



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 31 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. We would like to wish all families a happy and restful Easter break.

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.

Holiday Support & Help

We very much hope all families have a peaceful and relaxing holiday. We do know that sometimes holiday periods can be when difficulties arise.

If you have any worries about a child there is help and support available through the North Yorkshire Children's Partnership.

You can access information on the different support services available and how to access this support [here](#).

Monthly Online Safety Newsletter

We are pleased to be able to share our dedicated online safety newsletter for April which can be accessed via the dedicated [online safety](#) page of our website.

As usual it is packed full of tips and advice of how to help children safely access the online world. This month there are special features on kindness when communicating online, as well as the 'Sendit' and 'BeReal' Apps.

We hope families find these updates helpful in keeping them updated with the ever changing world of online technologies.

Holiday Activities and Money Saving Vouchers

Yorkshire Attractions are trialling a digital version of their much-loved voucher booklet for the Easter holidays.

The booklet with lots of ideas for family activities as well as money saving vouchers can be accessed [here](#).



Worried About a Child?



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Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Upper Key Stage Two Science

Ravens and Eagles have been studying microorganisms in their science learning and set up an investigation last week to explore the conditions needed for mould to grow. We worked like scientists to set up a fair test and spent this morning writing our conclusions. Here are some photographs of us look under the microscope at microorganisms.



PE Curriculum News

Children continue to benefit from our ongoing flourishing partnership with Sporting Influence both within and beyond the curriculum. We are pleased to have attached the termly newsletter from Mr McTernan and Mr Crooks.

As well as the clubs outlined earlier in the week next term Mr Crooks and Mr McTurnan will be working with Owls, Herons, Ravens and Herons. We are also in the process of planning for next academic year when we hope the SI team will be working with us two days a week.



SPORTING INFLUENCE

Improving Social Skills Through Sport

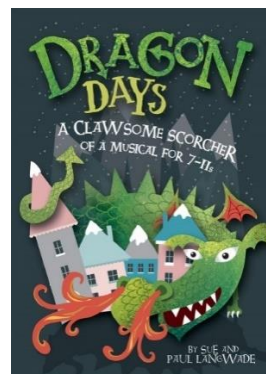
PE With Mr Crooks and Mr McTernan

Year 3&4 Performance

This week children from year 3 & 4 have thoroughly enjoyed performing their mid-year play Dragon Days.

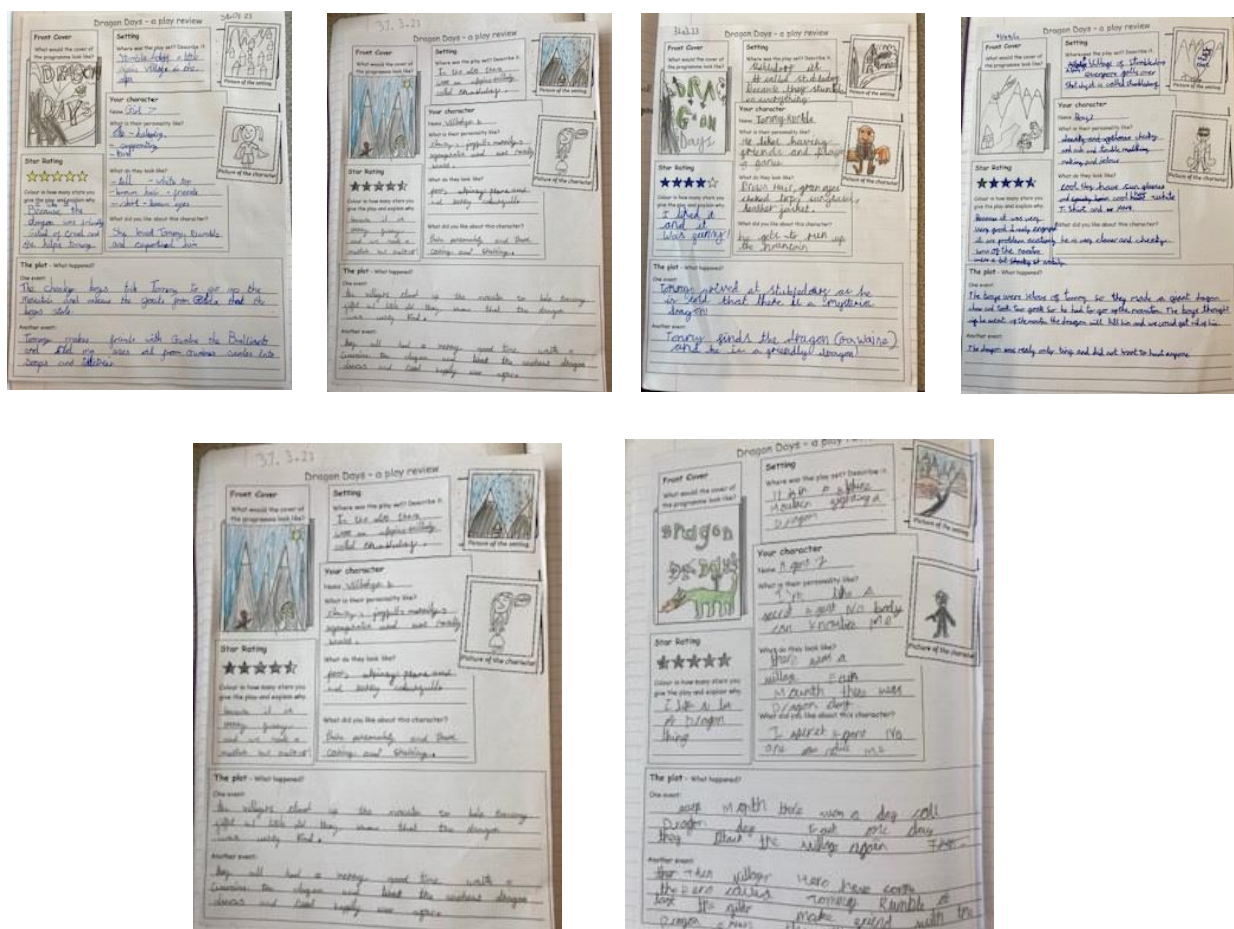
In this epic adventure the Stumbledorf villagers need a hero to save them from their terrifically terrifying dragon... or do they?

