



**St. Peter's**  
Church of England Primary School

**LOVE LEARN SHINE**  
*Shine in the light and love of God.*

Friday 13 January 2023

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.

### Cost of Living Support

We understand the cost of living issues are affecting a large number of families in a range of ways. We are pleased to attach additional information with the newsletter this week that outlines a range of sources of support that can be accessed by families.



### Dedicated Website Section

As well as weekly newsletter items relating to safeguarding did you know St Peter's has a section of its website dedicated to safeguarding? This page can be accessed [here](#). As well as outlining our approaches and strategies to ensure the highest levels of safeguarding there are also tips and advice for families on common issues.

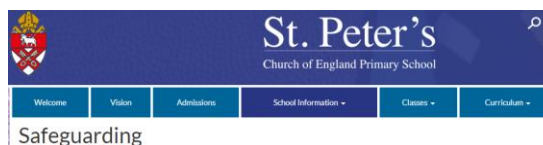
#### **NSPCC Metaverse Advice for Families**

The NSPCC have developed a guide for parents to support families buying Virtual Reality (VR) headsets. This helpful guide can be accessed [here](#).

### Fortnite

Since its release 2017, the battle-royale simulator – Fortnite, has become popular with children throughout the world. The game, which features cartoonish renderings of characters, bright colours has had a mass appeal to children. As with all online gaming there are risks which it is helpful to understand. The guide [here](#) outlines these as well as tips on how to manage these risks.

## DID YOU KNOW?



# Curriculum Spotlight

## M&M Theatre Visit

Children in Early Years and Key Stage One enjoyed classic storytelling brought to life this week with a visit from travelling theatre company M&M productions. Experiencing the magic of professional theatre in their very own school hall children were transported into a world of magic beanstalks and giants through a live performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. Developing a love of reading and storytelling is a crucial part of primary education and it was fantastic to be able to provide such a great opportunity to learn a classic story though this live theatre experience free of charge to all children in lower school.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience making comments including;

'Jack and the Beanstalk was amazing because it was so funny. The egg jokes were 'egg-cellent'!' – Year 2

'My favourite part was when they climbed the beanstalk, I liked the magic.' – Year 2

'I really know the story now and am going to read it again.' – Year 2

'I didn't like some of it... I liked all of it!' – Year 1



## Great Fire of London

Year 1 and 2 have spent the week learning about and researching the Great Fire of London. They then took to the newsroom and presented their handwritten script to their classmates. All of the children spoke clearly and confidently. We think there are a few news reporters in our midst!



## Curriculum Overviews

Curriculum overviews for the term will be published via the class pages of the website over the coming week.

These overviews are designed to support parents in knowing what their children are learning about each term to help spark conversations regarding children's learning at home and give ideas of how learning can be developed and explored further.

Welcome	Vision	Admissions	School Information	Classes
Early Years & Year 1 – Wrens		Years 1 & 2 – Sparrows		Year 4 & 5 – Herons
Early Years & Year 1 – Kingfishers		Year 3 & 4 – Owls		Year 5 & 6 – Eagles
Years 1 & 2 – Finches		Year 3 & 4 – Starlings		Year 5 & 6 – Ravens

**English**

This term our key texts include: Paddington, How to Catch a Star and Smells and the Smoosh.

The focus for each text will vary as the Year 1 and 2 children begin to write with a purpose to either entertain or to inform e.g. writing a set of instructions on how to catch a star. For a comprehensive list of our key texts and an overview of the writing focus week by week click [here](#).

**Phonics**

Children Year 1 and 2 will undertake a 30 minute phonics or SPaG session daily. The children will learn four new sounds per week or new spelling rules, with the opportunity to revisit and put their learning into practise throughout the week.

Y1 Children will consolidate learnt sounds from Phase 3, before moving onto Phase 5

Y2 Children will be consolidating Phase 5 and a Phonics before moving onto spelling patterns through SPaG after half term

**Religious Education**

Big Question: What can we learn from sacred stories?  
What makes some stories sacred?

