



**St. Peter's**  
Church of England Primary School

**LOVE LEARN SHINE**

Friday 23 February 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.

### Measles

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands.

In response to this we would like to share with you the advice from UKHSA.

Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it is important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness.

If you and your child have been vaccinated, it's very unlikely you will catch Measles. Please also see the additional more detailed information attached with the newsletter.



### Mental Health First Aider

Across our Trust we have a number of colleagues who are trained in Mental Health First Aid. At St Peter's Mrs Jones has recently successfully completed her 3 yearly refresher course which was extremely beneficial and thought provoking.

We are proud to have a number of Mental Health First Aiders across the Trust to support our children, their families and our colleagues.

If you think we can be of support please do not hesitate to get in touch via [admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk](mailto:admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk) or 01423 569684.



### Instagram, Privacy & Safety Checklist

Instagram is one of the most used platforms among young people and adults alike. Over the past decade, the platform has become grown and is a source of entertainment and information for people globally. The global reach of the platform though, can be a cause for concern for those who have children. The programme is principally focused on images and videos, with a private chat function which for many is the sole reason for its use. It actively encourages people to post about their personal life, in a way that would be detrimental should everyone have access to it. Privacy is optional on Instagram, and there is a wide spectrum of privacy options. To understand these options better the Southwest Grid for Learning has published resources aimed at achieving this goal. We have shared these via the dedicated online safety page of our website which can access [here](#).



### North Yorkshire Feast – Easter Holidays

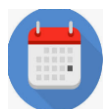
FEAST (Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together). offers loads of different things to do in the school holidays. FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of sessions for kids of all ages from Reception to Year 11.

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people. If you're eligible, you'll need your FEAST voucher to book a free place. This is sent to the eligible child/young person's 'primary contact' by Holiday Activities in an email or text. Emails should be sent during next week. If you have not received an email by Friday 8 March please get in touch with the school office.

There is so much to choose from. Families can find out more [here](#).



## 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)
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
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day. Non-uniform day. Book character costumes and or masks and/or story time pyjamas.	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	FOSP Sponsored 'Bunny' Bounce – In School 9.00 – 3.00	All classes allocated time slot.
Friday 22 March	School closes (3.15pm) for end of spring term.	All classes
Easter Holiday		
Monday 8 April	INSET Staff Training Day – School closed to children.	All classes
Tuesday 9 April	School opens to families for the start of the summer term	All classes
Monday 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed.	All classes
Tuesday 7 – Wednesday 8 May	Year 4 residential <a href="#">Herd Farm</a>	Year 4
Sunday 12 May	FOSP Junior Parkrun Takeover	All welcome – See FOSP section of newsletter
Monday 13 – Thursday 16 May	End of Key Stage Two SATS Assessments.	Year 6
May Half Term Holiday		
Monday 3 – Friday 14 June	Year 4 children will undertake their <a href="#">multiplication check</a> during this period	Year 4 children

Monday 10 – Friday 14 June	Year 1 children will undertake their <a href="#">phonics screening</a> assessment one day during this week.	Year 1 children
Saturday 22 June 1.00pm – 3.00pm	FOSP Sumer Fare	All welcome
Wednesday 26 – Friday 28 June	Year 6 Residential to <a href="#">East Barrnby</a>	Year 6
Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July	Prayer Spaces in School Event	All classes
Thursday 18 July 9.30am	Leavers Service St Peter's Church	All classes and families welcome
Thursday 18 July 6.00pm – 8.00pm	FOSP end of Year Disco	All welcome
Friday 19 July – 2.00pm	School closed for end of summer term.	All classes
<b>Summer Holiday</b>		

## Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
<b>Wrens</b> Zi and Charlotte <b>Kingfishers</b> Wilf and Eva <b>Finches</b> Luca and Iylah <b>Sparrows</b> Alastair and Charlie	<b>Owls</b> Emelie S and Duncan <b>Starlings</b> Jessica and Layla G	<b>Hérons</b> Tom and Emily P <b>Ravens</b> Albie and Isabella <b>Eagles</b> Rachel and Freddie

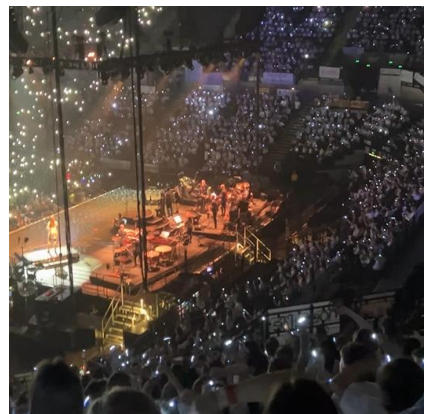
## Whole School

### Young Voices

We were delighted to take a large number of our Key Stage Two choir to perform as part of the Young Voices concert in Sheffield on Monday.

