



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Shine in the light and love of God.

Friday 20 October 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.

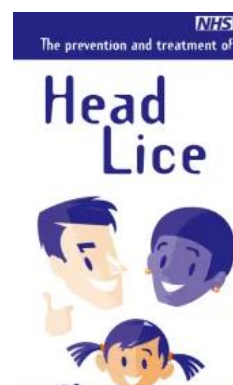
Grooming

Grooming is an issue which remains highly prevalent in the world of safeguarding and child protection. It can happen in any community. Vigilance and awareness are both important tools in tackling this. '[Not In Our Community](#)' is a campaign that provides resources co-produced with children and young people to help protect themselves against grooming and exploitation. There are a range of [resources](#) that parents may find particularly help when thinking about how to support their children.



Headlice

Head lice are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact which can increase when children are at school mixing with other children. We have been made aware of some recent cases of headlice and are happy to share the following [link](#) to NHS advice on the treatment of headlice. As stated in the guidance it is not possible to prevent headlice and there is no need for children to be off school if they have headlice or if there are cases of headlice in school.



Road Safety – Darker Night

As the evenings draw in and it becomes darker in the mornings and at the end of the day it is great time to remind children about keeping safe as they use the streets and pavements. Next half term Martin Powell our PSCO will be visiting to deliver road safety workshops with all the children. To compliment this there are some great tips and resources on the [THINK](#) road safety website.



Attendance

As mentioned in previous letters there have been some positive attendance figures at the start of the year. Thank you to everyone for your support with ensuring children attend well. Please can we remind families that great attendance means 'All Day, Every Day'. Please try to avoid the need for early collection by booking appointments and arranging after school activities at times that do not require children to

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leave before the end of the school day. Thank you for your support.

Whole School

Parent Governor Vacancy

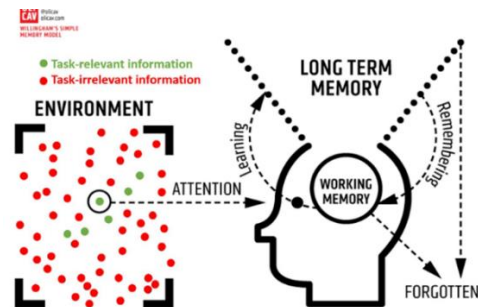
We have one parent governor vacancy and are keen to hear from anyone interested in supporting our school in this way. If you would like to arrange an informal chat with one of our current governors to find out more or access a nomination form please get in touch with Mrs Gould or Mrs Scammell in the office via admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or 01423 734611. The next closing date for nominations is **Friday 27 October 2023**. You can also find out more about our current governors and what it involved by visiting the [Governance Page](#) of our website. Please also see the additional letter published on our website [here](#).



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Attention and Memory

We have been talking with the children in recent weeks about the importance of paying attention and thinking deeply about subject content as two critical factors that enable learning to transfer into long term memory. When undertaking any learning at home it is incredibly beneficial and ensure there are as few distractions as possible and that tasks require children to think about the content or body of knowledge they are learning. If you would like to know more why not have a look at our [curriculum section](#) of our website.



Peace at Last!

EYFS have been looking at the story 'Peace at Last' in their English lessons.

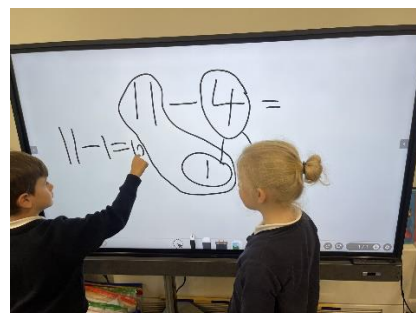
This week they have looked at story sequencing on a road map, they worked together to ensure the main events of the story were in the correct order and then took turns to re tell the story to their friends.



Key Stage One Maths

Children in Year 2 have been making 10 to add and subtract this week. They have been resilient and have used their knowledge of number bonds to support their methods. Well done!

We were also pleased to welcome 10 teachers from other local schools this week who are taking part in a maths teacher research group (TRG) which is led by our maths specialist Mrs Crankshow. They observed part of a lesson in Sparrows and then spent time reviewing the strategies used.



