



**St. Peter's**  
Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 8 September

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.

### **Welcome Back**

We would like to offer a very warm welcome back to everyone as we begin a new academic year. We are all looking forward to working with children and families over the course of this year and beyond.



## **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.

## **Designated Trained Safeguarding Leaders**



**Mr Paul Griffiths**  
Headteacher &  
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)



**Miss Helena Fishburn**  
Deputy Headteacher & Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



**Mrs Alice Jones**  
Special Education Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCO) &  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)



**Mr William Naylor**  
Safeguarding Governor

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of children or adults please contact the school office who will direct you to one of the designated safeguarding leaders. If you have a concern about the dealing with a safeguarding issue by any of the trained safeguarding staff you should contact the safeguarding governor.

### **Online Safety Monthly Newsletter**

We are pleased to have published our monthly online safety newsletter on our website. This month there is guidance around back to school photos, the popular app @Threads' as well as helpful tips and advice on age ratings and an update 'Roblox' checklist. The full newsletter can be accessed via the dedicated online safety page of our website [here](#).



**Online Safety Newsletter**

## Whole School

### New Starters

We would like to offer a warm welcome to our 28 new starters in Reception as well as 8 children who have joined us in other year groups. We would also like to welcome Mrs Jo Oldfield who joins us as a teaching assistant mainly based in Kingfishers. Welcome back also to Mrs McNichol who has returned from working abroad last year and Mrs Aldridge who has recently married and is now Mrs Houghton.



*Mrs J Oldfield*



*Reception 2023*

### Attendance – Getting it Right from Day One

As we begin a new school year we would like to remind everyone about our commitment to achieving the very best attendance possible for all children.

To help us achieve this, please check out our term dates and INSET days which are published on our website and can be accessed [here](#).

Please check these dates before booking any holidays or weekends away to avoid the need to take children out of school during term time.

Please make every effort to ensure all medical and dental appointments are taken outside of school hours wherever possible.

Thank you for your support.



### Meet the Teacher

We value greatly our relationships with families and love welcoming you into school. This coming Wednesday 13 September we will host our meet the teacher event between 3.30 and 5.00pm.

This is an opportunity to pop into school and visit your child's classroom and informally meet their teacher and other parents from your child's class.

Families are welcome to come anytime between 3.30 and 5.00pm.



### Arbor

Arbor is our school management information and communication system and comes with a dedicated parent app.

From the App parents can access information regarding their child's attendance as well as track their merit awards.



St Peter's and Arbor and have set up an account for you.

To finish creating your account, you just need to set a password. You can do this by going to [login.arbor.sc](https://login.arbor.sc), clicking on 'Forgotten Password?' and following the instructions on screen.

Your username is: **parent email (the email address we currently have registered with us)**

### Jewellery

School preference is that no jewellery is worn as it is unsuitable during school hours. Apart from the risk of loss, these items can present safety problems to the wearers and others.

Children are permitted to wear stud earrings and a watch only. Earrings must be removed for PE unless within the first 8 weeks of having ears pierced or if children cannot quickly, easily and independently remove them. If it is not possible to remove earrings children may be asked to cover them with plasters depending on the nature of the physical activity. We politely request that no smart watches are worn in school. Any jewellery brought into school is done so at the risk of the child and family.



### Clubs

If you have not yet done so please see the letter sent yesterday regarding clubs for this term.

As in previous years we will continue to work with school staff (who volunteer their time to run clubs) and outside providers to provide a range of different clubs throughout the year.

We will continue to keep families updated with the ongoing club offer as it updates.



### PE Days

Day	Classes
Monday	Wrens
Tuesday	Owls, Starlings, Ravens and Eagles
Wednesday	Wrens Kingfishers Finches Sparrows Owls (and 8 Year 4 children from Herons) – Swimming Herons (those not swimming PE)
Thursday	Herons and Ravens – Team taught with Sporting Influence Starlings Herons
Friday	Kingfishers Finches Sparrows

**Please can we request that all items of pe kit uniform are named and that children bring a water bottle with them every day.**



## Swimming Volunteers

Swimming lessons begin this next week for Owls class and half of Year 4 Herons. Following a significant refurbishment, lessons will return to taking place at the Hydro in Harrogate. Children will leave school at 12.50 and return around 2.20pm. We would hugely appreciate one or two volunteers to support this each week. If you can help out with this either as one off or on a weekly basis for a number of weeks please speak to or get in touch with either Mrs Gould or Mrs Scamell in the office ([admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk)). Thank you.



## Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

### Curriculum Learning Overviews & Homework

We are pleased to share an overview of curriculum learning for each class. We hope families find this helpful in instigating conversations about learning in school and supporting their children.

Learning overviews can be accessed via the respective class page of the website where you can also find information regarding homework.



### Settling In

Year 1&2 have been talking about 'big emotions' and what we can do to help ourselves when we feel them.

We decided to make a class windcatcher to hang in the garden, to help us reflect and think calming thoughts as it blows in the wind.



### Collective Worship Themes

We have a values-based approach to our worship cycle exploring a key value each half term.