The choir have been busy rehearsing for many weeks learning a number of songs in preparation for this wonderful event. After a morning of final rehearsals in school the children travelled down to Sheffield Arena for further rehearsals alongside choirs from other schools to make a 5000 strong choir. Accompanied by a live band the children performed superbly to a packed arena for the evening show. The children were amazing, singing their hearts out and sharing their shine with everyone there making memories that we know they will treasure.

A big thank you to Miss Potter and Mrs Goold who arranged and organised all the logistics of this experience and who have been very busy helping the children prepare to take part and share their shine through their singing. Thank you also to Mrs Pywell and all the other staff and helpers who accompanied the children to Sheffield and made this visit possible.



*You can see more pictures of this fantastic event in the news section of our website.*

## World Thinking Day

*"Memory is the residue of thought."*

*Daniel T. Willingham*

We would like to say thank and well done to all the children who so actively supported and celebrated Word Thinking Day on Thursday this week. We talk each and every day with our children about the importance of paying attention and thinking as we know these two actions are essential requirements to enable learning to take place.

Every year on 22 February the Guiding and Scouting associations celebrate [World Thinking Day](#) which promotes and encourages young people to think about big issues within and beyond their communities. Many of the children talked to their classes really clearly about the issues they have been thinking about within the association groups. It was lovely to hear the range of great thinking that goes on beyond school and the high level of involvement children at St Peter's have with the different associations. Keep up the great work.

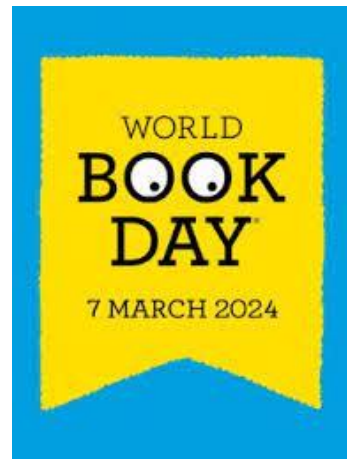
There are some more pictures in the [News Section](#) on our website.



## World Book Day 2024

We are all very much looking forward to celebrating [World Book Day](#) on Thursday 7 March and have a number of special activities and events planned for the day. Children may if they wish come to school in non-uniform either dressed as a favourite character or in pyjamas ready for lots of daytime stories. In return for their non-uniform day we are asking for voluntary contribution of £1 per child that can be made via ParentPay. Every single penny raised though these donations will be spent on new books for our library.

On the day we will also be holding a book swap event. Children may bring pre-loved books in good condition into school to swap. Please can books be brought to the lower hall before school where our young leaders will then issue swap tokens to be used later in the day. There will also be a number of activities throughout the day all rounded off with a special Book Day Worship and prize giving at the end of the day.



## Book Day Competition Details

We are pleased to be running a World Book Day competition with categories for all children. There will be a winner chosen from Early Years, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. Each winner will receive a book voucher for [Imagined Things](#), Harrogate's Independent Book Shop.

Entry is free for everyone and all we are asking is that children represent their favourite book or character from a book in a creative and imaginative way of their choosing. This could be in the form of a picture, some writing, a model, a collage a shoe box diorama a poster or any form that they choose. If it is not possible to bring their entry into school photos can be used to show their work. All entries should be clearly labelled with their name, year group and class and should be given to their class teacher on or before 9.00am on Thursday 7 March. Good luck.





### Arbor Parent App

We would like to say a big thank you to all parents who have signed up to and are making use of the Arbor Parent App. We currently have **93%** of parents signed up to and using Arbor. We hope families are finding it helpful. We continue to look to maximise the functionality of the system.

### Club Sign Up on Arbor

For clubs in the summer term and beyond we intend to use Arbor to enable parents to express interest in and give consent for children to participate in clubs and sports fixtures.

If you have not yet had chance to sign up to using the Arbor Parent App you can access information on how to quickly and easily do this [here](#). If you need any specific help or guidance the helpful office team will be happy to assist.

### Photo Consent on Arbor

Please see the additional letter sent yesterday with regard to photo consent on Arbor.

### Wellies and Outdoor Waterproofs

If families have any unused wellies or waterproofs in children's sizes we would welcome donations of these to school. Any donations can be dropped off at the office or to any of the team in Early Years. Thank you.



## Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

### TimesTables RockStars Competition Update.

The half term TTRockstars competition really was rocking with a total number of 74,595 correct answers submitted in just 2 weeks!

The winning class by a very healthy margin was HERONS! Well done.

A massive well done to all who participated by logging in and practising their times tables. Our MVPs were Yui Yui, Elijah and Noah C, - congratulations and well done to everyone who took part.



### Library

We are delighted to share some pictures of our new library in action.

