

St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 24 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.

Headlice

Head lice and nits 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

We are pleased to be welcoming Martin Powell our PSCO into school next week to deliver workshops with all the children on road safety.

To compliment this there are some great tips and resources on the [THINK](#) road safety website that you may wish to use at home.



Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country. We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come. The survey can be accessed [here](#).



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)
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 Elias and Bea Kingfishers Oliver P and Morgan Finches Isabelle R and Parvi Sparrows Jamie and Grace	Owls Xyla and Christy Starlings Rex and Grace	Hérons Austin and Bentley Ravens Bo and Noah Eagles Belle, Sebbie and Freddie

Whole School

Children in Need Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for your support of Children in Need last week. It was lovely to see all the children dressed up enjoying the different activities. Thank you for all the generous donations via Parent Pay and also for all the donations for the bumper Pudsey Cake stall. Through donations and the cake stall you all helped to raise £ 536. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.



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 Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has attended a parent consultation over the last two weeks, we very much appreciate the time taken to attend these appointments talking to teachers and looking at children's work. We hope you all found the meetings helpful and informative. Thank you also to everyone who has sent positive feedback on these meetings.

While these meetings represent a structured opportunity for feedback we are here throughout the year. If you ever need to contact your child's class teacher please do so by in the first instance emailing admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk



Christmas Lunch

Our kitchen team are once again providing a Christmas Festive Lunch on Thursday 21st December. Please can we ask that you complete the [Order Form](#) for ALL children by Friday 1st December. We would ask that you complete the order form even if your child is having a packed lunch or is entitled to free schools meals. This helps with planning and ordering for the kitchen. A letter with more information was sent yesterday. Thank you.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

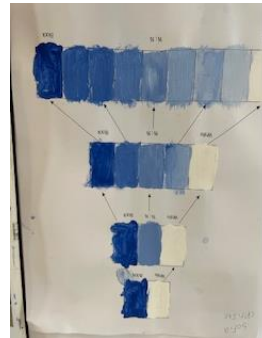
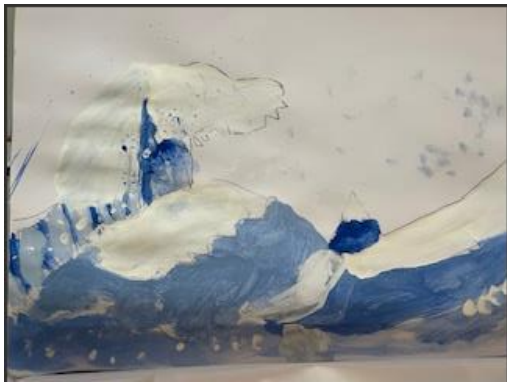
Little Mermaid Production

Children in Year 5&6 were treated to a magical performance of the Little Mermaid at St Aidan's School on Tuesday this week. As always it was a thoroughly polished and professional production and a delight to see so many ex St Peter's children shining brightly on the stage as part of this wonderful production. Thank you to everyone at St Aidan's for inviting us. We all had a wonderful time.



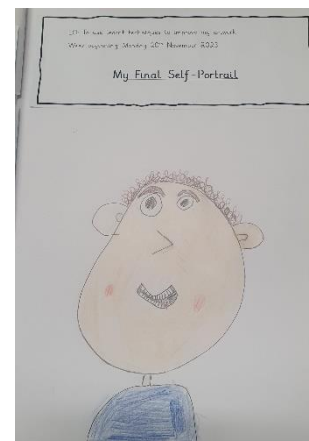
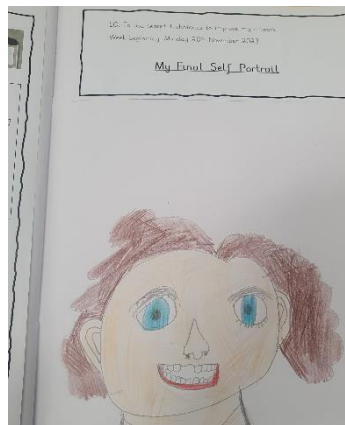
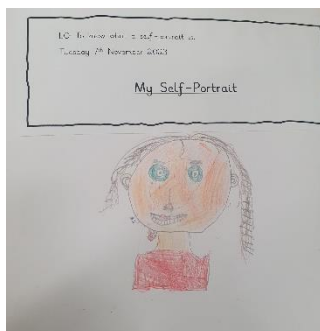
Art and Design

Children in Year three and four have been exploring techniques, tints and tones in their Art and Design learning. They have studied the work of Monet and Hokusai including different techniques they used and the styles they have created. They have created some lovely work of their own also which they are pleased to share.



Art and Design

Year 1 and 2 have spent the past two weeks learning about self portraits. The children studied Picasso and Paul Klee and learnt how to create an abstract portrait in the style of an artist. They spent a week learning about pointillism and how to create texture using dots. This week, we had a visit from an artist who showed us some of his work, gave us tips on how to draw realistic facial features and even answered some of our questions. He was so inspired by us that he drew his very own self portrait!



Religious Education

In RE, children in Wren's have been learning all about how different religions celebrate different times.

This week they looked at Diwali - the festival of light - and made their very own lanterns. The children were glowing with pride at their finished work, their lanterns look fantastic.



Competition Series

This week was the final turn of both boys and girls from Year 3&4 to represent St Peter's in football this term.

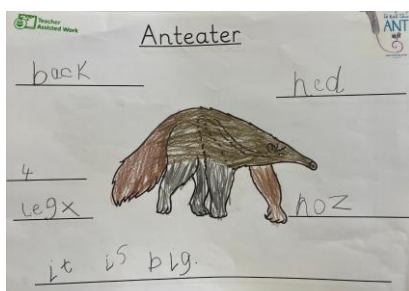
As well as the chance to compete against other schools there is always a clear focus on developing the five sporting social skills of; body language, communication, determination, encouragement and respect. They displayed great teamwork, determination, and resilience. From the 3 matches they played, the team won one, lost one and drew one. Very well done.



✍️ WRITER OF THE WEEK ✍️

Bea from Wrens

Reception have done a wonderful job labelling ant eaters after reading their key text 'I'm going to eat this ant'. Great job Bea- you used your phonics to sound out all your words! Keep it up super star.



FOSP News

Christmas Fayre

Save the date –

Saturday 9th December 12.00 – 2.00pm.





Harrogate Children's Book Group
&
Harrogate Library



Invite you to a celebration of National Non-Fiction November

"Wonderful Water"

Harrogate Library, Victoria Avenue, Harrogate HG1 1E



Tuesday, 28 November 2023

4.00pm—5.30pm

Inspired by 'Sea Change: Save the Ocean'

A collection of original postcards and messages from 50 illustrators across the world

For 5 - 9 year olds

Make your own postcard to enter the NNFN competition!

Book your FREE place by Saturday, 25 November

Email: Harrogate.library@northyorks.gov.uk Tel: 01609 536658

Accompanied children only



As we are fast approaching Christmas, we are delighted that award winning author, Hilary Robinson, will be joining us to talk about her wonderful book, 'The Christmas Truce'. This is the second book in her Poppies series following Ray and Ben during World War I, with beautiful illustrations by Martin Impy. The books have been used extensively in primary schools to introduce the topic to young children.

FREE SIGNED COPY OF THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE FOR EACH FAMILY

Hilary has written more than 70 books for children, including *Mixed-Up Fairy Tales*, *Jasper Space Dog* and wonderful *A Song For Will*.



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