The first of our values to explore this year is Generosity. Families can see our full programme of worship on the [Collective Worship Page](#) of Website.



## FOSP News

### Wonderful Friends Group

We are very lucky to have a fabulous FOSP group who work incredibly hard to arrange events for our school community and raise funds to support projects in school. They are busy planning for the year ahead having met earlier this week. Please do not worry if you missed the meeting as there will be further meetings throughout the year as well as many events to get involved with.



They will use this section of the newsletter to keep everyone updated with news and events information. Also keep an eye on their notice board at the front of school and their page of the [website](#).

#### FOSP Class List App & Facebook Page

Class List is an App used by FOSP to help keep families updated with events and news. It is also the way you can let FOSP know your child's date of birth so they can be included on the monthly birthday poster at the front of school (if you wish them to be).

Families can also join the FOSP Facebook group which is another way of getting involved in events and activities



Rabinder Sidhu is taking part in another sponsored walk on 1st October around Fewston Reservoir. For every £1 she raises, Barclays Bank will match to a total of £750.

Proceeds go to FOSP and will hugely help them achieve their fundraising goals which include a new and improved school library & the annual panto trip for all pupils!

FOSP are kindly asking all parents who are willing and able to, to donate via the Just Giving link below:  
[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rabinder-sidhu-3?utm\\_term=een94kNAb](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rabinder-sidhu-3?utm_term=een94kNAb)



#### [Help raise £750 to For the school library](#)

We're raising money to For the school library. Support this JustGiving Crowdfunding Page.

[www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)

Anonymous donations won't be matched so please make sure you put your name.

Thank you once again Rabinder!

#### Merit awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> All Wrens <b>Kingfishers</b> All Kingfishers <b>Finches</b> All Finches <b>Sparrows</b> Reggie and Ralphie	<b>Owls</b> Sofia and Hugo D <b>Starlings</b> Anna and Neil	<b>Hérons</b> Serafina and Charlie <b>Ravens</b> Poppy and Oliver <b>Eagles</b> Maya and Freddie

## Diary Dates

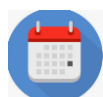
### School Term and Holiday Dates 2023/2024

	AUGUST 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	OCTOBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2023	JANUARY 2024
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28

	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2024	APRIL 2024	MAY 2024	JUNE 2024	JULY 2024
Monday	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
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Saturday	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Sunday	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28

<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Bank Holiday
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<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Professional development/training days

Pupils must be taught for a minimum of 190 days. The number of term days shown is 192. Three recommended professional development (PD) days for teaching staff have also been highlighted; pupils will not attend school on these days. Schools will need to identify a further two PD days from the calendar. Please could you send your remaining two PD days to the Education Office, Harrogate via email [schools@harrrogate.gov.uk](mailto:schools@harrrogate.gov.uk) when you have agreed them.



### Important Diary Dates

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
Wednesday 13 September	Swimming Lessons Start	Owls and 8 Year 4 Children from Herons
Wednesday 13 September 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Meet the teacher drop in session.	All classes – parents and children welcome
Wednesday 20 September 2.00pm	Fire Safety Talks for Children	All classes
Wednesday 27 September 6.00pm	Early Years and Key Stage One Phonics Information Evening and Story Night	Parents and children from Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
Thursday 28 September	School Photos	All classes.
Thursday 5 October 9.30a, St Peter's Church	Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church	All welcome
Friday 6 October	Flu Immunisations for those opting.	Those opting. More details to follow from NHS community team.
Monday 9 – Thursday 12 October	Book Fair in School	3.15 – 4.00pm
Thursday 26 October	FOSP Halloween Disco at school	6.00 – 8.00
Friday 27 October	Break up for Half Term	All classes
Monday 6 November	Staff INSET Training Day – School closed to children	All classes
Tuesday 7 November	Autumn Term second half begins – all children return to school.	All classes
Tuesday 7 November	Author Visit including workshops.	TBC
Wednesday 8 – Friday 10 November	Year 5 <a href="#">Bewerley Park</a> Residential	Year 5
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 November	Bikeability Cycle Training	Year 6 Groups

Thursday 16 and Friday 17 November	Bikeability Cycle Training	Year 6 Groups
Thursday 16 November 3.15 – 5.00	FOSP Key Stage Two Movie Night	Key Stage Two children Yr3-6 pre booked tickets only.
Friday 17 November	Children In Need Day – SPOTacular non uniform, spots or pyjamas plus special Pudsey whole school cake sale.	All classes
Saturday 9 December 12.00 – 2.00pm	FOSP Christmas Fare	Everyone Welcome
Week Beginning Monday 11 December	EY & KS1 Nativity Performances this week. Exact days and times TBC	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Classes – Wrens, Kingfishers, Finches and Sparrows.
Wednesday 13 December	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime.	All classes
Thursday 21 December 9.30am	Crib Service in St Peter's Church	All classes, all welcome
Friday 22 December 1.30	Carols at the Alms Houses	All classes, all welcome
Friday 22 December 2.00pm	School Closes at 2.00pm for end of autumn term.	All classes