

St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 2 Feb 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.

Safety Education in School and Beyond

StayWise brings together the educational resources of the emergency services and key safety-focused organisations.

[StayWise](#) is packed full of fun activities from the UK's leading emergency services and safety-focused organisations, making it easy for you to find trusted activities that provide learning opportunities to help keep you safe.



Cost of Living Support

We recognise the challenges that the cost of living situation is placing on many families. If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected all in one place at

www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving

North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about pension credit, schemes to help families and local community-based support including Warm Welcome spaces as well as advice on staying safe and well.



Positive 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 build 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.

Data from 2019 shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.



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 All of Wrens class Kingfishers Lottie and Rabia Finches Florrie and Isabelle S Sparrows William and Yeva	Owls Lola and Alfie Starlings Georgia and Layla M	Hérons Greta and Emily P Ravens Melodie and Alex Eagles Xander and Belle

Whole School

Staffing Update and Office Vacancy

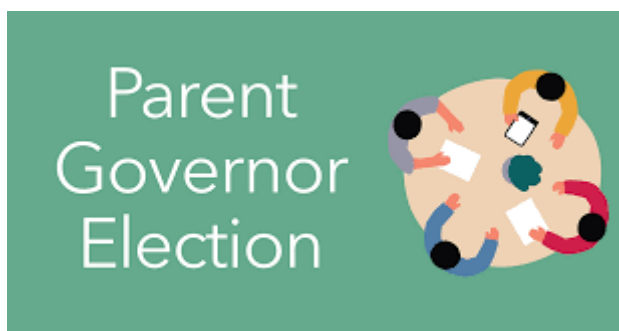
Mrs Gould our wonderful office manager has secured a new position working with young adults. We will be very sad to see her leave us at the end of February but wish her well in this exciting new chapter.

As a result, we are recruiting for a new officer manager. The details of the role can be found on the [vacancies page](#) of our website. If you are interested or know anyone who might be please to have a closer look and the details. Visits to the school are warmly welcome. If you are able please do share the advert details via any professional networks you may have.



Parent Governor Election – Voting is Live

As you may be aware from previous newsletters last term we have a vacancy for one parent governor. Having received two nominations, we are currently running an election. If you have not yet seen the letter sent regarding this earlier in the week please do take the time to read this letter which outlines all the details of how parents can vote either electronically or on paper. We are encouraging the 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.

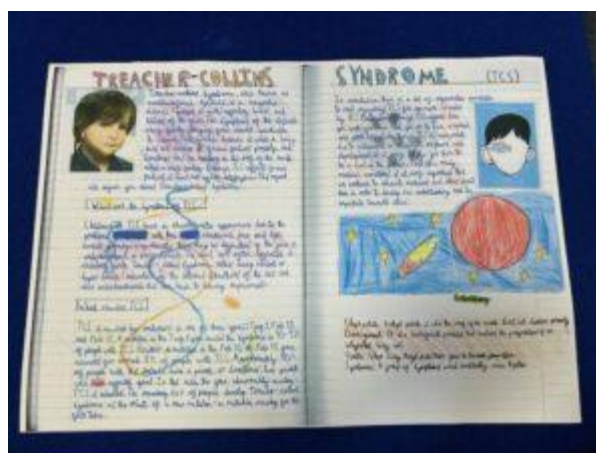


Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

'Wonder'ful Writing

In English children in Upper Key Stage Two have been reading and studying the moving and touching novel 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. The book tells the story of August Pullman, born with a facial difference that, up until now, prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. Wonder begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others.

Through the study of this book children have developed their knowledge of Treacher-Collins syndrome (TCS) alongside thoughtful consideration of the range of feelings and emotions experienced by August and all those who loved him through his school journey. The children have produced excellent non-chronological reports about TCS.



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.