We will be discussing who Christians believe Jesus and his family are and how sacred stories in the Bible can help us understand the world around us. In the latter part of the half term, we will be looking into and retelling the Christmas story.

**St. Peter's Newsroom**

Our vision is simple. We want everyone to thrive. We want light to come and cover both a local and a global under the East instead they put it on a compass and that people will see the light or they come in. Use it via

**Infants Curriculum Learning Overview – Spring - 2022**

**Bright Lights, Big City**

To Infinity and Beyond

Enrichment Opportunities: Seasonal walks around our local area, Planetarium

**How can I help with my child's learning?**

- Practising reading and writing common exception words
- Oral reading
- Sharing story to come after half term
- Practising automatic recall for addition and subtraction facts for up to 10, then up to 20

**Handwriting**

Handwriting's height assessment as children practice their letter formation. Year 1 and 2 children will begin to practice their pre-cursive handwriting.

**Mathematics**

**Year 1**

- Numbers 0-10
- Additive structures
- Addition and subtraction facts within 10
- Numbers 0-20

**Year 2**

- Multiplication and division
- Shape
- Addition and subtraction of two digit numbers
- Money
- Fractions
- Time

**Mastering Number**

We are fortunate enough to be participating in a scheme from the NCFE called 'Mastering Number'. The aim of this scheme is that over time, children will learn key Stage 1 with fluency in calculations, a confidence and a fluency with number.

The focus over the course of the year will be adding, subtracting, multiplying, counting, composition, comparison and number facts.

**Guided Reading**

The Year 2 children will undertake up to two sessions of Guided Reading a week. What are Wrens? Wrens is an on program to aid the recall of the reading scheme. **Readability, Inference, Prediction, Explaining, Retell, Sequence, Comprehension**

## Collective Worship Spotlight

### Collective Worship Theme

Our theme for this half term in our worship time is perseverance.

This week we have explored persevering with tasks that are challenging and may take several attempts. The children have been working on encouraging themselves and each other to persevere to the end.

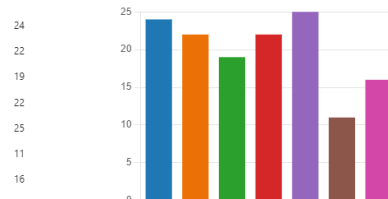


## Whole School

### Stakeholder Survey

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our stakeholder survey. We have now received 114 responses. As explained in our letter we are aiming to have received a response from every family. If you are able to respond to this survey over the weekend or early next week we would be very grateful. It will remain open until 18 January. The survey can be accessed [here](#).

[More Details](#)



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

### FOSP Next Meeting

The next FOSP meeting is this Wednesday 18 January at 6.00pm 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. The meeting can also be accessed via this [TEAMS Link](#).



### Class List App

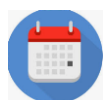
FOSP make use of the [ClassList App](#) to share information about events and activities. This is also the way you can request and give permission for your child's birthday to be displayed on FOSP noticeboard at the front of school. Simply add your child's date of birth within the app to let FOSP know which month they are born in and give consent at the same time.



## Merit awards

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> Hannah and Tom <b>Kingfishers</b> Yasmeen and Kharlie <b>Sparrows</b> Sienna and Emily-Grace <b>Finches</b> Luke and Marcel	<b>Owls</b> Archie and Albie <b>Starlings</b> Grace and Gracie	<b>Eagles</b> Ryan and Oliver <b>Herons</b> Layla and Tim <b>Ravens</b> Jessica and Grace

## Diary Dates



### Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Week commencing 9 January	Lunch and after school clubs begin	See clubs list. This will be published during first week of the spring term.
Wednesday 18 January 6.00pm	FOSP Meeting- School hall or VIA TEAMS (link above in FOSP section).	All welcome
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
Week beginning Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultation Week. Both in person and online appointments will be available more details to follow.	Whole School
Tuesday 28 March	Dress Rehearsal of Year 3&4 Production.	Whole School
Wednesday 29 March	9.30 am Morning performance of Year 3&4 Production 5.30pm Evening performance of Year 3&4 Production	Families
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