

**St. Peter's**

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 10 February 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.

### **Road Safety**

You may well be aware of a recent incident locally in which two secondary age children were injured as they walked to school. This serves as a timely reminder of the importance of revisiting regularly with our children important road safety messages.

We do this regularly in school. Families can also support this using the resources available on the [safeguarding page](#) of our website where there are presentations and videos that families can view together to help ensure our children are familiar with the key road safety messages.



### **Road Safety**

We are proud to be situated at the heart of Harrogate and that many of our children can walk, cycle and scooter to school. We are also aware the roads in and around school can be busy. Road safety is planned within our PSHC curriculum and children and families are provided with regular updates and reminders.

We are pleased to share the following information and guidance for families to support and complement the messages provided in school.



### **Monthly Online Safety Newsletter**

We are pleased to have placed our dedicated monthly online safety newsletter for February on our website.

It can be accessed [here](#) on the dedicated online safety page of our website.

This month as usual there is a host of information to help families keep up to date with the latest developments and changes in the online world. In the February edition there are updates on age ratings for games, focus article on Spotify Instagram, and an informative article about the new free online game Fall Guys which many children are talking about.



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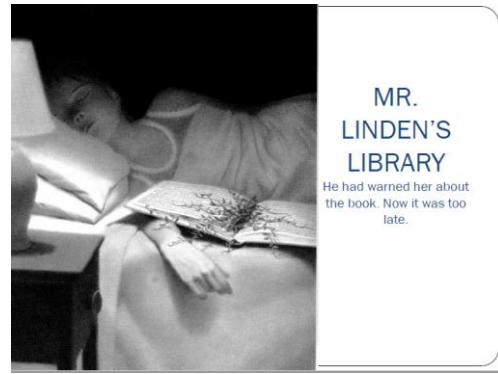
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### Mystery and Suspense Writing

Children in Ravens and Eagles have been exploring the images in the book, "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick".

The children have been writing their own mystery story based on one of the images which title was **Mr Linden's Library** which had the caption **He had warned her about the book. Now it was too late.**

Each child has brought a paper copy home for family and friends to read. As all budding authors thrive on feedback, please read their story and complete the [review here](#). All stories will be compiled and uploaded to the Website on each class page under "Recommended Reading", so that everyone can read and respond to the imaginative and mysterious stories using the same link.



*Harris Burdick had drawn several images and he left each one with a publisher called Peter Wendell, with a promise to return with the stories that accompanied the images. Each black and white drawing was given a title and a caption. However, Harris Burdick never returned, and the mysterious images have sparked the imagination of many a budding author.*

### Life Lessons

The children from EYFS to Year 4 looked at how to look after their teeth, maintain dental hygiene and who can help us to keep our teeth healthy in their PSHE learning last week. We were very lucky to have Mr Anderson to visit and talk about the importance of looking after our teeth. The children really enjoyed the Q and A session and learnt lots. This is what the children had to say.  
"It was fun to see a real-life dentist!" Year 2  
"I liked how good his answers were to our questions." Year 1  
"He told us lots of facts about our teeth. Did you know that you must brush your teeth for two minutes?" Year 2



### Dodgeball Competition Year 1&2

The Sporting Influence Dodgeball competition series concluded this week with children in Year 1&2 having their chance to represent St Peter's.

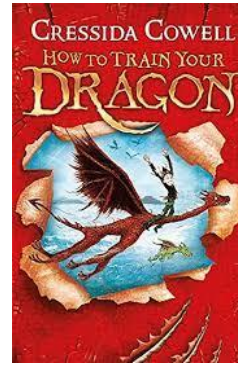
They did so superbly showing the sporting attributes we value of teamwork, honesty, and dedication. The children really enjoyed the large space of the Harrogate High sports hall to apply the skills they have worked on in school time and clubs. They played six matches in total winning two, drawing two and narrowly losing two. Very well done to everyone who took part.

Our partnership with Sporting Influence and the competition series continues after half term with the chance for all year groups to take part in Para-sports.



### Lower Key Stage Two Writing

This week in English, Owls and Starlings have been writing non-chronological reports about a dragon linked with our 'How to Train a Dragon' learning. We have thought carefully about their appearance, behaviour and weaponry and have even been inspired by watching some of BBC's Deadly 60. Keep an eye on our socials to hear some of our reports!



### New Lunchtime Club

After half term, there will be a drawing/ colouring club for the children in Ravens, Herons and Eagles every Wednesday lunchtime from 12 – 12.30pm.

This will be run by Miss Fishburn and some Year 5 children, the club will take place in Eagles classroom and children will eat afterwards.



### Young Voices

Good luck and best wishes to all the children taking part in the Young Voices concert in Sheffield tonight. We hope you have a fantastic experience. You have worked so hard this half term learning all the songs, we are all really proud of you.

A special thanks goes to Miss Potter and Mrs Gould who have worked incredibly hard in the background to provide this opportunity. Thank you also to the families who travelled to Sheffield to support their children. We hope you enjoy the show.



## Collective Worship Spotlight

In our worship this week we have been thinking about emotional wellbeing and Mental Health. We learnt about [Place2Be](#) and their different campaigns including this year's focus on 'Let's Connect' which is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week – and beyond.

We learnt about the importance of different communities, and the connections formed in different communities and groups can play an important role in our wellbeing.



### Parent Consultations – Booking Now Open

In response to feedback from parents there will be four separate evenings over which appointments can be made with three of the four evenings being for in person appointments.

The booking system for appointments went live at 6.30pm this Wednesday via the [SCOPAY](#) website. If you have not yet booked an appointment please do so at your convenience over the half term break.



