



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.

**Monthly Online Safety Newsletter**

We are pleased to have shared this month's dedicated online safety newsletter via the [online safety page](#) of our website. As usual this is packed with lots of current tips and hints to help families support their children with using online technology as safely as possible.

This month there is specific advice on getting to know different mobile apps as well as a detailed article around the popular app 'SnapChat'.

**Get to know Age Ratings**

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. **Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?**



**Road Safety**

We were pleased to welcome Martin Powell our PSCO into school this week to deliver workshops with all the children on road safety.

Martin brings a great depth of knowledge and experience around this area to share with children and help remind them how to keep safe as they use the pavements and roads around Harrogate and beyond. Children also learned about the wider role of the police helping to proactively keep us safe. Thank you to Martin for his time.

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



**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 4 December<br>4.30 – 5.30      | Advent Concert in School | All welcome – details below |
| Saturday 9 December<br>12.00 – 2.00pm | FOSP Christmas Fare      | Everyone Welcome            |

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| Monday 11 December – St Paul’s Church (Next to school)    | 2.00pm Nativity Performance – Families welcome but limited seating as rest of school watching<br><br>3.15pm – 4.30 FOSP Pre Nativity Performance Event<br>5.00pm Nativity Performance (children back to school by 4.30pm) | Early Years and Key Stage 1 Classes – Wrens, Kingfishers, Finches and Sparrows.<br><br>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   |
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| <b>Wrens</b><br>Liberty and Finn<br><b>Kingfishers</b><br>Wilf and Eva<br><b>Finches</b><br>Tabitha and Florence<br><b>Sparrows</b><br>Summer and Elodie | <b>Owls</b><br>Emily Grace and Elisabeta<br><b>Starlings</b><br>Florence and Ariana | <b>Hérons</b><br>Milly and Yui Yui<br><b>Ravens</b><br>Ted and Tymon<br><b>Eagles</b><br>Elliot and Wilf |

## Whole School

### Tree Decorating

It was lovely to welcome some of our youngest and newest children and their families to continue the tradition of placing the first decorations on the Christmas tree this morning. As the calendar turns to the first of December and we mark the start of Advent it was lovely to see the tree in our entrance hall again being decorated. Thank you to all the children and families who stopped by to lend a hand.



### Wrap Around Childcare

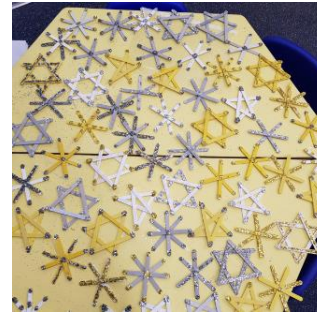
In preparation for the Government's expansion of wraparound provision for all primary school aged children (YR - Y6) from 8am - 6pm beginning in September 2024, north Yorkshire Education services would be grateful if families could please complete the attached snap survey to enable the local authority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



## Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

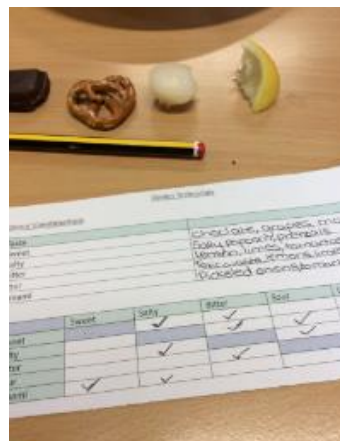
### Art and Design

Children in EYFS have been making decorations for the annual St Peter's Church Christmas tree competition this week. They have been learning how to join materials carefully with glue and exploring the different shapes they can create and well as decorating them with great care. They look superb and we look forward to seeing them adorning our tree entry in church in the coming weeks.



### Year 5&6 Design Technology

Children in Year Five and Six have been focusing on complementary flavours ready to start our Eagles vs Ravens come dine with me. We tasted food from the 5 flavour groups and experimented with which flavours balanced each other and which enhanced each other.



### Advent

We are pleased to have provided every class with a 'REAL' Advent calendar from the [Meaningful Chocolate Company](#) to mark the period of Advent. As well as promoting [Fair Trade](#) each calendar comes with a copy of the Christmas Story. Staff will choose children to open a door at the end of each day and if they wish to receive the treat behind the door and discuss the picture and its link to the Christmas Story. We will also be talking about the period of advent and the meaning behind it. Please also see the email sent earlier in the week regarding the ingredients list.



### Competition Series Continues

We have very much enjoyed taking part in the Sporting Influence competition series this term. This week was the start of a mini football series for children in Year 5&6. We were delighted to be well represented by our team who showed excellent attitudes both on and off the field. Very well done to Ted for being awarded the communication wrist band for his excellent communication skills with his team mates and super manners towards other players. The team did fantastically well in their first week winning three matches and drawing one. Very well done to everyone who represented St Peter's so well.



### Special delivery KS1 & EYFS

KS1 and EYFS have had a special visitor come to visit them this morning. They will be working hard to write back to Father Christmas over the next few weeks.



## FOSP News

### Christmas Carol Concert – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Families are invited to arrive from 3.30pm in the lower school hall to enjoy Mince Pies and Mulled Wine . The concert will start at 4.30pm.

## ST PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Please join us for Festive songs and Carols
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 4.30 - 5.30 Lower School Hall
- Parents are warmly invited to join with their children to hear the school choir performing a selection of Christmas songs and carols.
- Mulled wine and Mince Pies will be served by FOSP



## Christmas Fayre

FOSP have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to organise the Christmas Fayre which takes place on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 12.00 – 2.00pm.**

Raffle tickets are still available – please collect from the school office

**\*\*\*We are still in need of bottles for the bottle tombola. Soft drinks and squash are particularly welcome please! \*\*\***



## Community News

**HARROGATE DISTRICT**  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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A selection of activities available in your area

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| <b>BASECAMP WINTER ADVENTURE CAMP - RAINTON VILLAGE HALL</b><br>Indoor and outdoor fun with nature | <b>ZEN SENSORY HOLIDAY CLUB - ZEN SENSORY</b><br>A safe and inclusive space for all             | <b>DOPEAMIN HOLIDAY CAMP - KING JAMES HIGH SCHOOL</b><br>Physical and mental well-being fitness camp |
| <b>TOTAL SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS - ASPIN PARK ACADEMY</b><br>Child-centred games, sports and fun      | <b>HARROGATE AFC HOLIDAY CLUB - COPPICE VALLEY SCHOOL</b><br>Engaging sports and craft sessions | <b>MINI ATHLETICS SUPERSTAR HOLIDAY CAMP - ST MARY'S PRIMARY</b><br>Game-based activities and sports |

Book your **FREE** space now!



**FEAST** is available for all children and young people across North Yorkshire, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people.

[feastny.org](http://feastny.org)

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