

St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 27 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.

**Growing Up with a Mobile Phone**

Growing up with a mobile phone is now a very common experience for many children and not one that many parents experienced for themselves. Guiding and supporting children with through this can at times be challenging having not experienced it personally. The EE network has created a fantastic resource for both children and parents.

The EE 'PhoneSmart' Licence will educate young people on how to stay safe and be kind online, and is available to everyone, not just EE customers.

The free online programme will also give parents and guardians the knowledge and confidence to support their child in preparing for the next step in independence.

The free programme can be accessed [here](#). Why not take a look over half term?



**Safe and Happy Halloween for All**

Halloween Safety and Etiquette. Young children, and many 'grown-up kids' too, take part in the annual observance of Halloween - and there are no dangers, right?

In fact, there are a handful of safety hazards to be aware of. It is also important to consider that while a popular tradition with many it is not observed or welcome by all especially those who may love alone, be elderly or vulnerable. So, what are the basic Halloween rules for trick-or-treating and how can parents keep it safe and spooky? We are pleased to share this short guide which can be accessed [here](#) to help ensure families and everyone in their communities can enjoy a safe and happy Halloween.



**Bonfire and Firework Safety**

We hope everyone enjoys any bonfire and firework event over the weekend. Where possible it is always best to attend an organised event. It is also a great time of year to remind and talk with children about general fire and firework safety. [BBC Newsround](#) have produces some age appropriate resources to help families stalk about this important topic.



**Parenting Support**

The Solihull Approach courses are available to all families living in North Yorkshire until 2024. All you need is a North Yorkshire postcode to benefit. Simply visit the [Our Place](#) website and use the code NYFAMILIES to access the courses. There are lots of different courses for parents of children of all ages. They can be accessed online and a time and pace to suit each family.



## Diary Dates



### Important Diary Dates

The term dates for both 2023-2024 and 2024 -2025 are published on our website and can be accessed [here](#). Please check when planning any holidays or appointments.

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
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
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
Wednesday 22 November Thursday 23 November	Parent Consultations – In person and online appointments available.	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

## Whole School

### Happy Half Term

Thank you to everyone for their support throughout a busy and productive first half term. We hope everyone has a peaceful and restful break. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 7 November.



### INSET Day

There will be a staff training day on Monday 6 November and school will be closed to children on this day. Staff will be undertaking a range of training on safeguarding and further development of our use of the Trust Teaching and Learning Principles.



### Parent Consults

In addition to the key formation below please see the additional letter sent with regard to parent consultations.

Appointments will be available to book from 6.00pm on Monday 6 November via Arbor. All appointments for both in person and online appointments should be booked via Arbor.

Tuesday 14 November are **IN PERSON**  
Thursday 16 November – **ONLINE**  
Wednesday 22 November – **IN PERSON**  
Thursday 23 November – **IN PERSON**

If you book an appointment for Thursday 16 November this will be an online appointment. You will receive an additional email ahead of this day with a TEAMS link for your online appointment.

If you would like an **in person appointment** please choose a time on either **14, 22 or 23 November**.



### Remembrance

In the lead up to Remembrance Day we will support the work of the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal by selling poppy appeal items in school during first back after half term leading up to remembrance Sunday. These will be available for children to buy at morning break.



## Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

### 'Spooktacular' Week in Wren's

Spooky week has descended on the Wrens classroom this week and children have been accessing spooky provision. Slime, pumpkins, potion making were some of the children's firm favourites. They even went on a Spooky hunt round the classroom in teams too.

More photos are available in the [news section](#) of website.

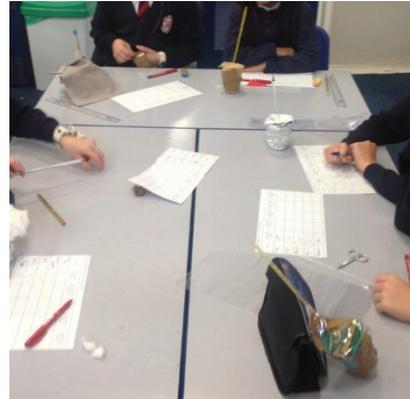


### Wren's Home Learning Phonics Books

This week children in Wrens will be coming home with a phonics home learning book. Please work with your child to ensure they can recognise and write the sounds in their book in preparation for learning more new ones in the next half term. There is further information inside your child's book, but please do not hesitate in asking Mrs Renton or the team for further support on how to support your child at home with their phonics learning. We would love to see and celebrate any learning done at home, and will need to keep adding our new sounds to the books too so please may the books be brought to school every Friday in your child's bag.

### Upper Key Stage Two Science

Children in Year Five and Six have been exploring materials and their properties in science and have been investigating what the best thermal insulator would be to line a lunch box. Ravens were so excited to set up the investigation using a fair test and they used their scientific enquiry skills to compare their results. Eagles class will conduct their investigation after half term.