All the children worked superbly well to perform this fabulously dramatic and entertaining musical production. They worked incredibly hard learning all their lines as well as the songs and all performed brilliantly. Very well done to all we are very proud of your hard work.



Year 3&4 English

Year 3 and 4 not only took the role of amazing actors on the stage this week, but have used their critical skills in English to create these wonderful reviews of their play:



Collective Worship Spotlight

Easter Church Worship

The whole school very much enjoyed their Easter worship in church this morning. Following on from this half terms worship focus on Justice the children lead a lovely act of worship hosted at St Peter's Church retelling the Easter story and considering elements of the story from the perspective of how Jesus was treated. As well as poems and readings the children sang three lovely hymns and the choir also performed.

It was fantastic to see church so full with children, staff and families sharing in our worship. Thank you to everyone who attended as well as all those who helped walked us to and from church safely.



Thank you to Rvd Chris and the St Peter's Church Team for such a warm welcome as always.



Whole School

School Management and Communication System

We have been busy this term working to migrate to a new improved management information system 'Arbor'. We will start to use this system from the beginning of the summer term. All current information held including contact details will transfer over. From the start of the summer term, Parents may notice that emails sent will come from Arbor rather than Scholarpack. In the first few weeks of term please do check your 'Junk' email as initially sometimes emails can go into 'Junk'.

Parents can still contact the office via admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or by calling 01423 569684.

One significant benefit of this system is the Parent App that allows parents to access key information about their child and also update school directly regarding any planned or unplanned absence and change of details or medical information. We will write with further updates next term with regard to the rolling out of this app.



Parent Governors

We have two elected parent governor vacancies. Information on the election of parent governors can be found [here](#) alongside the nomination [form](#).

Please note the closing date for nominations is Friday 28th April 2023.



Summer Term Clubs

Our extra curricular Summer Term programme has now been published and sent to parents by email this week. Sign up can be accessed [here](#).

We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible before the 17th April and we will notify parents during the first week back to confirm places.



Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

FOSP Newsletter

We are pleased to attach the FOSP newsletter along with the main school newsletter this week. Please do take a look at all they have been up to as well as future plans and how all they do benefits every child at St Peter's.



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FOSP Meeting

The next FOSP is scheduled for 6.00pm Monday 24 April. Everyone is welcome to attend to help support the ongoing work of FOSP events for children and families. Please do come along and join us.



FOSP Egg Hunt

Children very much enjoyed hunting for eggs in the garden area after school on Thursday. Many thank you to the FOSP team for arranging this event for all our intrepid young hunters. Much fun was had by all.



FOSP Easter Bonnet or Decorated Egg Competition

We were all incredibly impressed with the range of fantastic entries to the Easter Bonnet / Decorated Egg competition that were seen in school today. As always it was clear to see how much hard work had gone into the entries.

Judging was very trick due to such a high standard. Very well done to all who took part. All the entry fees go to FOSP funds.





Community Items

Coronation Competition.

To celebrate Charles III's coronation, the [Stray Ferret](#) and Ogden of Harrogate are holding a competition for children to design two crowns fit for the royal occasion.

The lucky winners will have their dazzling crowns displayed in Ogden of Harrogate's shop window – showcased alongside Ogden's very own Imperial State Crown.

We're inviting school pupils of all ages to get creative. Two winners will be selected: one of primary school age and one of secondary school age.



Create a Crown fit for a King

We will be posting photos of entries regularly across on our social media channels during the competition – so, the more the merrier.

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](#).



Harrogate Nova Cycling Club

For a number of years now [Nova Cycling Club](#) have run a series of training sessions for children aged 6-11 approx. In terms of the sessions themselves:

The sessions run from late spring to early autumn on Tuesday evenings

There are 2 groups - beginners (6.00-6.30) and advanced (6.30-7.15)

The sessions are delivered by fully qualified British Cycling coaches

The sessions take place on the large car park opposite the army barracks on Pennypot Lane just outside Harrogate.

As such they are on a

tarmac surface but there are no cars to worry about.

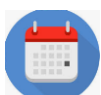
The cost is £55 per year for the beginners group and £80 for the advanced group. In addition, there is a £6 fee to joining Harrogate Nova Cycling Club.

Please note: some elements of the above details may be subject to minor changes for the 2023 sessions.

For the upcoming sessions (due to start after Easter on April 18) we have a number of spaces available



Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
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 24 April 6.00pm	FOSP Meeting in School	All welcome
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
Monday 15 – Friday 19 May	Year 2 SATS week	Year 2
Thursday 25 May 2.30	Music Performances and Afternoon Tea event in school	All welcome
Friday 26 May 2023	School Closes at 3.15pm for May Half term week	All
Monday 5 June 2023	School Opens for second half of summer term	All
Monday 26 June – Friday 30 June	Year 6 Residential to East Barnby	Year 6
Friday 21 July 2023 6.00 – 8.00	FOSP end of year disco	All welcome
Monday 24 July 9.30am	Leavers Service St Peter's Church	Whole School. All welcome
Tuesday 25 July 2023	School closes at 2.00pm for summer holiday	All