



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 24 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.

NSPCC Talking PANTS

Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

To help you start the conversation with your child, there are a host of helpful resources available on the [NSPCC Talk PANTS](#) website.

It is never too early to begin talking to your child about their own body.



Early Help Strategy

Early Help is North Yorkshire's approach to ensure children and their families receive the right support at the right time to stop problems escalating.

Early Help is a collaborative approach, not a provision. All children receive universal services; however some children because of their needs or circumstances will require extra support to achieve their potential. The purpose of Early Help is to work together to resolve problems before they become overwhelming, long term and costly to the child, family and the wider community.

Any family can access Early Help by self-referring by calling the Harrogate [Early Help Team](#) on 01609 534842.



Body Image

We would like to recommend this video that was sent to us in one of our safeguarding briefing updates. The video seeks to promote positive body imagery among young people, who as always are under so much pressure to conform to a standard image expected of them by their peers, and the 'social media community'.

If you'd like to have a look at this inspiring piece of media please follow the link below:

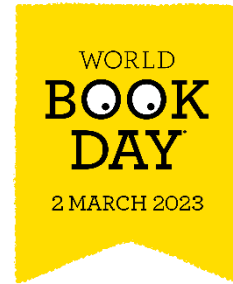
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ld9MJi3aG MU&feature=youtu.be>

My body is unique, every body's different.



World Book Day 2023

This year as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are promoting the importance of reading **to** children including bedtime stories. Research from the National Literacy Trust illustrates that only 45% of 0–2s are read to daily or nearly every day. This increases to 58% of 3–4s, to get them 'school ready', and by 5–7 years, parents reading daily to their children drops back to 44%. By this age, parents often ensure that children's reading homework is completed and therefore reading **to** children becomes less of a priority. After the age of 7 when fluency of reading is usually more established, reading daily drops off considerably. Reading books **to** your child, especially texts that your child cannot yet read or would find difficult to read independently, has many benefits. This includes providing uninterrupted bonding opportunities, encourages listening skills and attention span, promotes a wider vocabulary, and helps cognitive and language development, invokes their imagination among many other things.



We appreciate that the children of St Peter's have busy after-school schedules which may be causing your child to shut out the books so here are some tips to make read-aloud time something they look forward to.



1. Reintroduce Shared Reading Gradually
Start with every other day, and don't replace independent reading. Instead, read a bit together before or after your child has read alone for a little while.

2. Take Turns Narrating Alternate reading pages or chapters
This way, your child continues to master their fluency. Even older children can have trouble with pronunciation, especially multisyllabic words.

3. Choose Books with Companion Movies or Streaming Series
Those who gravitate toward gaming, streaming series, or movies will be excited that their favourite onscreen characters have parallel adventures on the page. If your family like a movie night, you can read Brian Selznick's lavishly illustrated novel *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* before watching Martin Scorsese's film adaptation, *Hugo*.

4. Switch Up the Material
Sharing graphic novels, e-books, or news articles is all still reading. Choose the topics and format that resonates most with your child. Subscriptions to *The Week Junior*, *First News* or *NatGeo Kids* make great gift ideas!

As it is World Book Day this week, to help celebrate, the staff at St Peter's will be posting bedtime stories on our Instagram and Facebook each evening. One will be a picture book and the other will be chapters of a short novel. We hope that you'll tune in!



Dress up for World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

Children may (if they wish to) dress up for world book day as either a favourite character from a book or come ready for bedtime stories in their pyjamas or onsie. Children must have safe and secure footwear though please. To kickstart the fundraising for our new library project we will be collecting donations for coming in non-uniform on that day. All donations of £1 or more will be very gratefully received. Donations can be made via cash to the school office or made via Parentpay.

Lower Key Stage Two English

This week, Owls and Starlings have started to read a new book - *The Eye of the Wolf* by Daniel Pennac. We have been describing the wolf, introduced in the first few chapters using similes and metaphors. Be sure to check our [Instagram](#) to hear some of our amazing descriptions!



One Small Step for Man.....

Key Stage One have been learning about the moon landing in history this week and were looking at historical sources including a newspaper article from the time. They were fantastic at asking lots of questions!

Children and families can learn about this as well as test their knowledge so far using this BBC Bitesize link which can be accessed [here](#). Go on test yourselves!



Para Sports Year 3&4

Children from Year 3&4 took part in the first of the sporting influence para sports events this evening at Harrogate High. In the first of two sessions for children from Year 3&4 they got to work with coach Gary from Harrogate Hammers Wheelchair basketball club.

They all had a fabulous time learning how to control and move in the chairs while also working on their passing and shooting skills. It was wonderful to see the children adapt so quickly picking up new skills and showing great confidence trying a totally new experience for them all. Very well done to all who took part.

