

St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 26 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.

Helping to stay well over Winter

With the gloomy winter months in full swing [Young Minds](#) have shared some key advice for if you or young people you are supporting are struggling with the shorter darker days! [Tips for coping with seasonal affective disorder](#)

Don't forget in North Yorkshire there is [The Go-To](#) for healthy minds in North Yorkshire – the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire. They are here to help you find the right support for young people, to help them stay well, whatever is going on in their life.

YOUNGMINDS

The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

Measles

You might have seen reports in the media relating to the rising number of cases of measles in England, particularly in the West Midlands. Many children will have been vaccinated with two doses of the MMR vaccine during their early childhood, but if one or more doses has been missed it is never too late to catch up and vaccines can be arranged for free through your GP. There is also information families may find helpful in regard to this via the NHS which can be accessed [here](#).



Attendance Matters- Here to Help.

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

We are all here to help and are really keen to ensure everyone gets the help they need as and when they need it. We have systems in place to monitor attendance however if children or families have any worries or concerns we very much want to work with you at the earliest available opportunity.

The friendly office team are a helpful first point of contact if you need to let us know about an absence or for help with your Arbor account. They can be contacted via the office, or admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or 01423 569684.



Mrs Goad Office Manager



Mrs Scammell Office Assistant



Mrs Haughton Office Assistant

Not Fine in School

Not Fine in School was created as a resource for families with children experiencing school attendance barriers. At the heart of Not Fine in School there is a Facebook support group with a membership of 37,000+ parents, carers & other family members. This offers a space for shared lived experience and peer empowerment.



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)
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		

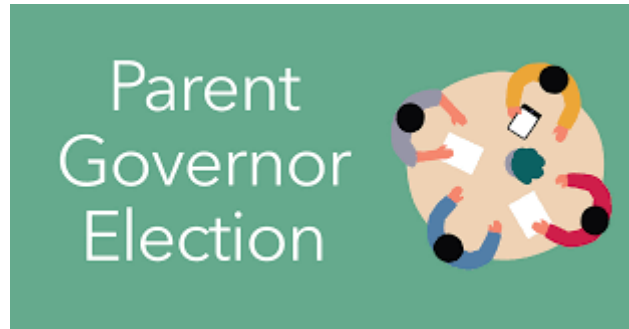
Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Alice and Finn Kingfishers Hetty and Oliver P Finches Felix P and Felicity Sparrows Max and Reggie	Owls Hugo D and Henry Starlings Harlow and Alicia	Hérons Gracie and Quinn Ravens Jessica and Neli Eagles Ellie and Aleesha

Whole School

Parent Governor Election – Advanced Notice.

As you may be aware from previous newsletters last term we have a vacancy for one parent governor. Having received two nominations, we have been completing the necessary work in recent weeks to allow eligible parents to vote. We are pleased to have streamlined this and to be making use of electronic voting which we hope will make the process much easier for those eligible to vote. We will write to parents next week on Thursday 1 February with full details of the nominees and how to vote. Please be reassured there will also be paper voting for anyone who cannot or does not wish to vote electronically. We do however encourage use of the electronic system to aid the efficiency of this process and reduce the use of paper.



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

Tuesday 5 March 4.30pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 7 March 3.30pm – 5.00pm

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.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Year 1 Phonics Overviews Spring Term

We are pleased to have shared Spring term phonics learning overviews for children in Year 1 via the relevant class pages of our website. These are full of hints and tips to help support phonics learning as well as links to the parent website which has further advice and support in regard to helping children learn to read.

Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Year 1 Phonics Home Learning	
Phase 5 - Spring 1 Week 1 Focus - y /ee/ e /er/ wh /w/ & Grow the code: /oa/	

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Cycle Awareness Training

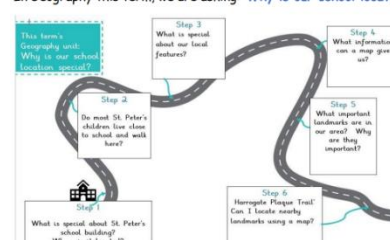
We were delighted to welcome back colleagues from North Yorkshire 'Bikeability' this week. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads equipping them with the skills and confidence to cycle on today's roads, Children undertake two days of training beginning on the school grounds building skills and confidence. Following a competency assessment, they progress to cycling on local roads to develop their knowledge and skills of how to navigate these safely.



Key Stage 1 Geography Walk

Children in Key Stage One have been enjoying their Geography learning over the last few weeks exploring 'Why is our school location so special?'. This week they went on a local walk to explore seeing and learning from and about some of the local features and landmarks. It was also an opportunity to put into use the knowledge and skills they have gained in relation to using maps. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to accompany the children to help make this possible.

In Geography this term, we are asking: "Why is our school location special?"



If you have not yet had chance why not check out the Key Stage 1 Geography Newsletter which can be accessed [here](#).



Music Performance

We were delighted to welcome four colleagues from [North Yorkshire Music Hub](#) into school this week. They came to perform to children from all classes teaching us about the different types and groups of instruments including our singing voices. They played a wide range of music and we had great fun recalling the songs and theme tunes. We all enjoyed singing together at the end accompanied by all the different instruments. You can read more about the work of the hub in their newsletter which can be accessed [here](#).