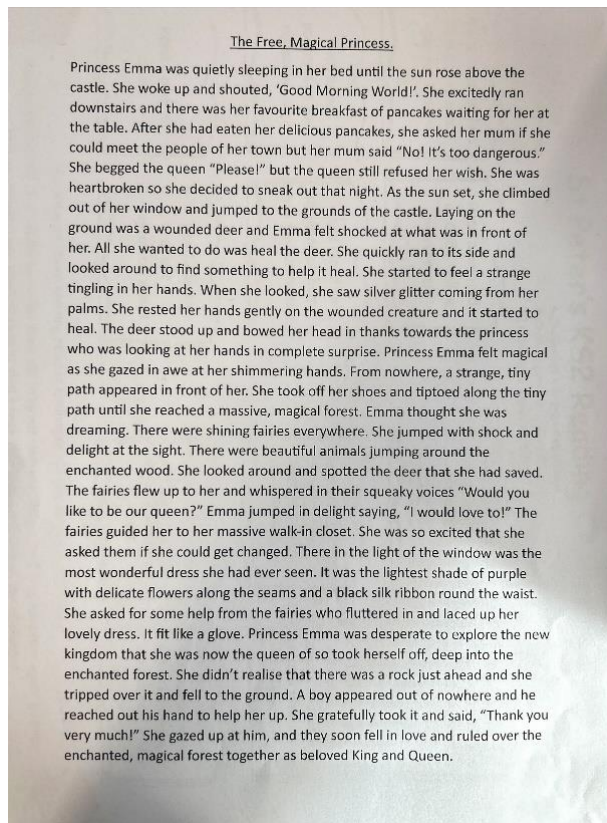
Sporting Social Skills

Through our partnership with Sporting Influence we are pleased to continue to attend weekly sporting competitions against other local school at Harrogate High on Wednesday evenings. This week was the turn of both boys and girls from Year 3&4 to represent St Peter's in football.

As well as the chance to compete against other schools there is always a clear focus on developing the five sporting social skills of; body language, communication, determination, encouragement and respect. At the end of each session children displaying these skills are recognised by staff and coaches with the awarding of the SI wristbands. Very well done to Ariana who this week was recognised for the respect she showed to her team mates and also children from other teams with the way she played and spoke to others. Very well done.



Writing of the Week



In Sparrows Class last week, the children wrote a 500 word story to enter into the UK's largest story writing competition run by the BBC. Poppy's story is about a magical princess who discovers she has healing powers. Poppy showed great resilience when writing her story and prioritised her use of exciting adjectives and interesting sentence starters. What a fantastic story!

Collective Worship

We continue to explore the theme of Generosity with a focus this week on 'The Gift of Time'.

We read the story from the Old Testament that describes when the Queen of Sheba visiting King Solomon. Despite the enormous wealth of both the King and Queen it was the time the King made and the sharing of his wisdom that the Queen valued the most.



Halloween Disco

FOSP are looking forward to hosting their annual Halloween disco this coming Thursday 26 November from 6.00 – 8.00pm at school.

All are welcome to this fun filled evening of disco fun with games, activities and stalls.

Please note children must be accompanied by an adult at all times during this event. Parents must remain on site at all times during this event and remain responsible for their children at all times.



Pumpkin Competition

Entries need bringing into the front playground next week on Thursday to be judged before half term. There are prizes for the winners from each Key Stage. Entry is £1 and there will be a bucket put out for donations in the front playground or transfer £1 to FOSP bank details.

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Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Matthew and Kaya Kingfishers Arlo and Kharlie Finches Florrie and Lyra Sparrows Naomi and Summer	Owls Duncan and Isabelle Starlings Rosie and Ibbie	Herons Jack and Angela Ravens Ethan and Jessica Eagles Georgina and Lucas

Community News



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OCTOBER HALF TERM
Ashville College
30th Oct - 3rd Nov

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Diary Dates



Important 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
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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
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■ Bank Holiday
■ School Holiday
■ 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@eef@northyorks.gov.uk when you have agreed them.

Calendar for 2024-2025 is also published on our website and can be accessed [here](#). Please check when planning any holidays or appointments.

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
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 Bewerley Park Residential	Year 5
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 November	Bikeability Cycle Training	Year 6 Groups
Tuesday 14 November Thursday 16 November	Parent Consultation – In person and online appointments available – details to follow.	All classes, all families.
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
Tuesday 21 November Thursday 23 November	Parent Consultation – In person and online appointments available – details to follow.	All classes, all families.
Monday 4 December 4.30 – 5.30	Advent Concert in School	All welcome
Saturday 9 December 12.00 – 2.00pm	FOSP Christmas Fare	Everyone Welcome
Monday 11 December – St Paul's Church (Next to school)	2.00pm Nativity Performance – Families welcome but limited seating as rest of school watching 3.15pm – 4.30 FOSP Pre Nativity Performance Event 5.00pm Nativity Performance (children back to school by 4.30pm)	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Classes – Wrens, Kingfishers, Finches and Sparrows. All Families Welcome
Tuesday 12 December – St Paul's Church (Next to school)	9.30am Nativity Performance	Early Years and Key Stage 1 Classes – Wrens, Kingfishers, Finches and Sparrows. Families Welcome
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