



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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

Friday 8 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.

Start of Day

It has been noted that a small number of older children typically in year 5 & 6 who often walk to school by themselves are arriving from as early as 8.20am. We would like to politely remind parents that the school day starts at 8.45am with staff present to collect their lines from 8.40am.



Online Safety

Having received some requests from parents we are pleased to signpost families to specific advice around parental controls and wider guidance in relation to two online sites that we understand are commonly accessed by children.



[Internet Matters – You Tube Guidance](#)

[Roblox – UK Internet Safety Centre Roblox Guidance](#)



Support with Childcare Costs

From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application.

To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year..

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the [Childcare Choices website](#), where they can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



Emotional Wellbeing

[Solving Together](#) is a partnership that enables lots of people with different ideas and views to put forward solutions and experiences.

They have recently been focussing on Children and Young People's Mental Health with a series of conversations that aim to get ideas on how access and waiting times for community services could be improved.

Children & Young People's Mental Health



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)
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
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
Wrens Kiril and Seb Kingfishers Tom and Finley Finches Felicity and Amelie Sparrows Cedric and Viv	Owls Sam and Nell Starlings Aaradhya and Marcel	Hérons Elijah and Lola-Rose Ravens Alya and Moses Eagles Tom and Bea

Whole School

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.

We anticipate work commencing in early January and look forward to sharing photos of the new library once work is complete.



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Our school Christmas lunch for children will take place on **Thursday 21 December**. If you haven't already please complete our [lunch form](#) to let us know what lunch your child will be having. We would like a response for every child please.

Christmas Jumper Day will be on **Friday 22 December**. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper along with their usual school uniform. If anyone has any spare unused jumpers that can be leant on the day we would be most grateful of any donations.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Design Technology – Food Technology

Children in Ravens and Eagles have been thoroughly enjoying the Design and Technology learning with a focus on food technology. They have been planning three dishes a starter, main and pudding considering a balance of food groups.

They have developed and made use their knowledge of nutrition and hygiene alongside practical skills culinary skills.





Some of the finished pizzas that were cooked at home.



Choir Performances

Our choirs have been busy the week with a number of performances. On Monday we were delighted to host a concert in school to mark the start of Advent. On Thursday we were delighted to be invited to sing to shoppers at the Harrogate Christmas market. Unfortunately, the weather put pay to our hopes of singing outside at the pop up market. Not to be deterred however we took shelter in the Victoria Shopping Centre. Both performances were packed full out gusto and enthusiasm to lift our spirits and get everyone in the Christmas mood. Thank you to all the families who came to support choir members and also to Miss Potter and Miss Pywell for all their efforts with our choirs.



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

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible on **Saturday 9th December 12.00 – 2.00pm** for the Christmas Fayre.



Community News

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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