



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 22 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.

Winter Water Safety

Children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Areas with frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs can be beautiful places to visit during the winter months but all too often many people risk their lives by venturing onto frozen water. Here are some useful tips to help you know what to do in an emergency.

Visit the [safeguarding section](#) of our website to access a full [winter water safety advice pack](#) and activity for children.

Holiday Support & Help

We very much hope all families have a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday. We do know that sometimes holiday periods can be when difficulties arise.

If you have any worries about a child there is help and support available through the North Yorkshire Children's Partnership.

You can access information on the different support services available and how to access this support [here](#).

Christmas Support

Christmas can be difficult for lots of reasons. Children and families might be worried about spending time with your family, money or having to cope with your feelings. Or they might be worried about getting hurt or feeling unsafe.

It can feel hard to escape the holiday season sometimes, especially if stuck at home or everyone else is talking about it. But telling someone what your Christmas has been like can help families to feel less alone.

[Childline](#) are here for you throughout Christmas and New Year, including Christmas day. Whether children or families want to speak to a counsellor or talk to other young people on the message boards, they can always be honest with Childline about what things are like.



Worried About a Child?



childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

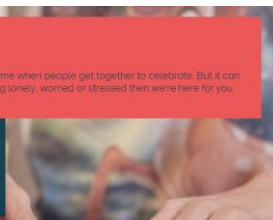
Call 0800 1111

CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be an exciting time when people get together to celebrate. But it can also be difficult. If you're feeling lonely, worried or stressed then we're here for you.

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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 8 January 2023	Spring Term Begins – INSET Staff Training Day – School closed to children.	Staff only.
Tuesday 9 January	School reopens to children for the start of the Spring Term.	All classes
Tuesday 16 January 5.30pm in school	FOSP meeting	All welcome
Half Term		
Week beginning 26 February	Parent consultation weeks – dates and times to follow.	All classes
Week beginning 4 March	Parent consultation weeks – dates and times to follow.	All classes
Thursday 21 March 9.30am	Easter Service in St Peter's Church.	All classes.
Thursday 21 March	Decorated egg and bonnet competition.	All classes
Friday 22 March	School closes (3.15pm) for end of spring term.	All classes
Easter Holiday		

Whole School

Happy Christmas

On behalf of us all at St Peter's I would like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas holiday. We hope everyone has a restful and relaxing break over the next two weeks. Thank you to everyone for their support over what has been a busy and productive term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 9 January 2024.

Best wishes

Mr Griffiths and the Team.



Thank You and Good Luck

We have all enjoyed spending a final week with Miss Box before she heads off her next adventure travelling and working abroad. We would like to say a final huge thank you to Miss Box for all she has done over the years at St Peter's. We will all miss you but wish you every happiness for the future.

Please see the message below from Miss Box.

Just a little note to say a HUGE thank you for all the support from over the past nearly 6 years at St Peter's. I have met so many lovely families, and you have made my time here very magical. I will miss the children tremendously (and the giggles), but will be sure to keep in contact whilst I am away. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy new year.
Love from Miss Box x



Christmas Lunch

A huge thank you to our wonderful catering team for a lovely Christmas lunch on Thursday this week.

Staff and children very much enjoyed the lovely meal produced and recognise the huge amount of hard work that goes into making Christmas lunch for over 250 children and adults.



Reading Book Amnesty

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

Please can families have a really good look around at home and return any reading books that may have not been returned. Thank you.



Library

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

Thanks to a fabulous Christmas Fare FOSP reached their £5000 target just before the end of term and have made this incredibly generous donations towards the overall cost of the project.

Work should commence in early January and we very much look forward to sharing photos of the new library once the work is complete.



Children's Commissioner – Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England has extended the closing date for the Big Ambition Survey to **Friday 19th January 2024** to allow even more children the chance to have their say.

The Big Ambition Survey is designed to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged 0 to 18 years old.

This survey will be used to take children and young people's views to the Government.

All responses will be kept private, and children don't have to answer any question if they don't want to.

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly!

The survey can be completed [here](#).

