



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Shine in the light and love of God

Friday 1 March 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.

Allergies – Nut and Peanut Free

Many of the staff team have this week completed their First Aid update training including update training in allergies and actions to be taken in the event of an mild or severe allergic reaction.

Our training reminded us all that tree nuts and peanuts are different foods. Peanuts are not in fact nuts as it would be understandable to assume but legumes. It is a good time to remind our selves that at St Peter's we are a tree nut and peanut free school. Please ensure that no tree nuts or peanuts are brought into school in any snacks, packed lunches or cake donations. Many thanks for your support in helping to keep everyone safe.



Trust Safeguarding Lead

In our ongoing commitment to achieving the highest levels of safeguarding and welfare we are pleased to introduce Mrs Standen who is the Yorkshire Causeway Trust Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs Standen provides dedicated specialist supervision sessions to the DSL team which helps ensure a strong safeguarding culture within the school. She also provides training and support to the staff team training both school and Fun Club staff. Mrs Standen also leads the Trust Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) network which meets half termly to receive training and local and national updates.



Mrs K Standen – Yorkshire Causeway Trust Safeguarding Lead

Safety Resource for Families.

The risk posed to young people by their presence on social media, in regards to unacceptable requests is sadly a reality of online use. The issue of strangers making the same requests is always present. While these are principally teenage concerns. Underneath this lies a more sinister age group that often finds itself targeted almost exclusively by unknown adults online. That sector is the youngest of primary pupils. At primary ages, children are very easily taken advantage of as they are highly impressionable and unaware of the dangers they may be facing. The Undressed Song by the London Grid for Learning, is designed to educate these youngest of pupils



on what should and shouldn't be done online. It does this through an understandable and age-appropriate medium – song and other resources.

Where are the Instructions?

You don't get instructions for being a parent.

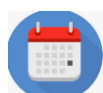
In their most recent study on parental anxieties, the majority of parents (57%) think parenting is harder now that it was when they were growing up.

We know that there are overwhelming, and often contradictory messages about how to manage family life and what's best for children. The NSPCC online parenting advice is a free resource for parents and carers. They have got tips for every stage of parenting including advice about babies and toddlers, family life, friends and relationships, health and wellbeing or navigating the online world. Click [here](#) to access

Families can access this resource [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 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
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
Summer Holiday		

Shine Awards

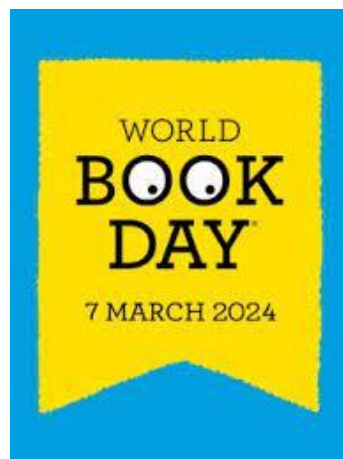
Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Lyons & Otilie Kingfishers Daisy & Luca Finches Omer & Rosie Sparrows George & Cedric	Owls Andre & Elisabeta Starlings Ava & Ayah	Herons Serafina & Jack Ravens Ava & Noah Eagles Eve & Lucas

Whole School

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.



School Transport Consultation

North Yorkshire Council has commenced a consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Home to School Travel Policy. The necessary information can be found [here](#) along with an online survey form for families responses to the consultation and details of engagement events that will be held during the course of the consultation period.

The consultation closing date is Friday 12 April.

CONSULTATION



Staffing News

If you have not yet already done so please do read through the letter sent on Wednesday with regard to our Deputy Headteacher and Eagles class teacher Miss Fishburn who has been successfully appointed to the post of Headteacher of Westbrook Lane Primary School in Leeds from September 2023.

We are also pleased to share the happy news that Miss Emsley is expecting her second child in July. I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations to Miss Emsley and her family on this happy news. Mrs Robbins will work full time for the last few weeks of the year when Miss Emsley commences her maternity leave to ensure consistency for Herons at the end of the school year. A maternity cover appointment will be made for 2024-2025 and we will keep families update with our progress on this.



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.



Parent Consultations – Appointments Still Available

Thank you to everyone who has attended a parent consultation appointment this week. We hope you find the time with your child's teacher helpful.