### Leave of Absence

It is a Local Education Authority mandate that all parents complete a Leave of Absence Request Form for all absences other than for illness or medical appointments.

Please complete and return the leave of absence form, which can be found on the website, 4 weeks in advance of any term time leave, other than for sickness and medical appointments.

This needs to be returned to school, via email or the office, for attention of Mr Griffiths, who will then respond to you in writing as to whether it will be recorded as authorised or unauthorised leave. Please remember as per the Trust attendance policy any unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days or more) in a 4 month period is likely to result in the Local Authority issuing a fixed penalty notice.



### Trust School Headteacher Recruitment

St Peter's School is a proud member of Yorkshire Causeway Schools Trust as is St Aidan's High School. We are pleased to share information regarding their current search for a new Headteacher.

St. Aidan's High School in Harrogate is a really special community, with high aspirations and strong values that are shared by everyone. If you think you could be our next Headteacher, get in touch with Navigate NDC on 01625 800862 or visit [headforstaidans](#)



**"It's a peach of a school!"**

**HEADTEACHER**  
L37-L43, HARROGATE

Don't just take our word for it: if you're ready for an exceptional leadership opportunity in a wonderful school, visit [www.headforstaidans.co.uk](http://www.headforstaidans.co.uk) or call 01625 800862 to find out more.

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## Merit awards

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> Luca B and Parvi <b>Kingfishers</b> Kit and Florence <b>Sparrows</b> Liliana and Sam <b>Finches</b> Rosie and Tanya	<b>Owls</b> Noah and Phoebe <b>Starlings</b> Noah and Freddie	<b>Eagles</b> Seth and Evie N <b>Herons</b> Hannah and Jonah <b>Ravens</b> Seb and Gustavo

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

### FOSP Upcoming Events

FOSP have a number of events planned over the coming weeks and months.

### Pancake Day

To mark Shrove Tuesday children will be able to take part in pancake races and decorate a pancake after school on Tuesday 21 February on the back playground straight after school.

### Quiz Night

Back by popular demand for another year is the annual FOSP Quiz Night. Please see the poster opposite for full details.

We hope to see you there.

### FOSP Spring Ball

FOSP are hosting a Spring Ball at The Old Swan Hotel on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please book tickets through FOSP at fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk.



**FOSP Fish & Chips Quiz Night**  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February | 7pm – 9.30pm

Groups of 10 or buy a single ticket and we'll find a great group for you to join! This will be followed by fish and chips from a local takeaway!

BYOB  
(Corkage donation for FOSP is kindly asked for)

£9.50 per ticket

To book your place please email [fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk) or contact FOSP on our fb page. BACS payments to: St Peters PTA, Yorkshire Bank, Acct. 16916423, S/C. 05-04-54



You are cordially invited to attend the  
*Friends of St Peter's Ball*  
Raising money for St Peter's Primary School  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
The Old Swan Hotel,  
Harrogate  
Dress to Impress

Drink on arrival  
Three course set meal with wine  
Arrival 7pm | Carriages at Midnight  
Live entertainment, DJ & raffle.

Tickets £60  
Book via FOSP at [fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk)  
Please advise of any dietary requirements

## Community Items

### Community Cricket Club

Ripley Cricket Club are recruiting new players for 2023. Ripley is a vibrant, inclusive cricket club and we are in our ninth year delivering junior cricket programme. We operate 4 adult teams and have junior teams at every age group in the Nidderdale Junior League.

We are now recruiting new players at under 9 (school years 3 and 4) and under 11 (school

years 5 and 6) for pre season training at King James School, Knaresborough in the heated sports hall. Training starts on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February and takes place each week up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> March. Under 9s is from 6-7pm and Under 11s is 7-8 pm.

After a short break for Easter, outdoor training will commence on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April and run every week until 21<sup>st</sup> July, 6.15-7.30pm at Ripley Cricket Club. Matches will take place weekly, also until the end of summer term.

Training is led by ECB qualified coaches, and all coaches and volunteer helpers are DBS checked and have attended ECB Safeguarding training.



Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience is necessary. Every new player that joins as a member will receive a club branded:

- Match shirt
- Training shirt
- Cap

To register interest, please call / text / WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476992792 or email [sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com](mailto:sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com).



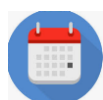
### Local Rainbows Group

We are thrilled to announce we will be reopening the Rainbow unit for St Peters! We are starting after Easter and the meetings will be at St Peters Church on a Tuesday at 5.45-6.45pm. Rainbows is part of Girl Guiding and is for girls aged 4-7. Sessions are fun filled with activities and games, and lots of badges to earn! If your daughter would like to join us please contact us at [10thstpetersrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:10thstpetersrainbows@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you!  
Kate Blake and Fran Moradyn



## Diary Dates



### Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Friday 10 February 2023	School finishes for half term	Whole School
Friday 10 February 2023	Young Voices Concert in Sheffield	Choir members
Monday 20 February 2023	School opens for second half of spring term.	Whole School

Tuesday 21 February	3.15pm back playground. Shrove Tuesday pancake races and pancake decorating	Whole School
Thursday 23 February 7.00pm – 9.30pm	FOSP Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper	All welcome
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
Monday 17 April 2023	Start of Summer Term – INSET Day School closed to children	Staff Only
Tuesday 18 April 2023	Children return start of summer term.	Whole School
Monday 1 May 2023	May Day Bank Holiday. School closed.	Whole School
Monday 8 May 2023	Additional Coronation Bank Holiday School closed	Whole School
Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 May 2023	Year 6 SATS week.	Year 6