



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 21 April 2023

Dear Parents

We are pleased to welcome everyone back for the start of the summer term. We hope all families had a restful and relaxing Easter break. 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.

Young Minds

Young Minds are on a mission to ensure children and young people know that

***You are not alone. However you're
feeling right now, things can get better.***

Their website is designed for both parents and young people to access help, support and guidance on a wide range of common emotional health issues. It can be accessed [here](#).



The Go - To

Not sure what to feel about what you're feeling? The Go-To is the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire. They are there to help you find the right help and support for you, to help you stay well, whatever is going on in your life. They offer a range of support and guidance for both children and adults.

You can access their site [here](#).

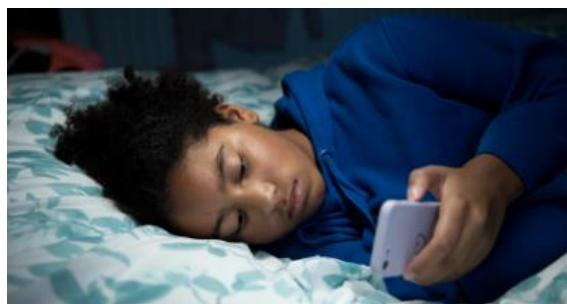
The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

Loneliness

The NSPCC has launched a campaign to let children know that lonely feelings don't need to last.

[Day in the Lonely](#) uses day-in-the-life videos to show how three young people experience loneliness.

The videos highlight the ways in which Childline can help young people, including by email and through our message boards. All the videos are based on real-life calls to the service.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Curriculum Overviews

We are pleased to have published our curriculum overviews for the summer term on the class pages of our website. These overviews give families an insight into the subjects and aspects of subjects children will be learning throughout the summer term. We hope families find these helpful in supporting their children.



Reading and Phonics

Repeated practice of spelling helps children move their new learning into their long-term memory. In Year 1 especially, it is important to try to find time to practise and embed spelling outside of the phonics lessons. This week, children in Year 1 and those in Year 2 still accessing phonics will bring home a spelling book. Children will be given sounds, decodable words and tricky words to practise and learn weekly. They will have the opportunity to put what they have learnt to the test on a Friday, with a quick spelling quiz. We ask that these books return to school every Friday so that children can stick in their words for the following week. At home you could practice the decodable words by asking the children to: read the words, add the sound buttons (dots and dashes) and write the words into their spelling books. You could practice the tricky words by asking the children to: read the words, circle the tricky bit and write the words into their spelling books. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.



Statutory Assessment

Over the course of the summer term children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will take part in various different statutory assessments as all children in these year groups nationally do. All of these take place in their classrooms with the support and encouragement of familiar adults.

The dates during which assessments will take place are published in the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter and families can access more details about these different assessments via the [Statutory Assessments](#) page of our website. If you have any questions about these please do speak to your child's class teacher.



Coronation Arts Project

Children from across Upper Key Stage Two thoroughly enjoyed working with staff and volunteers from Edgelands Arts today creating art work to be displayed in the community. Edgelands Arts were commissioned by the Victoria Centre, Harrogate to work with a school to create an exhibition of Crowns, celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. Each crown is unique and designed by local school children including those from St Peter's. The children designed and made their own crowns, that reflected their interests and



You can see more pictures in the [News](#) section of our website.

priorities. They also showed topics that the children think the new King should be interested in.

This project has highlighted children's interests whilst creating a vibrant and interesting display of crowns. All the crowns will then go on display in the Victoria Shopping Centre in time for the coronation.

We hope you can pop along to see all their fantastic efforts.

Outdoor Learning

Children from Wrens and Kingfishers have been enjoying the sunshine and taking their learning outdoors this week making use of our garden and outdoor classroom spaces.

As well as enjoying story time outside they were developing their observation drawing knowledge and skills and hunting for minibeasts and grouping them.



Summer Term Clubs

Most of our clubs have started this week with a few more commencing next week. We are pleased to have a wide variety clubs both at lunchtime and after school alongside a full wrap around care option available through FunClub.

If your child is undertaking a sports club they may come to school in their PE kit.



Clubs – You Spoke We Listened

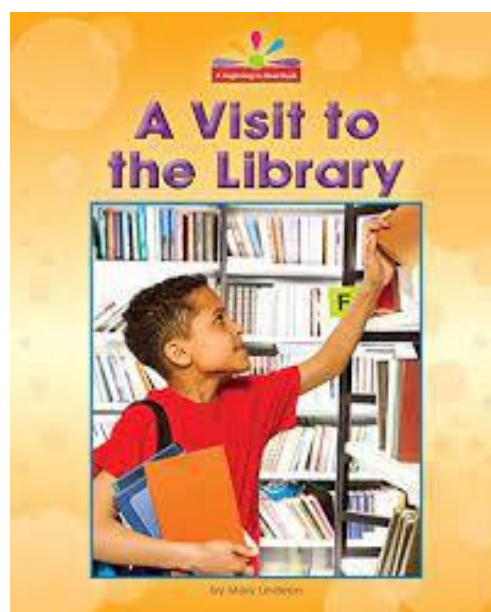
Through our stakeholder surveys you told us you wanted more clubs for children from all age groups so friends and siblings could join in clubs together. We can see the demand with over 50+ requests to join this club which we were delighted to start this week with our Thursday fields sports club led by Mr Atkinson from Sporting Influence and Mr Griffiths. It was lovely to see children from every year group enjoying taking part in physical activity and games all together.



