



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 9 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.

Safer Internet Day 2024

We were pleased to mark Safer Internet Day this week with a special collective worship looking at keeping safe online. We also welcomed PCSO Martin Powel in to school on Friday to work with children in Year 5&6 exploring this topic.

We have published a special Safer Internet Day online safety parent newsletter on our website which can be accessed [here](#). This is published alongside our usual monthly newsletter for [February](#). Families can also access a recording of online safety session for parents [here](#).



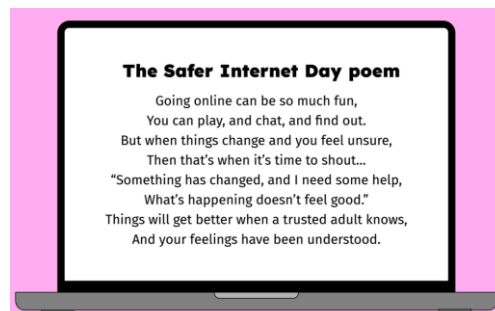
Game Safe Festival - NSPCC

From the 5th - 11th of February 2024 the NSPCC will be collaborating with developers, platforms, industry bodies, esports and influencers to play and act for a better way to game. As part of the [Game Safe Festival](#), the NSPCC is encouraging those working with children and young people within the education sector to have conversations about online gaming.

On the 8th of February from 16:00 to 17:00 the NSPCC under the auspices of the Game Safe Festival, will be hosting a free webinar aimed at helping you understand how young people game online, discover what tools and resources are available to support safe play and how to help them stay safe. Families can book their place on this webinar [here](#).

Sleep Support

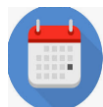
A good night's sleep will help children to do well at school, have a more developed memory, learn more effectively. It will make them less susceptible to colds and other minor ailments, less irritable and better behaved. The [Sleep Charity's](#) sleep eBook is part of the 'Tired of Being Alone' campaign to support parents and carers who have a child/children that struggle to get good quality sleep. There are many reasons why a child may experience sleep difficulties and this guide explores some of the more commonly reported issues. It is packed with information,



advice, hints and tips to help you to get your child to sleep better.

National Sleep Helpline: 03303 530 541

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 Herd Farm	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 multiplication check during this period	Year 4 children
Monday 10 – Friday 14 June	Year 1 children will undertake their phonics screening 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 East Barrnby	Year 6
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
Summer Holiday		

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Herbie and Kayleigh Kingfishers Jacob and Alex Finches Kharlie and Parvi Sparrows Grace and Dellen	Owls Murphy and Sam Starlings Tanja and Ariana	Hérons Yui-Yui and Noah A Ravens Jonah and Annabel Eagles Iris and Adedoyin

Whole School

St Peter's Newest Arrival

We are delighted to share the wonderful news of the arrival of baby Renton to the world. Mr and Mrs Renton welcomed Belle Renton into the world on Friday 2 February at 2.25am weighing 5lb 5oz.

We are all looking forward to welcoming them for a visit when then are settled into their new family routine. For now, I am sure you will all join us in sending our thoughts wishes and congratulations to them all.

Mr and Mrs Renton would like to thank everyone for the kind and thoughtful messages and gifts sent. They were very touched by the thoughtfulness of everyone. As always, the kindness shown exemplifies how blessed we are as a school with such a considerate and kind community. Thank you.



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 **92%** of parents signed up to and using Arbor. Your support with this is helping achieve efficiencies. We hope families are finding it helpful.

We continue to look to maximise the functionality of the system.

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.



Emails

Thank you to those who let us know that emails from school had been going into 'junk' folders last week. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused. Having looked into this it was as a result of recent changes many email providers had instigated in relation their 'email arrival policies' to prevent spam. We have now implemented the changes required by these providers to reassure them the communications we send are not spam which has hopefully corrected this situation. We have also liaised with Arbor who we use for sending all our bulk emails and they have also applied the necessary changes. The



newsletter should continue to arrive with families every Friday afternoon. If you do not receive this or another communication you are expecting please do in the first instance check you junk and let us know. Thank you.

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.



Staffing Update and Office Vacancy

Mrs Goold 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.

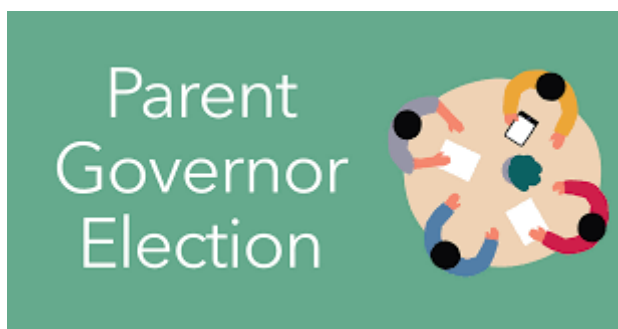
As a result, we are recruiting for a new officer manager. The details of the role can be found on the [vacancies page](#) of our website. If you are interested or know anyone who might be please to have a closer look and the details. Visits to the school are warmly welcome. If you are able please do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

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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.

