

St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 24 March 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.

Local Road Safety Campaign

We are pleased to share information below from the Oatlands Road Safety and Active Travel Campaign.

They have launched a petition for a maximum speed of 20mph on roads in south and west Harrogate to improve help improve road safety. If you would like to support this campaign you can do so [here](#).



Morning Drop Off

We would like to politely remind all families that children should not be left unaccompanied on the playground before 8.40 when staff are present. We are seeing an increase in children unsupervised on the playground before this time.

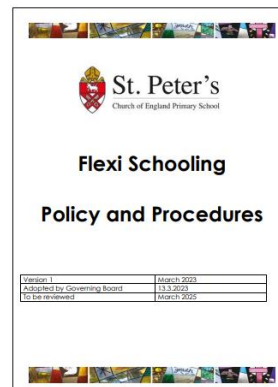
If older siblings are dropping off please ensure they are aware they must wait until at least one member of staff is present before leaving. Thank you for your support with helping keep everyone safe.



Flexi Schooling

We are pleased to share a new policy with all families which is our Flexi Schooling Policy. It can be accessed [here](#).

This policy outlines how we would manage and process any requests for flexi schooling. We anticipate this being used infrequently and in special circumstances. We believe having this policy in place demonstrates our commitment to listening to and working closely with all families to achieve the very best for all children regardless of their circumstances.



ParentSafe

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when they are, if we don't know what's happening in their lives or on their devices! Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? Don't despair though. London Grid for Learning (LGfL) has created dedicated parent



advice on a range of topics for all ages which can be accessed [here](#).



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

NTS Assessments

Children have recently completed spring term NTS assessments. These are standardised assessments that complement teacher assessment to help understand how children are progressing against age related expectations at a national level.

As always the children have worked hard and done their best with these assessments and we are proud of them all. Please see the additional letters regarding these assessments attached.



Hands on Science

Children in Herons have enjoyed some hands on science work getting to grips with dissection. Don't worry though there was blood!

They very much enjoyed dissecting a range of flowers to help identify the different parts of plants including how plants reproduce and what vital role this plays in food production.



Key Stage One Multi Sports Competition

On Wednesday it was the turn of children from Year 1&2 to represent St Peter's in the Wednesday Night Sporting Influence competition series.

The ten strong team competed in a range of sporting challenges including bean bag toss, baton relay, lily pad jump and standing long jump earning points at each station. They showed determination in each individual event and great stamina working their way around all the stations. They also displayed great encouragement and support of each other throughout all the events.

Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to all the families who helped get the children to this event and cheered them along.



Year Four Football Competition

This Tuesday it was the turn of children from Year Four who represented St Peter's at the Sporting Influence football competition this week hosted at Rossett High. The tournament ran superbly well with the help of Rossett High Young Leaders.

St Peter's played five matches all together. They began with a narrow 2 – 0 defeat to Pannal followed by a strong 5 – 0 win against Rossett Primary. The final three matches all ended in closely contested draws, two 1- 1 and one 0-0. The children worked well as a team and showed great determination and good communication skills as they played. Very well done to all who represented St Peter's so well.



Makaton Club

Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Mrs Jones runs Makaton Club each week and approximately 30 children attend. The children practise signing individual words and sentences and learn a set of new signs during the session. Throughout the week, these children share their knowledge across the school, teaching the new signs to whole classes or staff who work outside the classrooms, with the support of visual aids. The Makaton Leaders are dedicated to supporting communication and take their role incredibly seriously.



Merit awards

Infants	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Isabelle R and Lyra Kingfishers Faye and Amelie Sparrows Bea and Jamie Finches Will and Marcel	Owls Annabel and Karson Starlings Lola Rose and Tabitha	Eagles Tom M and Bea TH Hérons Eve and Phoebe Ravens Nina and Seb

Collective Worship Spotlight

Worship Theme - Justice

This week we learnt from the story of blind Bartimaeus. This story teaches us how easy it is for individuals to exclude others and treat the unjustly and how Jesus treated someone who was excluded.

We concluded our worship this week with this prayer.

Dear Lord

Help us to recognise when people are feeling left out and to find ways to befriend them and help them to feel more included.

Amen



Whole School

Parent Governors

We have two elected parent governor vacancies. Please see the attached letter and nomination form.

We look forward to hearing from anyone interested in supporting the school in this way.



Easter Bonnet or Decorated Egg Competition

Children may if they wish design and make an Easter bonnet or decorated egg for our Easter art competition. Entries should be brought to school and taken to each child's class on Friday 31 March for judging.

We are very egg-tremely excited to see all the eggtries next week. Good luck everyone.



Art Competition Opportunity

Become a part of history with BBC Children in Need's Royally Big Portrait!

On Saturday 6th May, 2023 the historic coronation of King Charles III is taking place at Westminster Abbey.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, primary school children across to UK are invited to get involved and share their creative skills with the world.

You can find out how to enter [here](#).



Summer Term Clubs

We are planning lots of extra curricular clubs for the summer term. The full programme will be sent out next week and we encourage you to sign up for any clubs over the Easter holidays ready for the first week back.



Community Items

Sporting Influence Holiday Camps

We very much enjoy working with Sporting Influence in our curriculum sessions and sports competitions.

Did you also know they run holiday sports camps? They have recently moved their holiday provision to Ashville making use of their range of sports facilities.

You can find out more about flexible places and how to book [here](#).



Community Netball

Netball 4 All run a wide range of sessions for children of different ages and with different levels of experience.

For more information please use the links below or email netball4alluk@gmail.com

Minis & Primary Sessions -

<https://form.jotform.com/222512334844047>

Walking Netball Sessions -

<https://form.jotform.com/222575082730050>

Easter Camp -

<https://form.jotform.com/222652464177055>



Youth Commission seeks new members

Are you 10-25 and live in North Yorkshire or the City of York?

Do you have opinions about police, fire & crime?

The Youth Commission Needs YOU!

You will :

- Work alongside other young adults to make a change.
- Advise the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and North Yorkshire Police.
- Develop leadership skills and gain valuable experience.

[Youth Commission seeks new members - Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire \(northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk\)](http://northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk)

Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

Cake Stall Rota

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Friday cake stalls either by donating, helping on the stall or of course purchasing cakes. We are very grateful to everyone for their support each week with this event. All funds go towards support events and activities for the children such as the pantomime.

St Peter's Bake Sale Rota

Spring 23

Date	Class
13 th Jan	Sparrows Ruth & Lisa
20 th Jan	Finches Adeline & Hatty
27 th Jan	Owls Michelle & Sarah
3 rd Feb	Starlings Annabel & Ellie
10 th Feb	Hérons Rebecca & Lizzie
17 th Feb	HALF TERM
24 th Feb	Eagles Natalie & Sean
3 rd March	Ravens Lil & Ceri
10 th March	Wrens Lou & Rebecca
17 th March	Kingfishers Fran & Sophie
24 th March	Finches Adeline & Hatty
31 st March	Sparrows Ruth & Lisa

Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
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