

St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 17 November 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.

Cost of Living Support

As we head into the winter months needing to use our heating more frequently and other cost of living pressures it can be helpful to remember the different sources of help and support available.

North Yorkshire has produced a dedicated website page that outlines a range of help and support that can be accessed by families.



[Cost of living support | North Yorkshire Council](#)

National Anti-Bullying Week

Along with many other schools nationally this week we have used National Anti Bullying week to remind children of the definition of bullying;

*The **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological.*

It can happen face to face or online.

Children have also explored the four key strategies outlined by the anti-bullying alliance that can help us all to make a noise about bullying as shared below.



Letting your friend know when you think they went a little too far with 'banter' – you could simply say, 'hey, you may not have meant to, but I think you may have hurt our friends' feelings when you said that'



If you know someone is being bullied, you could check in with them, ask them if they're ok, encourage them to speak to an adult about it, you could even offer to go with them



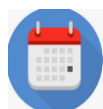
Speaking to a trusted adult about what you have seen



Showing kindness to those being bullied. You could ask them to join in your games, sit beside them at lunch, or be your partner in a class activity



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)
Wednesday 22 November Thursday 23 November	Parent Consultations – In person and online appointments available.	All classes, all families.
Tuesday 28 November	Martin Powell PCSO visiting to give Road Safety talks.	All classes
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

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Augustin and Stanley Kingfishers Hannah and Miri Finches Rosie and Felix P Sparrows Charlie and Ty	Owls Sarena and Reuben Starlings Zoe and Sophie T	Hérons Rosie, Emily W and Oliver Ravens Harrison and Tim Eagles Phoebe and Vera

Whole School

Attendance

I would like to congratulate the 112 children who achieved 100% attendance last half term. This represents exceptional attendance last half term. To maintain 100% attendance during a busy and demanding half term demonstrates great commitment and resilience. We appreciate this requires both children and parents prioritising good attendance.

By attending school every day children can make the most of school life, maximising their learning and social development. This gives children the best possible chance of success, now and in the future. I look forward to recognising the same level of commitment in the next half term.

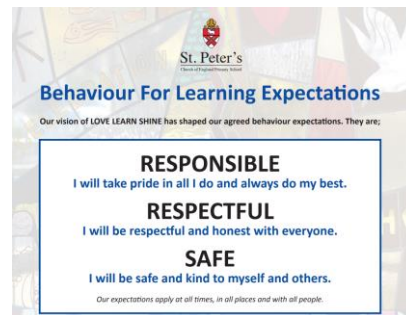
We would also like to congratulate the 132 who achieved 98% which represent very strong attendance.



School success starts
with attendance

Behaviour

Looking back to last half term we would like to say a huge well done to all children to contributing to a massive merit milestone of earning **7426 positive merits** in the first half term. Merits are awarded for demonstrating our learning expectations of being Responsible Respectful and Safe. As we begin this half term many children are starting to reach the first merit Milestone of 50 merits. We very much look forward to awarding the individual Merit Milestone Certificates in our celebration worships on Friday afternoons.



Wrap Around Childcare

In preparation for the Government's expansion of wraparound provision for all primary school aged children (YR - Y6) from 8am - 6pm beginning in September 2024, north Yorkshire Education services would be grateful if families could please complete the attached snap survey to enable the local authority to understand the supply and demand of wraparound places. The [survey](#) will close at 8am on Monday, 20th November.



Parent Consults

Thank you to everyone who has attended a parent consultation this week and for the positive feedback on these meetings.

Appointments for meetings next week are still available to book via Arbor. All remaining appointments are for in person meetings.

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Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Cycle Training

We were delighted to welcome back into school this week the North Yorkshire Bikeability Team.

Over the course of a number of weeks they will be working with children in year Six to deliver the 'Bikeability' award which helps children understand how to use their bikes safely. After instruction and assessment on the playground children then advance to developing and applying their skills on the roads preparing them well to ride their bikes safely in a range of different situations.



Competition Series Continues

After a short break over half term we were delighted to continue our involvement in the weekly Sporting Influence competition series on Wednesday night. This week it was the turn of children from Year 3&4 and our team represented St Peter's with determination and commitment. Very well done to all the children and a special mention to Elijah for earning the SI commitment wristband for helping to organise and encourage his team mates.



Year Five Residential

Children from Year 5 enjoyed two nights and three days at one of North Yorkshire's outdoor learning centre's last week. As well as experiencing being away from home and staying overnight at Bewerley Park in the wonderful surroundings of Nidderdale they had the opportunity to challenge themselves in a range of different activities including scrambling, high ropes and a ghyll walk.

The children all showed fantastic determination, courage perseverance and superb team working as they tackled the range of activities and challenges presented to them. Very well done to all the children who took part and a big thank you to the staff team who accompanied them.



Collective Worship

This half term we will be exploring the theme of compassion. This week we talked about the definition of compassion;

'The feeling of empathy and sympathy to someone or a situation and the motivation to do something to help.'

We discussed how looking out for our friends, asking how they are, and asking for help when you are worried about yourself or someone else can be an act of compassion.



Wrens Class

Please can all Wrens remember to bring their Phonics books into school on a Friday so we can stick in the new sounds we have learnt during the week. Thank you!



FOSP News

Christmas Fayre

Save the date –

Saturday 9th December 12.00 – 2.00pm.



Community News



The BigGive Christmas Challenge is the UK's biggest match-funded campaign. For seven days, the challenge offers supporters of participating charities the opportunity to double their donations. This year the *Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust* is taking part in the BigGive between Tuesday 28th November and midday on Tuesday 5th December.



In 2022 we worked with 26 schools, engaging with over 1500 school children!



"The children were really engaged and came back from the sessions buzzing with new information and experiences. This was down to well-planned and prepared activities, and fantastic engagement from the advisors leading the sessions." Monk Fryston Primary School, May 2022



The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust is seeking to fund their Rivers2U environmental education project which helps to engage children with rivers and wildlife. Their mobile classroom contains a working model of a rivers table and a rivers lab with microscopes to observe and identify freshwater invertebrates. It can be booked to visit schools in the catchments of the rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse, to support learning about rivers and inspire everyone to care for and protect our riparian environments. The Rivers2U mobile classroom has visited our school this year to support our children's learning. If you are able, please consider donating to this charity during the BigGive week, to help fund their education programme. To donate, please go to: <https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a056900002RxtjwAAD>



Thank you!



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