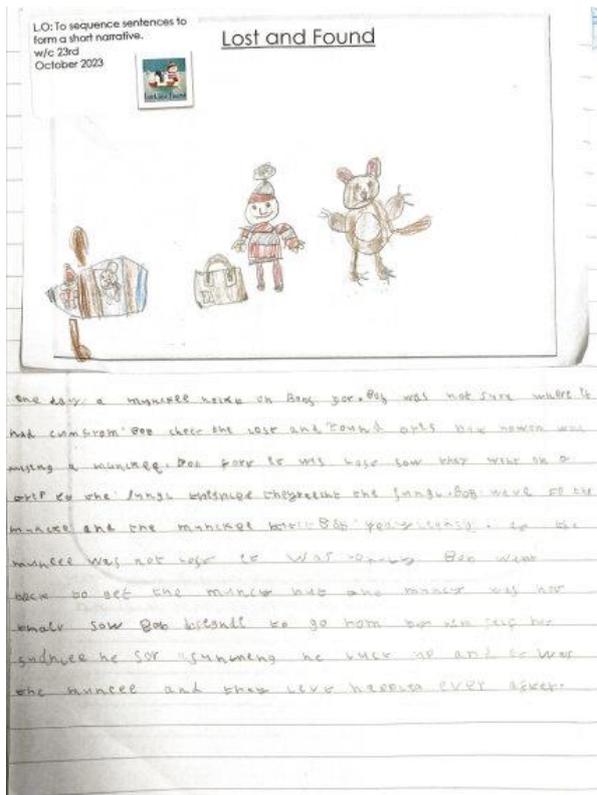


### Key Stage One Design Technology – Food Technology

Children in Key Stage One have very much enjoyed their recent food technology learning. They have been designing and making fruit skewers. They had to think about the different types of fruit that might go well together in terms of texture and flavour and how these fruits could be cut and shaped to fit well onto a skewer. They also thought about how to use the equipment safely and how to ensure they worked cleanly and safely.



## Writing of the Week



*This week the children in year 1 finished looking at the story 'Lost and Found' by writing their very own version. This half term, they had been thinking about using capital letters and full stops to punctuate their writing and making sure names started with capital letters. Scarlett has been chosen for her wonderful story about Bob, not only for working hard to include capital letters and full stops, but also for considering her phonics when she is writing and even including our new sounds! Amazing work Scarlett!*

## Collective Worship

As we approach the end of the half term we have spent our final week of the half term considering and thinking about the value of Generosity.

We thought this week about the gift of time and taking time to do things for others including those we never meet. We shared the story of 'The Man Who Planted Trees' and talked about the example this can set us all. If you would like to share this story again at home you can do so [here](#).



## Special Bonfire Menu

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen team who will be making a special Bonfire lunch on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Please also look out for details of a whole school Christmas Lunch which will take place on the last week before we break up for Christmas. Full details will be sent out after half term.



**Halloween Disco**

Thank you to the FOSP team for hosting a fantastic Halloween Disco on Thursday evening. As well as it being a great community event it has helped to raise funds for FOSP which go to directly support the work of the school such as paying for all children to attend the pantomime in December and contributing towards our library development project.



**Pumpkin Competition**

A huge thank you to FOSP for organising this competition including the prizes. Many thanks also to all the children and families for the array of wonderful entries. As always the standard was incredibly high with everyone showing great imagination and creativity in their designs. We are pleased to share some pictures of some of the entries below. Well done to Charlie in lower school and Amelia in upper school for their winning entries



## Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> Daisy and Elsie <b>Kingfishers</b> Daisy and Jacob <b>Finches</b> Amelie and Jude <b>Sparrows</b> Oscar and James	<b>Owls</b> Maddie and Archie <b>Starlings</b> Ava TH and Jessica	<b>Hérons</b> Zachary and Daniel <b>Ravens</b> Annabel and Hannah <b>Eagles</b> Oliver D and Evie R

## Community News



**Girl's Football**  
**Player Development**  
**Centre** Ages 8-16 yrs

**PRESENTS**

**TRAIN WITH A PRO:**  
**JADE PENNOCK**



- **CURRENT TEAM**  
BIRMINGHAM CITY
- **PREVIOUS TEAM**  
SHEFFIELD UNITED
- **YOUTH CAREER**  
LEEDS UNITED
- **U.S. COLLEGE CAREER**  
UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO / UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

**What to expect:**

- Skills & drills with our qualified coaches
- Train on the pitch with Jade
- An insight into what it takes to "go pro"
- Tips on making your dream become a reality

There are a limited number of places available. Bookings taken on a first come, first served basis. You do not need to be attending the weekly Future Lioness PDC to join this session.

**Session Details**

**Date:** Monday 30th October  
**Location:** St Aidan's CE High School, Harrogate. (3G Pitch)  
**Time:** 12pm - 4pm  
**Cost:** £27

**How? 2 Simple Steps**

1) Payment to be made to:  
 Future Lioness Ltd. (Natwest)  
 Acc no. 85258156 / Sort code: 55-81-11  
 Ref : Players Name

2) Please e-mail [info@futurelionesses.co.uk](mailto:info@futurelionesses.co.uk) to confirm your payment and booking

**What Next?**

We will e-mail you within 48 hours of payment to confirm receipt of payment and your booking

**This is one training session you don't want**



**ACTIVITY CAMPS**

**OCTOBER HALF TERM**  
 Ashville College  
 30<sup>th</sup> Oct - 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

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