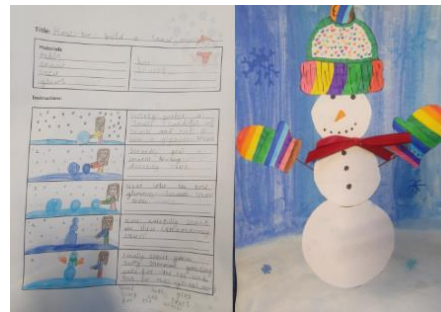
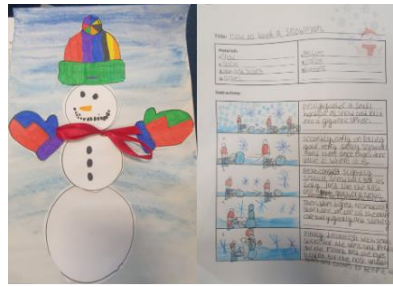


Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Christmas Writing

In Sparrows class this week we use a video as our inspiration to write an instructional text titled 'How to Build a Snowman.'

We created a word bank of verbs, adverbs and adjectives that we heard in the video which we then used in our writing. We also focused on giving detailed, clear instructions that were easy to follow. The children followed their partners instructions to build their own snowmen on a beautiful water colour background.



Autumn Assessments

As part of our continued assessment of children's learning children in Year 2- 6 have recently completed the end of Autumn, termly maths and reading assessment papers. Please see the additional letter regarding this from our assessment lead Miss Fishburn.



Collective Worship

It was lovely to welcome so many families and friends into St Peter's Church on Thursday morning for our Christmas Service. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children.

The children led the worship superbly with singing, readings and prayer. Through their worship the children helped remind us all about the true meaning of Christmas and reflect upon our worship theme from this term of compassion considering how we can show compassion over the Christmas period and of course beyond. As always it was incredibly special to be able to come together at St Peter's Church to reflect on the meaning behind all the festivities and celebrations at this time of year. We very much hoped you enjoyed joining us.

A Christmas Prayer

*May the song of the angels stir you;
May the guile of the shepherds ground you;
May the commitment of Joseph bind you;
May the courage of Mary embolden you;
May the wisdom of the seasoned ones enliven you;
and may the gift of the child
birth generosity, love and peace in your heart and through
your hands
today, tonight, and through all your days and your nights,
Amen*



FOSP News

FOSP Updates

A huge thanks to the FOSP team and to everyone who supported FOSP this term with helping at and attending events. We are immensely grateful to everyone who gives their time to help run the various different events. FOSP is delighted to have achieved their fundraising target for 2023 and presented school with £5,000 towards the new library. What a great way to end the year! Thank you to everyone that has helped us achieve this fantastic amount. We can't wait to see the new space and hear how much the children are enjoying it! Our meeting next term will take place in school on Tuesday 16th January at 5.30pm. All are welcome to come and help plan next term's events, including pancake day, the Easter bonnet competition and egg hunt. We'd love to see you there.



Please see an end of term newsletter from FOSP also attached to the newsletter this week.

Community News

feast
Free activities
for
children and young people
this school holiday.

Packed with sport, art, fun and food, there's something for everyone

Everyone in North Yorkshire from Reception to Year 11 can join in, with FREE places available for eligible children and young people.

Discover what's on offer at feastny.org

Logos for North Yorkshire Together, Department for Education, and North Yorkshire Council are also present.

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

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

HARROGATE TOWN AFC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Christmas Holiday Activity Camp

Wed 3rd to Fri 5th January
9:30am-3.30pm[†]
at Coppice Valley Primary School
Knapping Hill

£18 or £50
per day all 3 days

Free Places Available

Harrogate Town AFC CFC is again proud to be taking up with Feast, North Yorkshire to provide free activities for those eligible for free school meals.

If your child is eligible for means tested free school meals, you can claim your free place by accessing the Holiday Activities website and using your unique code, provided via email and letter by HTF.

No unique code?

To request your code, please email hello@northyorkshiretogether.com

To book your place please visit:
<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/harrogatetownafc>

For more information including on free places available please email James Lunt community@harrogatetownafc.com

[†]Weekend option available from 9.30am and until 4.00pm at additional charge of £5 per session