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to FOSP who made a significant contribution from their funds they raised last year. Thank you to everyone who supported and donated to a FOSP event. Your contributions made this possible.

Thank you also to the trustees at the [Johnson and Mukherjee](#) Trust for their incredibly generous grant. The children are thoroughly enjoying using the new space. Here are a few of their comments;

***'I absolutely love our new library. The boat is great it's a lovely snug space to curl up and enjoy a book.'***

***'It's amazing it even smells new'.***





### Spring Term Competition Series

Due to public examinations in the sports hall at Harrogate High there was a short one week pause in our usual sporting competition series this week. We will be back to sporting competition in the coming weeks with KS1 dodgeball followed by two weeks of para sports and a Tuesday night football competition at Rossett also all to come before Easter.



### Collective Worship

This half term our worship theme is forgiveness. This week we have thought about some of the key words associated with this theme and read the parable of the Lost Son which illustrates the willingness of God to forgive us when we make a mistake.



**Key Words**



**Forgive** - to stop blaming or being angry with someone for something that person has done, or not punish them for something



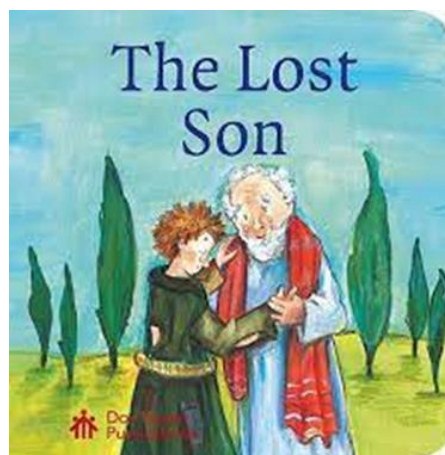
**Forgiveness** - The act of forgiving. An act of will motivated by love.



**Sorry** - To show regret for an action.

We also explored the definition of forgiveness.

***Forgive - to stop blaming or being angry with someone for something that person has done, or not punish them for something***



## FOSP News

### Upcoming FOSP Events – Save the Dates

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



### Shrove Tuesday Came Early

As Shrove Tuesday fell during half term this year we hosted our annual pancake sale and pancake races a little ahead of the day. Great fun was had by all decorating and eating their pancakes as well as taking part in pancake races. Thank you to the FOSP team for arranging the delicious pancakes and wide range of toppings. A bit thank you to all those who came to support this and a very special thank you to our Year 6 Young Leaders who set up and ran all the races. You showed great leadership skills. Very well done.



### Junior Parkrun Takeover – Save the Date

FOSP have arranged a 'Junior Parkrun Takeover' at valley gardens – 9.00am Sunday 12th May.

This is open to all. We will need some volunteers to help run the course on the day - if any parent has time to spare that morning, please contact FOSP by email/Facebook/ or through your class rep. More information on how your child can join in will follow soon.



## Community News

### Harrogate Junior Chess Championships

The competition is organised by HDPSCA (Harrogate & District [Primary Schools Chess Association](#) - Charity ref 511173) and is free to enter for all chess playing Harrogate & District Primary School children irrespective of their chess playing ability. To enter your child fill in the entry form (RSVP) on this webpage.

There are individual prizes to be won and also the prestigious Champion District School Trophy awarded to the winning school or local junior club. We are pleased to confirm that Mr Andrew Jones, the MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough, will attend and will present the prizes. The tournament will be played as a 5 round Swiss Tournament (i.e. winners play winners and losers play losers). Each game (round) will last about 20 minutes.



### Harrogate Junior Chess Championships

#### Time & Location

16 Mar 2024, 09:00 – 13:00  
The Warminster Club, Beech Ave, Harrogate HG2 8DY, UK

### Rainbows

10<sup>th</sup> St Peter's Rainbows meet on a Tuesday night at 5.45pm-6.45pm at St Peter's Church and have spaces after Easter and in September. It is open to all girls over the age of 5 years old.

Please contact [10thstpetersrainbows@gmail.com](mailto:10thstpetersrainbows@gmail.com) for more details.



The poster for the Twilight Walk event features a purple night sky background with yellow stars. On the left, there is a large white moon with the text 'Saint Michael's Hospice' and 'JUST 13' in a green box. The main text reads: 'Twilight Walk', 'Get in your pyjamas and join Saint Michael's Twilight Walk to support local families living with terminal illness and bereavement.', 'Saturday 16 March 2024 5:30 pm', and 'A sparkling 4 mile route with views of historic Knaresborough as the sun goes down.' On the right, there is a circular inset photo of a bridge at night and an illustration of two children in pajamas and a unicorn costume walking on a grassy hill.

More information about the event can be found here: <https://saintmichaels Hospice.org/events/twilight-walk-2024/>