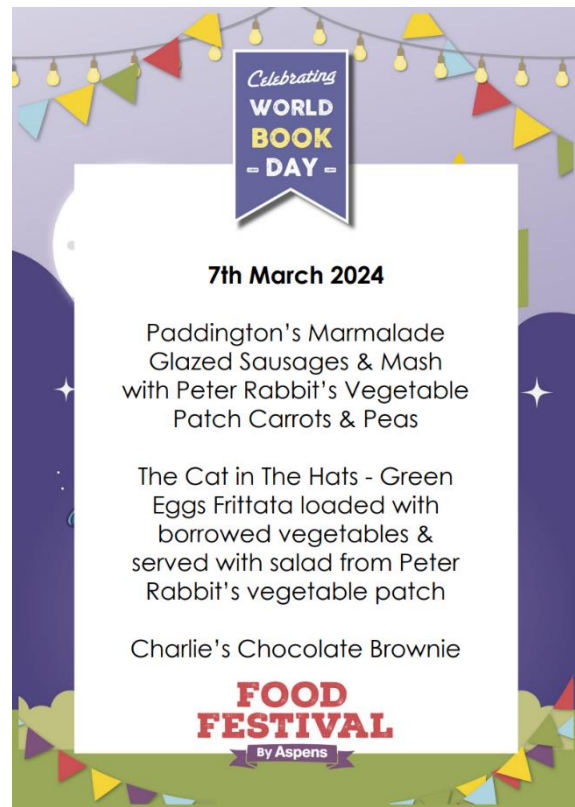
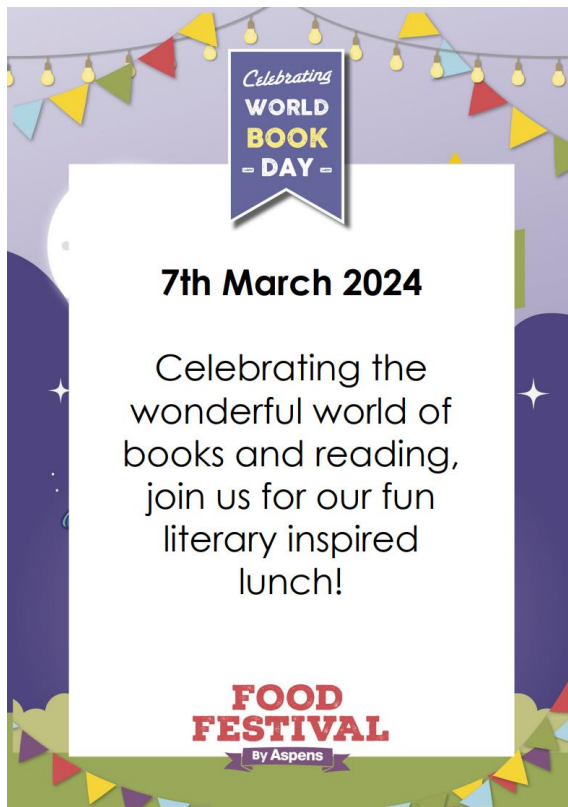
If you have not yet made an appointment you can still do so via Arbor for the remaining dates which are below.

Tuesday 5 March 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 7 March 3.30pm – 5.00pm



Lunches

As it is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, the kitchen has decided to make a themed menu for this day. Therefore, there will be a change on Monday 4th March to the lunch served, it will be Tomato Pasta topped with baked cheese.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

Upper Key Stage Two Art and Design

Children in Upper Key Stage Two have been developing their knowledge and skills of sculpture in their Art and Design Learning (Ancient Egyptian Canopic Jars). Using their designs, children have learnt pinch pot techniques to sculpt and inscribe. They have also learnt about the importance of scoring and slipping when joining two pieces of clay together. Having previously learnt about the purpose and features of canopic jars when studying Ancient Egypt in History they have been able to apply this prior knowledge combined with their new knowledge and skills to create their very own canopic jars.



New Library – Children Help with Finishing Touches

We were delighted to welcome owner and founder of Playscheme Limited John Danby into school to help put the final finishing touches to the library as well as see it in action. John had some willing volunteers to assist with installing the Story Boat signage and he very much enjoyed chatting to the children and seeing how much they are enjoying using the new space.

Check out our website [here](#) to find out more about our donate a book scheme to help fill our lovely new shelves.



Football Competition Runners Up

We were delighted to take a team of children from Years 5&6 to take part in a Sporting Influence football competition this week hosted on the all-weather pitch at Rossett High. Playing a number of teams from other local primaries the team worked incredibly well together showing superb team spirit. They won 3 games and drew 1 which progressed them to the final against Oatlands Juniors. They narrowly lost the final 1-0, finishing as well-deserved runners up. Well done to Ryan who received a wristband for determination. Thank you to Mrs Oldfield for accompanying them and Mr Radcliffe for the strategy team talk before they set off.



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 story of Zacchaeus the Tax collector which illustrates the power of forgiveness to help us change for the better and make amends for our mistakes.

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.



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Quiz Night

It was wonderful to see the hall alive with lots of chat and pondering as teams battled it out in the FOSP quiz this week. Everyone enjoyed their Fish and Chips as they did battle with the questions.

Thank you to the FOSP team for arranging this great social event that also helped to raise valuable funds for school. Special thanks to Lisa for writing the questions and Rob for acting as Quiz Master.



Book Wish List Campaign

To celebrate the opening of the new St Peter's School library, the school and FOSP have launched a 'wish list' campaign in partnership with local independent bookshop 'Imagined Things' which aims to restock the school library with additional books. Anyone can support St Peter's and its children by stopping by Imagined Things Bookshop on Montpellier Parade, to buy a book of their choice that will be placed in the new library. Anyone donating is welcome to add a message on a special sticker inside the book or of course remain anonymous.

We have placed copies of the wish lists on our website which can be accessed [here](#) so families can have a browse and the books we are aiming to buy through this scheme and perhaps choose one to purchase for the school. All donations are very gratefully received. We thank everyone for their support of this project.



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.





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