



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 19 January 2024

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 Weather

We have seen some very cold weather this week. Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children have suitable warm coats at this time.

We will prepare the site each morning but please do take care on the site. Any extra reminders you are able to give to children to remember to walk are most appreciated.

We have updated our bad weather contingency arrangements and shared these via a letter which can be accessed [here](#). We very much hope the winter weather causes no disruption however wish parents to be informed should any of our contingency plans be required.

Avoid a Fall this Winter!

Icy pavements and roads can be extremely slippery. Take extra care if you go out, and wear boots or shoes with good grip on the soles.

Remember that black ice on pavements or roads might not be clearly visible.



Attendance Matters- Every Day Counts

We are pleased to have updated the section of our website dedicated to supporting families to achieve good attendance. This information can be accessed at your convenience through the year.

Why not have a browse of the [attendance page](#) of our website?

Attendance



As articulated in our Vision of Love, Learn, Shine:

'We nurture each individual to be happy, healthy and safe' and 'We inspire children to a lifelong love of learning'

To achieve this and in order to establish excellent lifelong learning habits excellent attendance at primary school is essential.

Excellent school attendance helps children learn and achieve and for this reason St Peter's is committed to ensuring children attend well.

It is important that parents and families share and support our understanding of the importance of good attendance as well as our expectations and the reasons for them.

Impact of Great Attendance

Children who attend school regularly keep up with school work well. This impacts very positively on their overall social, emotional and academic development.

Teachers plan carefully ensuring lessons follow on what has been taught previously. Being in school consistently means tomorrow's lessons are more meaningful and easier for the children to access. There is a proven correlation between positive attendance and good achievement.

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
Wednesday 17 January 2024	Meet the Teacher Event with Miss Hewson – Finches Class	Finches class – children and parents
Friday 9 February 2024	FOSP Pancake sale and pancake races – back playground.	All welcome

Half Term		
Tuesday 27 February 3.30pm – 5.00pm Thursday 29 February 4.30pm – 7.00pm	Parent Consultation meetings Parent Consultation meetings	All classes
Wednesday 28 February 7.00pm – 9.00pm	FOSP Quiz Night with Fish and Chips.	Everyone welcome
Tuesday 5 March 4.30pm – 7.00pm Thursday 7 March 3.30pm – 5.00pm	Parent Consultation meetings Parent Consultation meetings	All classes
Friday 15 March	Comic Relief Cake Sale – donations from all classes welcome.	All classes
Week beginning Monday 18 March – 3.15 actual day tbc	FOSP EY Egg hunt in school garden area.	EY – Wrens
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		

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Jeannie and Phoebe Kingfishers Freddie and Morgan Finches Lyra and George Sparrows Tyler and Leon	Owls Emelie S and Summer Starlings Sidney and Freddie	Hérons Violet S and Noah A Ravens Hunter and Luna Eagles Evie R and Ethan I

Whole School

Parent Consultations – Save the Dates

We are pleased to share in advance dates of our parent consultations for the spring term.

Tuesday 27 February 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 29 February 4.30pm – 7.00pm

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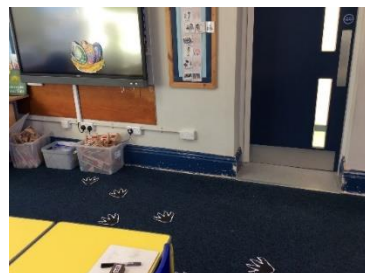
Following feedback and looking at the uptake of online appointments last time all sessions this term will be in person.

Appointments can be booked via Arbor from 6.00pm
Thursday 8 February 2024.



Creative Writing in Sparrows

This week, Sparrows class was invaded by dragons! On Monday, the children came into the classroom after breaktime to find a dragon nest! It got even worse on Tuesday when there were tails hanging from the windows and claw marks on the walls. The children had to make a warning poster to prevent any further danger to their peers and will be writing to Mr Griffiths next week to ask for his advice and support with these pesky beasts!



Mastering Number Year 4 Multiplication Check

Children in Year 4 are busy working on their Mastering Number @ KS2 - Mastering recall of timetables. This rehearsal and repeated practice are helping them be ready for the Multiplication Check in the summer term. Families can read more about this check taken by every child nationally in Year 4 on the [assessment page](#) of our website.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Curriculum Overviews Spring Term

We are pleased to have written and published curriculum overviews to support families in knowing what their children are learning each term. These can be found via the relevant class pages of our website.

