



**St. Peter's**  
Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 15 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.

### Internet Matters – Digital Life Advice

[Internet Matters](#), know how challenging it can be to support children online as their digital world changes. With new platforms, apps and features appearing, it can be hard to know where to start!

My Family's [Digital Toolkit](#) has been created specifically for parents to find the right information to stay on top of their children's internet safety and help build healthy digital habits at home.

Parents just answer a few questions about their own children's digital habits and they'll receive a toolkit of advice on what they can do to improve online safety, with links to step-by-step instructions.

### Emotional Wellbeing at Christmas Time

Christmas can affect our mental health in lots of different ways. This could be if Christmas is part of your life, or if it's happening around you. It's a time of year that can put extra pressure on us.

Christmas could affect your mental health if you:

- Wish you didn't have to deal with Christmas, or find it stressful because of other events in your life
- Feel alone or left out because everyone else seems happy when you're not
- Feel frustrated by other people's views of a 'perfect' Christmas, if these feel different to your experiences
- Have ideas about what Christmas should be like, feel as if you need to enjoy it or worry something will disrupt it
- Feel like Christmas gives you something to focus on and look forward to, and find it difficult when it's over
- Look back at difficult memories, regret things about the past, or worry about the coming new year

The emotional wellbeing charity [Mind](#) have produced a helpful guide to support families at Christmas.

### SEND Network – Christmas Support

Large gatherings, unexpected changes in routine, bright lights and loud music are among elements of the festive season that could make it difficult to navigate for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.

The [SEND network](#) have produced some helpful guidance to support families during the festive period.

#### My Family's Digital Toolkit

Personalised online safety advice that keeps up with your child's digital needs.

[GET YOUR TOOLKIT](#) [HOW IT WORKS →](#)



## 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)
Thursday 21 December 9.30am	Crib Service in St Peter's Church	All classes, all welcome
Thursday 21 December 12.00am	School Christmas Lunch	All children wishing to have a school Christmas Lunch.
Friday 22 December All day	Christmas Jumper Day. Children may wear a Christmas jumper alongside their usual school uniform	All classes
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
<b>Wrens</b> All of Wrens <b>Kingfishers</b> All of Kingfishers <b>Finches</b> All of Finches <b>Sparrows</b> Dellen and Yeva	<b>Owls</b> Martha and Paige <b>Starlings</b> Anna and Emmeleia	<b>Heron</b> s Noah C and Violet R <b>Ravens</b> Finlay and Grace <b>Eagles</b> Lola and Macauley

## Whole School

### Pantomime Visit

All the children (as staff) thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Harrogate Theatre this week to watch this year's pantomime Dick Whittington. As always it was a superb performance that was enjoyed by all.

A huge thank you to FOSP and to everyone who has supported FOSP this year. This whole event is completely free for every single family. This is only possible due to the hard work and generous fundraising that goes on throughout the year.



We have noticed our reading book stocks are lower than usual at present.

A collection of ten children's books from the 'Owl' series, displayed on a blue background. The books are arranged in two rows. The top row includes 'Where Spot on the Spot?' (featuring a dog), 'A Sound Well' (featuring children playing), 'A Day' (featuring a child and a dog), and 'Dragon King of the Dragonland' (featuring a dragon). The bottom row includes 'Bad Luck, Dad' (featuring a man and a child), 'Enormous Monsters' (featuring a dinosaur), 'The Giant in London' (featuring a giant), and 'Ally and Jog' (featuring a child and a dog). Each book has a colorful cover with the 'Owl' logo in the top left corner.

Following a successful grant application by the school alongside generous contributions made via FOSP we have secured sufficient funding to update our library.

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Our school Christmas lunch for children will take place on Thursday 21 December.

# Christmas JUMPER DAY

Class Christmas Parties will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December following the Christmas lunch. An afternoon of Christmas games and activities is planned. Please bring a santa hat or Christmas accessory to wear in the afternoon but please note that it will be full school uniform that day as we attend the crib service at church in the morning.

## Autumn Assessments



Children from Early Years and Key Stage One shared their shine this week in three wonderful performances of their nativity, Don't Be Afraid! In this joyous nativity full of hope and resilience, and of course the essential nativity characters – fluffy sheep, wise kings, stressed inn keepers and funny shepherds the children re told the Nativity story superbly.