Library Visits

Your child will soon be visiting Harrogate Library to learn more about the library and all that it offers. As part of the visit we would like as many children as possible to have the opportunity to borrow a library book. In order to borrow a book children need to have a North Yorkshire library card. If your child doesn't already have a library card please complete this online form [here](#) by Wednesday 10th May. Any children that register for a card will receive it on the day of their visit to the library. If your child already has a library card, it would be appreciated if they can bring this on the day of the visit.

Tuesday 16th May 9:30 - 10:15 - Owls
Tuesday 16th May 10:30 - 11:30 - Wrens
Wednesday 17th May 9:30 - 10:15 - Starlings
Wednesday 17th May 10:30 - 11:30 - Finches
Tuesday 23rd May 9:30 - 10:15 - Ravens
Tuesday 23rd May 10:30 - 11:30- Kingfishers
Wednesday 24th May 9:30 - 10:15 - Eagles
Wednesday 24th May 10:30 - 11:30 - Sparrows
Tuesday 6th June 9:30 - 10:15 - Herons



Collective Worship Spotlight

New Worship Theme – Service

As we begin a new term we start to explore and learning about a new theme in our worship time.

This week we have started thinking about service and in particular acts of service to others and what Christian service might look like within and beyond our school.



Merit awards

| Infants | Year 3/4 | Year 5/6 |
|--|---|---|
| Wrens Rabia and Oliver C Kingfishers Oliver P and Lottie Sparrows Oscar and Emily Grace Finches Alicia and Layla-Rose | Owls Oliver and Violet Starlings Sophie and Gracie | Eagles Ryan and Aleesha Herons Tom and Liberty Ravens Evie D and Nell |

Staffing Update

Mrs Starkey who is currently on maternity leave has decided not to return to her role in school. She is going to pursue a new venture working with families through mother and baby groups. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well with her new venture.

Miss Wilson who is also currently on maternity leave is planning to return for some of her keeping in touch days later in the summer term with a view to returning fully in September.

Mrs Aldridge who took some time to be with her family earlier in the year has extended this period until the end of the summer term. Miss Ward will continue to provide cover for Miss Aldridge.

Mrs Tizick and Miss Kirman are not well enough to be at work. We continue to keep in touch with them and send them our best wishes.



School Management and Communication System

We have now migrated to a new improved management information system 'Arbor'. All current information held including contact details has transferred over.

You may notice that emails now come from Arbor rather than Scholarpack.

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 in the coming weeks with regard to the rolling out of this app.



Industrial Action

As you may be aware the dispute between the teaching unions and the government is yet to be resolved.

Over the Easter break further days of industrial action have been announced. This dispute is between the unions and the government and is not because of any issues at our school.

The National Education Union (NEU) has announced two further days of action planned for Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May 2023. If you have not already done so please see the letter sent earlier in the week with regard to planned arrangements for these days.

**INDUSTRIAL
ACTION
UPDATE**

Parent Governors

We have two elected parent governor vacancies and have circulated details. This role can be balanced with work and family life and many of our governors work and have school age children.

If any parents are interested in learning more about the role a number of our existing governors would be more than happy to have an informal chat. If you would like to arrange this please speak to Mrs Gould or Mrs Scammell in the office.



Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) News

***** Please look out for Raffle tickets which will be sent home in children's book bags. There are some great prizes on offer! If you require additional books please pop into the school office *****

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.



Community Items

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





Girls Football Training with Beckwithshaw Saints Junior FC

Free training available for ages 5-16

Saturdays 11:00 - 12:00

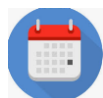
Starting 22nd April for 6 weeks

Location: Rossett Sports Centre
3G pitch



For more information or to register,
contact bsjfc.regsecretary@gmail.com

Diary Dates



Important Diary Dates

| Date | Activity | Year Group(s) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Monday 24 April 6.00pm | FOSP Meeting in School | All welcome |
| Monday 1 May 2023 | May Day Bank Holiday. School closed. | Whole School |
| Thursday 4 and Friday 5 May | Year 4 Residential to Castle Howard | Year 4 |
| 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 12 – Friday 16 June | Year 1 Phonics Check Week | Year 1 children |
| Monday 12 – Friday 16 June | Year 4 Multiplication Check week | Year 4 children |
| Monday 26 June – Friday 30 June | Year 6 Residential to East Barnby | Year 6 |
| Tuesday 11 – Thursday 13 July | HGS Transition Days | Year 6 children going to HGS |
| Thursday 13 July | St Aidan's Transition Day | Year 6 children going to St Aidan's. |
| Tuesday 18 July 2.00pm and 6.00pm | Year 6 Production performances – St Paul's Church | 2.00pm whole school 6.00pm – Friends and family all welcome |
| Wednesday 19 July 6.00pm | Year 6 Production performance – St Paul's Church | 6.00pm – Friends and family all welcome |
| Monday 17 July | End of Year Reports to Parents | All families |
| Friday 21 July 2023 6.00 – 8.00 | FOSP end of year disco | All welcome |
| Monday 24 July 12.00 – 1.00 | Year 6 Treat Lunch – Pizza and Ice Cream | Year 6 |
| Tuesday 25 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 |