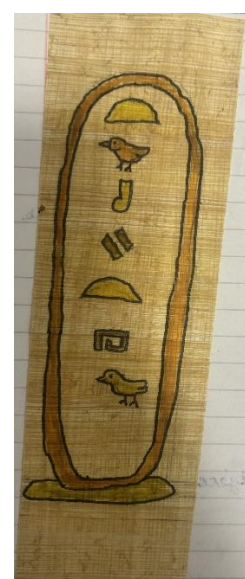
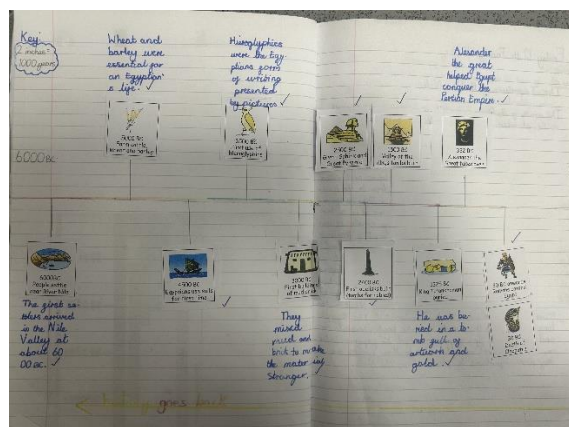


Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Herons History Study

Children in Herons have recently completed a learning sequence thinking about Ancient Egypt. The children developed their knowledge and understanding of chronology by looking at a world timeline and locating the Egyptian time frame. They were able to say what happened before and what came after and also what was happening in different countries at the same time. They then created their own timeline showing some key events during the Ancient Egyptian period.

The children also explored the importance of hieroglyphics and their significance when learning about Ancient Egypt. They all wrote their name in hieroglyphics on papyrus paper developing a sense of the complexity of communicating in a different way to usual.



Tchoukball Club

Children from Year 3 & 4 have very much enjoyed working with Mr Crooks this term in their after school tchoukball club.

Tchoukball is a fast-paced and fun-filled sport suited for all ages and abilities. It's uniquely positioned as one of the few mixed-gender sports in the UK and is perfect for school settings. Check out the tchoukball rules [here](#). The children have enjoyed the pace of the game and have quickly learned the range of rules that are unique to tchoukball including being able to score at either end of the pitch. Mr Crooks has been impressed with how quickly the children have developed their knowledge of the tactics of the game as well as their resilience to the rather chilly weather of late. Very well done to all who have been taking part in this club.





English Debating

Year 5/6 are currently learning how to construct a balanced argument. To prepare for this, we held a formal debate in class by putting Goldilocks on trial to debate the motion: Is Goldilocks guilty of a crime? The children put together some sound arguments and every child took part, articulating their arguments clearly. Both proposing and opposing teams spoke confidently and used some excellent techniques to give their evidence.



Year 4 Multiplication Challenge

Mrs Henderson has set up a Year 4 TT Rockstars competition that starts today and runs until the Monday after half term.

Children can accept the challenge to answer as many questions as possible in a given time. They can have multiple attempts during the competition window and try to beat their own score.

TT Rockstars is a great way to help children prepare for the style of questions in the Year 4 multiplication check that all children in Year 4 will take in the summer term. For more details on this families can visit the [statutory assessment](#) page of our website.



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 second week of children from Year 5&6 competing. The team played incredibly well together supporting and helping each other. There were eight schools represented this week with St Peter's finishing as runners up, narrowly missing out on first place. Very well done to all.

Very well done to Ted was awarded a wrist band for determination to get in as many shots as possible in the game time and retrieve the ball as quickly as possible.



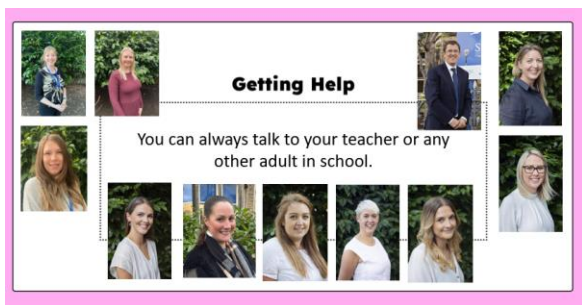


Collective Worship

This half term our worship theme is, Courage. This week celebrated Safer Internet Day with a special worship about the courage needed to ask for help when going online. We talked about how technology has changed over the years and the range of trusted adults we can go to talk about things we see and might be curious or worried about when we are online.



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.

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.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

junior parkrun

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 Manhattan Club, Beech Ave, Harrogate HG2 8QX, UK

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

A sparkling 4 mile route with views of historic Knaresborough as the sun goes down.

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

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:

