children representing St Peter's this evening at a football competition hosted on the 4G pitch at Rossett High, supported by Year 10 young leaders and organised by Sporting Influence.

The team played four games in total winning two and narrowly losing two. In every match they shone with their team work, encouragement of each other and hard work. It was lovely to see them shine together. Very well done to all who took part.





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Collective Worship Spotlight

Trust

Children have continued to explore the theme for this half term of Trust. This week we explored examples of those who have trusted God.

As we also marked the start of advent it was the ideal time to reflect on the trust Mary showed in God when she was visited by the angels to tell her she was expecting a baby, then travelled many miles just before the birth of her first child before having to flee from Herod and his men.



Tree Decorating

It was lovely to welcome many children from Early Years and their families as they marked their first St Peter's Christmas by helping to decorate the tree in our entrance hall on Thursday morning.

We are all looking forward to the next two weeks where there will be a number of special events to help mark this magical time of year including our Christmas Fair, nativity performances, trip to the Pantomime, Church service and community carol singing.

Check out the diary dates at the bottom of the newsletter for all dates and times of events.



Whole School

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day will take place Monday 12 December. Children may come to school in their usual uniform plus if they wish a Christmas jumper. If they wish families can donate direct to [Save The Children](#) or bring a donation to school which we will collect and forward.

If families have any spare Christmas jumpers which can be used for this event and the saved for future years also these would be most gratefully reduced in advance of the day via the school office. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER
DAY 2022**



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Christmas Reading Challenge

Harrogate library will be running its Christmas Reading Challenge for 4-11 year olds.

The library team would love to see as many children as possible, and their friends, in the library over the next few weeks to complete this new challenge.



Clubs & Competitions for Spring Term

Thank you and well done to everyone who has supported and attended a club this term or represented the school at a competition this term. We hope you have enjoyed the different activities and opportunities on offer.

We are in the process of finalising our club and competition offer for the Spring term and aim to confirm this next week along with a chance to register interest in clubs for next term which will begin during the second week of term (week beginning 9 January 2023).



Library Project

We were delighted to complete a number of improvement projects over the summer with further projects including improved premises security arrangements scheduled to take place in the coming months.

We are always looking and planning ahead with a clear vision to provide children with the very best facilities possible. We are passionate about children learning to read well and developing a passion for and love of reading. One of our next projects is to create a brand-new dedicated purpose-built library space. The delivery of this project will benefit all children in school creating a calm and purposeful space from which they can borrow a range of books and resources to support their learning and promote a love of reading. We are pleased to share a couple of pictures from the designs we are developing below. We will write further over the coming weeks outlining how we aim to raise the funds for this and how families can support us if they are able.





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Stakeholder Surveys – Updated Link

All the Trust schools have agreed to undertake our stakeholder surveys during this half term. Over the course of the coming weeks we will be seeking the views of children, parents and staff about our school and trust.

The parent survey can be accessed [here](#) and will be open for the next three weeks. We would be most grateful if parents can take a few minutes to respond. Thank you.



Merit awards

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Jude and Wilf Kingfishers Viv and Freddie Sparrows Liliana and Hugo WE Finches Sophie and Sebastian	Owls Murphy and Sofia Starlings Serafina and Bentley	Eagles Edwin and Edie Hérons Nel and Ellie Ravens Poppy and Nel

Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

FOSP Christmas Fare

We are all very much looking forward to the Christmas Fair tomorrow Saturday 3 December from 12.00 – 2.00. We hope you can join us for a fun packed afternoon.

Please spread the word to friends, family and neighbours. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a raffle stall set up at the Fair in the main hall for anyone who still wants to buy raffle tickets. This will be open from 12noon - 1.30pm with the draw taking place shortly afterwards.

Please remember parents should ensure that their children are supervised at the Fair at all times. Thank you.



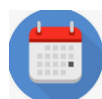


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Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
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.
Monday 12 December	Christmas Jumper Day. Children may come to school in their usual uniform plus if they wish a Christmas jumper. If they wish families can make a donation direct to Save The Children or bring a donation to school which we will collect and forward.	All classes. CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2022
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
Thursday 15 December 9.30 St Peter's Church	Christmas Service	Whole School and families welcome to attend.
Thursday 15 December	School Christmas Lunch.	Whole school
Friday 16 December 2022 Morning	Class Christmas parties	Whole school in classes
Friday 16 December 2022	Community Carol Singing – Alms Houses 1.15pm(approx)	Whole School – All welcome
Friday 16 December 2022	School Closes for Christmas Holiday – 2.00pm Finish	Whole School
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
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