Their acting and singing were fantastic and we are so very proud of each and everyone one of them. Thank you to the staff team for helping the children to prepare and to all the family members who supported the children in learning their lines, preparing costumes and of course supporting the children by coming along to watch the performances.

**DON'T  
be AFRAID!**

**A POSITIVELY  
UPLIFTING NATIVITY**

*By Michelle Jenkins  
Script by Sue Langenette*





### Panto Snow Globes

The children have recreated their favourite Panto scene in snow globes.



### Football Competition Runners Up

We were delighted to take part in the final week of sporting competition at the Sporting Influence Competition Series on Wednesday night this week. This was the third week of football competition for boys and girls from Year 5&6. The team played a further three matches under the floodlights at Harrogate High winning one, drawing one and narrowly losing one. After the results from all three weeks were put together St Peter's emerged as runners up. Very well done to all the children who represented St Peter's so well over the three weeks. Special mention to Bo also who received a Sporting Influence wrist band last night for always encouraging and supporting others.



### Clubs Spring Term 2024

We are looking forward to sharing the new Spring Term extra curricular club information and sign up details which will be emailed out to families next week.



### Collective Worship

This imaginative picture story contains the message of the first Christmas - the birth of Jesus - and the spirit of Christianity - that we serve Jesus best by caring for others. "Christmas" in the story is the name of a little dog that goes missing. The title refers both to the search for the dog by his owner and the children in the story, and to the search for the real meaning of Christmas.



### St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival

We are delighted to have provided an entry into the St Peter's Church Christmas Tree festival again this year. Thank you to children in Early Years for the wonderful decorations that adorn the tree and also to Mrs Bolton and Mrs Renton supporting the children and setting up the tree.

Everyone is welcome to come and see the wonderful display of decorated trees from 10th – 17th December (10:30 am - 3:30 pm daily) and then vote for your favourites. The winners will be announced at Family Communion Service at 9:30 am on Sunday 18th December. There is also a Tree of Remembrance, for you to remember a loved one with a prayer or dedication hung on the tree.

All the trees will remain on display until after Christmas.



## FOSP News

### Christmas Fayre

It was lovely to see so many families attend the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, thank you to everyone who braved rather soggy weather to support this event.

It was fantastic to see school full of stalls and games for families to enjoy. We were thoroughly entertained by not only our wonderful school choir but also a visit from Tewit Youth Brass Band.

Thank you to the FOSP team who have been working on this event for several months now it was a pleasure to see all the hard work come to fruition raising much needed funds to support the school as well and providing a great event for families to enjoy together.





## HARROGATE DISTRICT

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A selection of activities available in your area



**BASECAMP WINTER ADVENTURE CAMP - RAINTON VILLAGE HALL**

Indoor and outdoor fun with nature

**ZEN SENSORY HOLIDAY CLUB - ZEN SENSORY**

A safe and inclusive space for all

**DOPEAMIN HOLIDAY CAMP - KING JAMES HIGH SCHOOL**

Physical and mental well-being fitness camp

**TOTAL SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS - ASPIN PARK ACADEMY**

Child-centred games, sports and fun

**HARROGATE AFC HOLIDAY CLUB - COPPICE VALLEY SCHOOL**

Engaging sports and craft sessions

**MINI ATHLETICS SUPERSTAR HOLIDAY CAMP - ST MARY'S PRIMARY**

Game-based activities and sports

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AFOR THE FUTURE #26



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### BECOME A TEACHING ASSISTANT

Our programme of learning for those wishing to become a Teaching Assistant is designed to offer recognised qualifications at a level to suit the individual. If you are looking for a worthwhile career that fits in with school hours, then this is the programme for you.

We ask all learners to first complete a free short **Introduction to working with children** course, where they will look at the basics of how schools function and determine which future learning pathway is right for each individual.

Upcoming online **Introduction to Working with Children** courses:

Saturdays 13 January 2024 - 03 February 2024, 09:30 - 11:30

Mondays 15 January 2024 - 21st December, 13:00 - 15:00

Progression is then to one or more of the following NCFE CACHE qualification courses:

- Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges
- Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching & Learning
- Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning

For more information phone **01609 536 066** and ask to speak with a **Learner Engagement Officer**

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