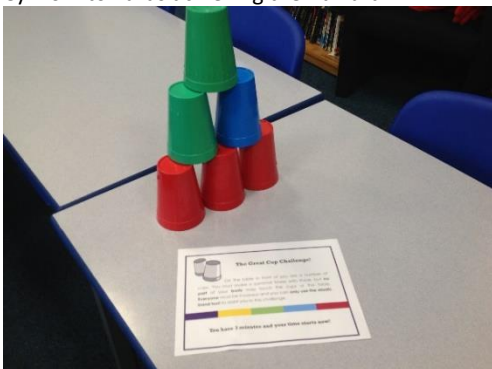




Young Leaders Award

We are delighted to be delivering the [Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award](#) programme to a group of our Year 6 children. They meet every Friday after school. The Young Leaders Award (YLA) is a fully resourced leadership and character education programme that helps children realise their potential as leaders challenging them to 'be the change they want to see'.

Each week the children look at and explore different leadership skills and qualities building their knowledge and complete individual and community challenges as they work towards achieving their award.

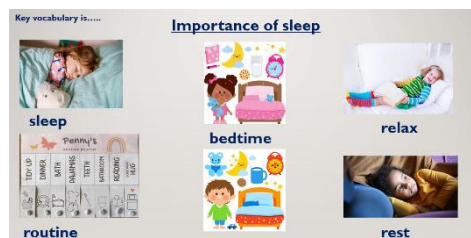


The cup challenge really made the young leaders think about and develop team work and communication skills as well as the balance leaders have to find of stepping forward with ideas and as well as listening to and include others.

Personal Social Health Education PSHE

Children in Key Stage One have been thinking about the importance of sleep as part of a healthy balanced life.

They have been learning the key vocabulary from their word organiser as well as thing about the different bedtime routines that help them get ready for a good night of sleep.



Spring Term Competition Series

We were delighted to continue our weekly involvement with the Sporting Influence competition series on Wednesday after school. This week was the turn of children from Year 5&6 to take part in dodgeball. The team played incredibly well together supporting and helping each other.

Very well done to Grace was awarded a wrist band for respect for the way she showed respect to her teammates sharing the ball and including everyone.



Collective Worship

This half term our worship theme is, Courage.

This week we listened to the story from the Bible of Daniel and the Lions. We learnt how Daniel gained courage from his faith and prayer. He used this courage to stand true to what he believed even when those around him did not agree. We thought about young people who have stayed true to their beliefs such as the environmentalist Greta Thunberg and women's rights campaigner Malala Yousufzai.



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

Malala Yousufzai is a campaigner for girls' education from Pakistan. Children can learn more about her courage in this [Newsround article](#).

Shared Learning

We are blessed to have a dedicated and expert staff team at St Peter's who work incredibly hard for the children at St Peter's and beyond.

Miss Crankshaw is [NCETM](#) Accredited Professional Development Lead Teacher NCETM Mastery Specialist Teacher. We regularly welcome Teacher Research Groups (TRG) to St Peter's to discuss best practice in maths and observe lessons. This week we hosted one of our spring term sessions. As always, the children took the presence of twelve adults at the back of their classroom in their stride demonstrating their focus and attention. Our visitors were hugely impressed with the children's focus on mathematical language, thinking and problem solving.



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.



FOSP Pancake Day

Friday 9th February

Back Playground

Pancake Stall & Pancake Races

£1 a go

Join us in the back playground after school for pancake fun ahead of Shrove Tuesday!

Weather permitting | Proceeds to FOSP

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

Tickets:

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



Ripley Cricket Club are recruiting new players for 2024.

Ripley is a vibrant, inclusive cricket club and we are in our 11th year delivering junior cricket section. We operate 4 adult teams and have 11 junior teams across all age groups in the Nidderdale Junior League.

We are now recruiting new players in school years 3, 4, 5 and 6. And for the first time, we will have a girls only teams too!

Pre-season training takes place on Friday's in the sports hall at King James School, Knaresborough from 23rd February to 22nd March (inclusive) and 5th April at the following times:

- 6-7pm: School Years 3&4 boys, School Years 3,4,5&6 Girls
- 7-8pm: School Year 5 boys
- 8-9pm: School Year 6 boys

Pre-season training is free of charge and a great way to learn the game.

After this we head outside at Ripley Cricket Club, 6.15-7.30pm, every Friday from the 12th April.

Training is led by ECB qualified coaches. All coaches and volunteer helpers are DBS checked and have attended ECB Safeguarding training.

Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience is necessary. Every new player that joins as a member will receive a club branded match shirt and training shirt

To register interest, please call / text / WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476992792 or email sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com.