For anyone interested in trying wheelchair basketball you can find out how to access some free sessions via the [Harrogate Hammers website](#).



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

Our choir had a superb time at the Young Voices concert hosted by Sheffield Arena on the final day of last half term.

It was a long day for all with rehearsals in the morning, travelling to Sheffield followed by rehearsals with all the other choirs and their performance in the evening. As always the children represented themselves and their school superbly well and sang their hearts out. Huge thanks to all the families who also travelled to support and attend this event. It has been lovely to hear the children recalling this event with such enthusiasm. We are sure it will live long in their memories,

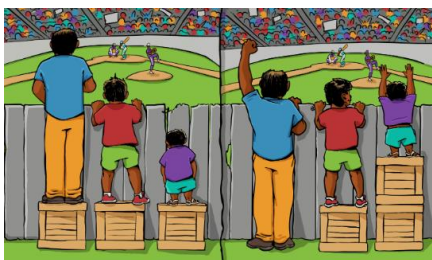


Collective Worship Spotlight

New Worship Theme

As we begin a new half term we will start thinking about and exploring a new theme in our worship time. This half term we will explore the concept of Justice. This week we looked closely at these pictures to explore is treating everyone the same just and fair?

The children showed some real thoughtful insight in their answers.



Whole School

Term dates Academic Year 2023-2024

We have now published our term dates including INSET training days for next academic year on our website.

These dates can be accessed via the School Information section of our website on the School Information and Term dates page which can be accessed [here](#). Families are encouraged to check term dates before booking holidays or events to avoid missing any time from school.



Industrial Action

If you have not yet had chance to do so please do see the letter sent on Wednesday regarding the upcoming day of industrial action on Tuesday 28 February.

The letter outlines the arrangements for this day.



Parent Consultations – Booking Still Open

We are looking forward to welcoming families to parent consultation meetings over the next two weeks. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's class teacher you can still do so via the [SCOPAY](#) website.

We are pleased to attach some additional info in advance to help the evening run smoothly and on time for everyone attending. Please do take a few moments to read through this in advance of attending your appointment.



Merit awards

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Tom and Hetty Kingfishers Alex and Kharlie Sparrows Nell and Sarena Finches Alicia and Zoe	Owls Mollie and Freddie Starlings Ava T and Zachary	Eagles Xander and Gracie F Herons Tymon and Jennifer Ravens Naazila and Finlay

Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

Pancake Day & Quiz Night

It's been a busy week for FOSP this week with pancake day and also the annual quiz night.

Thank you to everyone from the FOSP Team for all their efforts with organising both these events.

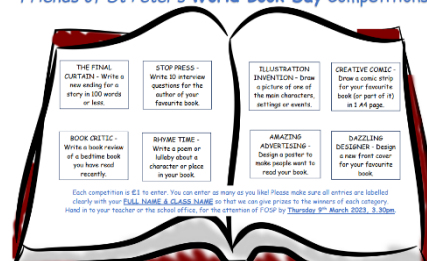
You can read more in the [news section](#) of our website.



FOSP World Book Day Competition

To complement the activities in school FOSP have also organised a World Book Day competition. Please see the additional information attached to the newsletter with regard to this.

Friends of St Peter's World Book Day Competitions



Spring Ball

FOSP are hosting a Spring Ball at The Old Swan Hotel on Saturday 13th May.

Please book tickets through FOSP at fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk.

Tickets go on sale on Wednesday 28th February



Year 6 leavers book

We are starting to put together the Yearbook for the class of 2023. Please could I have the email addresses of the parents/guardians of Year 6 children. This is so I can send out a questionnaire that the children can fill in, this will go next to their profile picture in the book.

Email lilstothard@gmail.com with your child's name & class and I will send it out. I can get paper copies to anyone that needs one.

It would be lovely to get a selection of photos of each child.

- A lovely recent picture of them on their own (profile picture)
- Pictures from their first day at school, reception class photos etc.
- Friend groups, fun times, birthday parties, discos, school trips etc.
- Sports days
- Dressing up (Halloween, world book day, nativities, school plays)
- With Siblings and Pets
- Really any lovely memories that your child/children have of St Peter's.

Thank you for your help with this. Lil Stothard

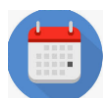
Community Items

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



Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Tuesday 28 February	Parent Consultations	Whole school by appointment
Thursday 2 March	Parent Consultations	Whole school by appointment
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day	Whole School
Tuesday 7 March	Parent Consultations	Whole school by appointment
Thursday 9 March	Parent Consultations	Whole school by appointment
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