



St. Peter's
Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE
Shine in the light and love of God

Friday 8 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.

Start of the School Day

Please can we remind families that if children arrive before 8.40am they should be making use of breakfast club. There is no supervision other than breakfast club before 8.40am.

We have noticed an increase in children arriving independently well before 8.40am when there is no supervision in place for children other than breakfast club.

Online Safety Newsletter for March

We are pleased to have published our dedicated monthly online safety newsletter for September via the online safety page of our website which can be accessed [here](#). This month there is some helpful content on the popular game 'Fortnite' as well as tips on managing screen time and thoughts on when children should have mobile phones. We hope you find it helpful. If you have any queries or concerns about online safety please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

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.

Filtering System Checks

Parents can check their home internet filter's effectiveness at www.testfiltering.com

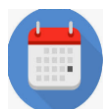
If you have any concerns, for extra safety, you can help keep your family safe online with FREE Cloudflare Family (web and malware filtering) <https://1.1.1.1/family/> It can also be applied on mobile devices (using mobile data).



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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		
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 Kiril & Stanley Kingfishers Scarlett & Matvii Finches Omer & Isabelle R Sparrows Jamie and Liliana	Owls Christy & Paige Starlings David & Grace	Hérons Dinuthi & Rosie Ravens Grace & Jonah Eagles Miles & Skyla

Whole School

Your Harrogate School of The Week

We were pleased to welcome Pete from Your Harrogate into school this week. He came to record some of the children talking about their favourite books and life at St Peter's for the Your Harrogate School of the Week Feature.

The children spoke incredibly well about school life and as always were a credit to St Peter's. This feature will air at 7.35am every morning next week. We hope you can tune in to hear them.



Book Wish List Campaign

We are delighted to be working in partnership with our friends at Imagined Things, Harrogate's independent book shop. We are working together to celebrate the opening of our wonderful new library by launching a 'wish list' campaign 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](#) so anyone can have a browse of 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. Books can be purchased by emailing books@imaginedthings.co.uk or by calling 01423 391301.



Secondary School National Offer Day

Last Friday 1 March was secondary school national offer day where parents with children currently in Year 6 should have been notified of the secondary school their child has been allocated for September 2024.

We are aware that some notification emails may have gone into junk so please do check this if you are still waiting to hear. We have also been asked by our secondary colleagues to remind parents to respond to the allocation as soon as possible either accepting or declining the place offered. Many thanks for your support with 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.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

World Book Day 2024

We all very much enjoyed celebrating World Book Day 2024 this week.

The day began with a focus on sustainability and recycling with the St Peter's Book swap. Children brought in their pre-loved books and in exchange received a token which they could use to choose another book.

This was followed by a visit from Pete at Your Harrogate who came to record some of the children talking about their favourite books and life at St Peter's for the Your Harrogate School of the Week Feature.

Every class enjoyed a visit to St Peter's brand-new school library to take part in a poster challenge about their favourite word based around the book the Word Collector. Back in class the children enjoyed guessing who the mystery readers were in the masked reader challenge. The day rounded off with special World Book Day collective worship where children and staff celebrated their favourite books and presented the awards from the Word collector challenge and favourite book competition. Thank you to the children, staff and families for all their contributions to a fantastic day.



For more WBD2024 pictures why not have a look at the [News Section](#) of our website.

Year 4 Residential Visit

Further to the letter earlier in the week to families with children in Year 4 we have now placed the full parent information presentation on our website.

The slides containing all the information regarding this exciting opportunity for all children in year 4 can be found on the relevant class website pages and can also be accessed directly [here](#).

