



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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Friday 9 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.

### Scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by Streptococcus pyogenes, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others.

As during COVID we continue to follow local and national guidance provided through the local authority health teams. If you have not yet done so please do take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with the information provided in the letters sent yesterday.



### Calm Zone

There are lots of ways to feel calmer. It's about finding what works for you. The [ChildLine](#) website has a super section named the [Calm Zone](#) where children can try some of their breathing exercises, activities, games and videos to help let go of stress.



### Local Support

We are blessed with a number of local organisations that provide support to our community to ensure no one goes hungry throughout the year and especially at Christmas. We are pleased to attach further information to our newsletter of how support can be accessed and also how help can be given.

No one should go hungry!



Don't go hungry this Christmas or New Year



### Inclusive Christmas

Christmas can be a magical and exciting time but it can also be a be filled with emotion and can be overwhelming for some. We are pleased to share some advice and tips shared with us from our colleagues in the inclusion and Early Help Teams that families may find helpful.



Managing The Christmas  
Sensory Overload!



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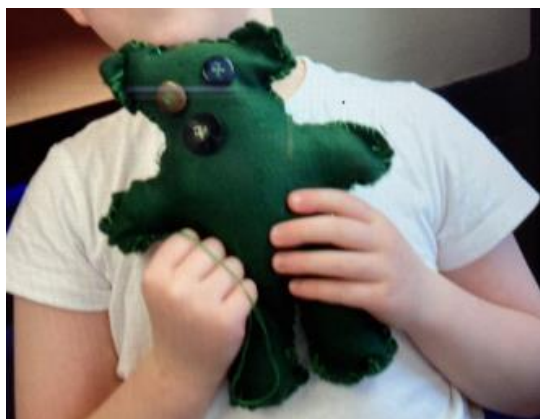
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## Curriculum Spotlight

Owls finished off their wonderful sewing in DT. We are so proud of the resilience they showed in producing these amazing stuffed toys.

In RE this week, Owls have learnt all about different festivals. Look at our beautiful diya lamps for the Hindu festival of Diwali.



## Termly Assessments

As mentioned in the newsletter last week 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. Please see the additional letter regarding this attached this week.



## Sporting Success

We have been delighted to be taking part in the Sporting Influence football competition series for Year 5&6 over the last four weeks and are delighted to share the overall league results below.

Children competed in matches each week with scores being added each week. After four weeks of fantastic competition we were delighted to finish joint top of the league. Huge congratulations to everyone who represented the team over the last month. As well as playing some super competitive football every child represented St Peter's superbly showing great team spirit and positive sporting values towards their teammates as well as opposition teams.





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The competition series will continue in the spring term in the warmth of the indoor sports hall at Harrogate High. There will be a dodgeball series followed by an opportunity to try out wheelchair basketball. Look out for details at the start of the new term of how to take part.

Pos	School	Games Played	Points	PPG
1	Hookstone Green	17	26	1.53
2	St Peters	17	26	1.53
3	Hookstone NB	17	25	1.47
4	Bramhope	13	16	1.23
5	Kirkby Overblow	10	12	1.20
6	New Park	18	21	1.17
7	Willow Tree	17	17	1.00
8	Bilton	24	15	0.63
9	North Rigton	10	6	0.60

## Collective Worship Spotlight

### Trust

We continued exploring the theme of Trust this week looking at the story of Jesus on the Lake. Children listened carefully and thoughtful to the story and discussed how our lives can sometimes be stormy. We learnt that we can put our trust in God to listen to us and be there for us at all times including when life may feel a little stormy.



### St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival

We are pleased to have entered a tree on behalf of St Peter's School into the St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival. The Festival runs from 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December.

The church always looks superb filled with all the trees from a host of different local groups. If you are able please do pop and see what is always a magical spectacle. If you would like to cast your vote towards the St Peter's School tree also we would be very grateful.

Special thanks to Mrs Renton, Mrs Bolton and Mrs Moseley as well as a team of busy little helping hands from classes across school who helped get our tree ready and decorated.



## Whole School

### PAN Consultation Update

As per our recent communications with you, we have consulted on a proposed change to our Published Admissions Number (PAN) from September 2024.

At a meeting of the Local Governing Body following the end of the consultation period, all the responses received were carefully examined and discussed in detail. As a result, governors concluded that based on all the information available, and having studied the overall responses, it is in the best interests of the strategic direction of our school to request that trustees consider changing our PAN from 41 to 30, starting in September 2024. This request was then made to our trustees who met at the end of the November.



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Following careful consideration by trustees they have decided to approve the request of the local governing body to change the PAN to 30 from 41 from September 2024.

Now this decision has been taken leaders, including governors, will begin working on the overall approach and arrangements we will put in place to implement this smoothly and seamlessly for everyone. We will share our plans with families, and we will make sure everyone is fully informed about class structures and any other changes.

As always, if you have any further questions that you feel aren't addressed in the FAQ please don't hesitate to contact us via [admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk)

### **Improvements Works**

As you may have spotted we have begun some further improvement works this week that will improve access around and into the school site while also keeping children safe and secure. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this. We hope the works will be completed for the start of the Spring term at which point the main school gates will be able to remain unlocked for parents and approved visitors to access the secure entrance area as needed during the day. We are also undertaking repair works to some of the rain water goods that are most in need of repair.



### **Nativity**

We are all looking forward to the nativity performances next week on Tuesday at 9.30 and 5.00pm in St Paul's Church (next to school).

Thank you to FOSP who have arranged for a recording to made. Please can families with children in EY ad KS1 respond to the consent information sent. Recordings will be made available digitally at a cost of £12. If you wish to place and order please follow the link.

<https://www.paypal.com/instantcommerce/checkout/H8FN9KFLJLMWL>



### **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](https://www.paypal.com/instantcommerce/checkout/H8FN9KFLJLMWL) 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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**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).



**After School  
Clubs**

**Merit awards**

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> All of Wrens <b>Kingfishers</b> All of Kingfishers <b>Sparrows</b> All of Sparrows <b>Finches</b> All of Finches	<b>Owls</b> Alex and Jemima <b>Starlings</b> Angela and Isaac	<b>Eagles</b> Aleesha and Edie <b>Hérons</b> Lola and Tymon <b>Ravens</b> Grace and Gustavo

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

**FOSP Christmas Fare**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise, run and attend the Christmas Fair on Saturday. It was a super event enjoyed by many families and friends. It was lovely to see school such a hive of fun and laughter. Thank you to our choir and also the [Tewit Youth Band](#) for helping to keep everyone entertained with musical performances. As well as a great chance to catch up with friends, enjoy the stalls and crafts. It raised a huge **£3905** for FOSP which will go directly back to school towards the newly installed playground equipment. Thank you to everyone.



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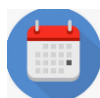
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## Diary Dates



### Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
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 <a href="#">Save The Children</a> or bring a donation to school which we will collect and forward.	All classes. <b>CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2022</b>
Monday 12 December	Year 1 & 2 Cedar Court Sustainable Christmas Panto visit.	Year 1 & 2
Monday 12 December St Paul's Church	2.00pm Nativity Dress Rehearsal – (limited spaces as rest of school watching)	All welcome
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



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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