If the performance has sparked an interest from your child in taking up an instrument you can find out more about group and individual lessons that can take place in school via the [instrument tuition](#) page of the Hub website.

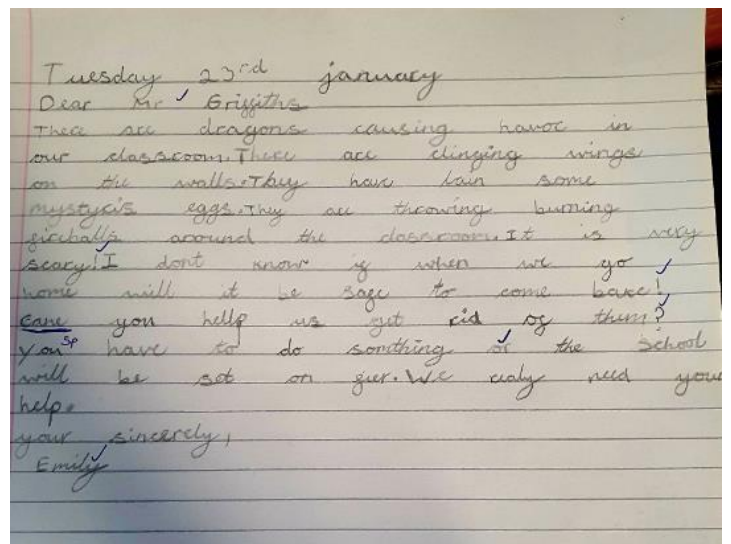


Well done to Sophie who showed great courage and skill performing alongside the visiting musicians.



Writer of the week

After last week's dragon invasion, children in Sparrows class wrote a letter to Mr Griffiths asking him for his support with the problem of our fiery friends. Emily wrote a fantastic letter that included questions and exclamation sentences as well as the conjunction 'or'. She looked for her success criteria in her work and marked it in purple pen. Well done Emily! 🐉



A Busy Sporting Week

As well as our sports clubs this week of tchoukball, tennis and gymnastics we were pleased to take part in two different sporting competitions this week. Children from Year 5&6 took part in a football competition against other local primary schools hosted at Rossett High on Tuesday night. They played extremely well as a team coming top of their group and progressing to the final which they lost narrowly 2-1 finishing up as well-deserved runners up. Well done to Ethan who was awarded the wristband for determination. On Wednesday children in year 3&4 took part in dodgeball as part of the weekly Sporting Influence competition series. Congratulations to Andre who won the wristband for determination. He showed superb catching skills and always passed the ball to his team players so they could have a turn to shoot.



Collective Worship

This half term our worship theme is, Courage.

This week we listened to and thought about the story of David and Goliath. We thought about the courage needed to stand up to another person who be or seem stronger or older than us.

We thought about situations where we can stand up for ourselves and each other while also still be respectful and considerate to others.



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

FOSP News

Upcoming FOSP Events – Save the Dates

Shrove Tuesday falls during half term this year so our traditional pancake stall and pancake races will take place on 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Book Donation Scheme School and FOSP are proud to be teaming up with Imagined Things who are one of Harrogate's independent books shops to help refresh our stock of library books for our newly completed library. Very soon friends and families will be able to pop into Imagined things and buy a book for our library. As well as helping to boost the range of books children can read families will also be helping a local independent business. We will continue to keep you updated when this project goes live.



Wednesday 28th February
7pm - 9.30pm

Groups of 10 or buy a single ticket and we'll find a great group for you to join!
Quiz will be followed by fish and chips from a local takeaway!
£9.50 per ticket
BYOB
(corkage donation to FOSP kindly requested)

To book please email fosp2015@yahoo.co.uk. BACS payments to:
St Peters PTA, Yorkshire Bank, Act. 16916423 S/C 05-04-54



Community News

Time For Fun Get into Scouting

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

BEAVERS
For children aged 6-8
Places available at
3rd Harrogate Scout Group,
from January 2024
commanche3rdharrogate@outlook.com

Pannal Players
present

Humpty Dumpty

A pantomime

Weds 14 - Sat 17 February 2024
7.30pm each night & 2.30pm Sat matinee
Pannal Village Hall

Tickets:

NEW MONDAY TRAINING SESSION
Girl's Football
Player Development Centre

STARTS 17TH FEB

Booking Details

Mondays
Years 4-7 : 6-7pm
Harrogate Grammar
School AstroTurf Pitch

Block 1: (5 weeks)
Feb 19th, 26th
Mar 4th, 11th, 18th

Cost
One-off Registration
Fee: £20 (New players
only - covers cost of
training t-shirt)
Block 1 : 42.50

How? 2 Simple Steps

- 1) Payment to be made to:
Future Lioness Ltd. (Natwest)
Acc no. 85258156
Sort code: 55-81-11
Ref: Players Name
- 2) Please e-mail
info@futurelioness.co.uk
to confirm your payment and
booking

What Next?
We will e-mail you to confirm receipt of payment and booking.

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Happiness shines with support

Classes Held:
Nuffield Health
Ashville Sport Centre
Henshaws College
Springwater School

Taking your little one swimming helps improve coordination and balance, strengthens muscles, and provides quality bonding time with you and your little one. We treat every single one of our carers and babies like family. We'll make you laugh, we'll make you smile. And we'll be here to support you throughout every stage of your baby swimming journey.

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