If you have any questions about aspects of the curriculum your child is learning please do not hesitate to get in touch, in the first instance, with your child's class teacher.

English This term our key texts will be 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field and 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' by Ellie Hicote and Karl James Mountford.  The focus of our writing for the first half term will be to create our own story about a small animal who befriends a large animal in the African Savannah. We will be thinking about joining words and clauses using 'and' and using the prefix -un. The focus of our writing for the second half term will be to write a story based on the structure of 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' with a change of character. Our writing will help us to think about how we participate our sentences correctly and use suffixes. Phonics Children Year 1 will undertake a 30 minute phonics lesson every day. The children will learn new sounds, with the opportunity to re-visit and pull their learning into practice throughout the week. Children in Year 1 will continue to learn new phase 5 GPC's as well as continuing to revisit and review previously learnt graphemes.	St. Peter's Catholic Catechism Our vision is simple. We want everyone to SHINE. (Do not light a lamp and cover it with a bowl or put it under the bed. Instead, let it shine so that people will see the light as they come in.) Luke 8:16 Kingfishers Curriculum Learning Overview - Spring 2023  Enrichment Opportunities: Stay PE sessions, Local one week and feedback, visitors from the community. Religious Education Big Questions: Who is Jewish and what do they believe? 	Mathematics Year 1 Number, Place Value and Addition and Subtraction • The composition and decomposition of numbers 4-10 • Additive structures • Addition and subtraction facts within 10 • Numbers 0-20 Mastering Number We also participate in a scheme from the NCFE called 'Mastering Number'. The aim of this scheme is that over time, children will leave Key Stage 1 with fluency in calculations, a confidence and a flexibility with number. The focus over the course of the year will be subitising, cardinality, ordinality, counting, composition, comparison and number facts. 
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Fire Engine Visit

We were delighted to welcome fire fighters from Harrogate Fire Station to school today. Following their visit last term to talk about fire safety in the home they followed this up with a further visit today along with their fire engine which we learned is called an appliance. The children all listened superbly as they showed us the different equipment on the appliance and help us think about how it is used to help people in lots of different situations.



PE Days

Eagles – Tuesday and Friday

Ravens – Tuesday and Thursday

Hérons – Wednesday and Thursday

Owls – Tuesday and Thursday

Starlings – Tuesday and Wednesday swimming

Sparrows, Finches, Kingfishers & Wrens - Wednesday and Friday

PE – Gymnastics

Children in Ravens and Herons will be completing a sequence of learning in PE on gymnastics this term. As usual children will need PE kit on these days. If they wish children can also have a pair of gym socks which have grips on the bottom as used in trampoline parks.



Spring Term Competition Series

We were delighted to kick off the spring term Sporting Influence competition series this week. Throughout the Spring term there will be a series sporting competition opportunities for children in Key Stage One and Two hosted in the warmth of the Harrogate High sports hall. Sports will include dodgeball and tchoukball. This week was the turn of children from Year and Three and Four to test out the dodgeball skills and tactics. Dodgeball Hugo was awarded a wrist band for supporting the rest of his team and good communication.

We came joint 5th with 3 other schools there were 8 schools in the competition and only a couple of points between each team. St Peters played really well and were really respectful of the other teams and really kind to each other sharing the dodgeballs amongst their team.



Collective Worship

This half term our worship theme is, Courage. This week we listened to the story of the physical and emotional challenges the apostle Paul faced in his life and how through his faith and friends he was able to face these with courage.



Courage is the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty.

FOSP News

Upcoming FOSP Events – Save the Dates

Thank you to everyone who attended the FOSP meeting on Tuesday in person and online. It was a very productive meeting planning for the next two terms events.

Shrove Tuesday falls during half term this year so our traditional pancake stall and pancake races will value place Friday 9 February 2024 at 3.15pm

Also see the diary section of the newsletter for other events including the annual FOSP Quiz Night with Fish and Chip supper.



Community News

Time For Fun

Get into Scouting

For fun, friendship and activities that get you doing as well as thinking.