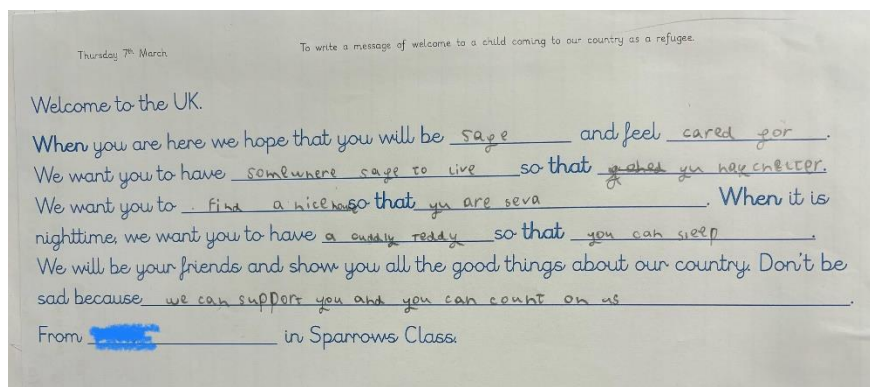
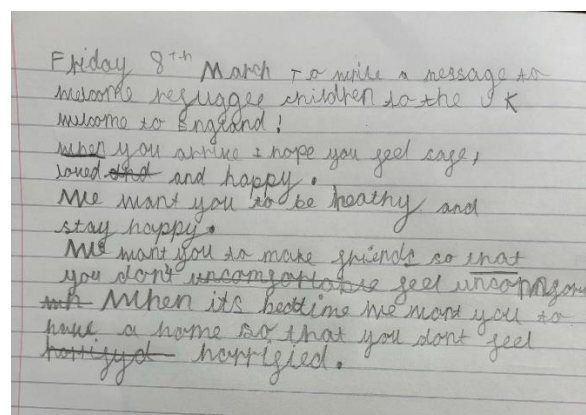
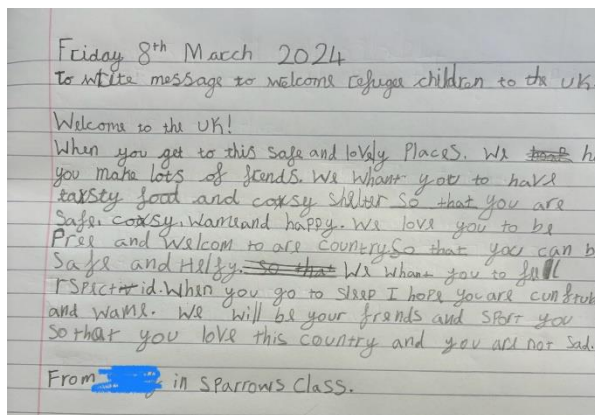
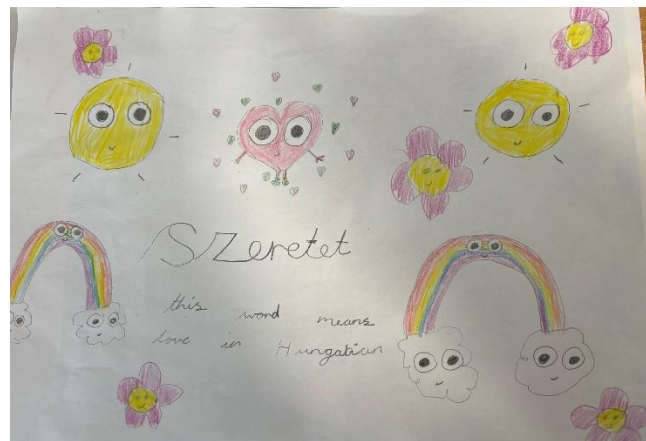
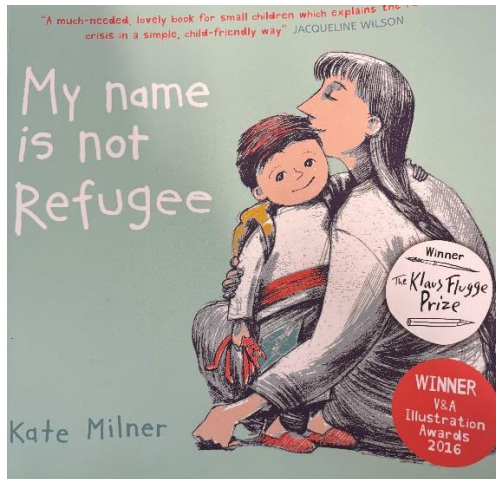
Year 4 Residential



Herd Farm Parent Information Presentation

Sparrows Writing

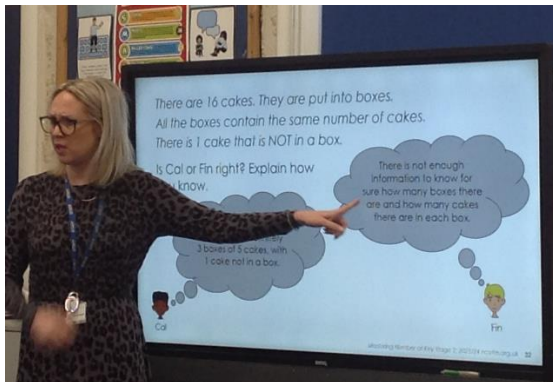
This week in Sparrows Class we have been inspired by our class book 'My Name is Not Refugee' to write welcome messages to refugee children entering the UK. We were so thoughtful in our messages and have considered the wants and needs of all children who have had to leave their homes because of war, persecution or natural disasters. What a caring class we are!



Mastering Number at Key Stage 2

We are pleased to be one of a handful of schools in North Yorkshire who are part of the Key Stage Two Mastering Number pilot. This project enables pupils in Years 4 and 5 to develop fluency in multiplication and division facts, and a confidence and flexibility with number that exemplifies good number sense.

This week we were delighted to welcome teachers from across North Yorkshire as well as Viv Townsend, the Assistant Director for Evaluation and Impact from NCTEM to St Peter's. The group came to observe Mrs Crankshaw who is an NCTEM Specialist Teacher and Accredited Professional Development Lead Teacher deliver one of the mastering number sessions. As well as observing, the Teacher Research Group (TRG) were able to share their experiences of the project to date helping to shape and further improve use of these fantastic materials. The children as always were superb in sustaining their concentration and thinking despite a large number of extra adults in their classroom.



MASTERING NUMBER AT KS2

Secure firm foundations in multiplicative relationships



Collective Worship

This half term our worship theme is forgiveness. This week we learnt about John Newton who wrote the well-known hymn, Amazing Grace.

We learnt how John recognised the mistakes he had made in his life and set about helping others.



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

Mothering Sunday Gifts

Thank you to FOSP and some of our Young Leaders who have been making and selling Mothering Sunday gifts to raise money for FOSP.

We hope all the Mothers and Grandmothers have a peaceful and relaxing day on Sunday.



New Digital Piano

FOSP is delighted to reveal this wonderful digital piano that has taken pride of place in the lower hall. We hope the children benefit from this for years to come and we can't wait to hear it played in future musical events! It has already had its first outing in our celebration worship.



Sponsored Bounce

FOSP and school are working closely on a new fun fundraising venture which will take place on the final day of the spring term, Friday 22nd March 2024. All children will get the chance to take part in a sponsored bounce. It is completely free for all children to take part. Each child will have one minute to complete as many bounces as possible with the support of their classmates cheering them on. Sponsor forms and details of how sponsorship money can be collected and paid will follow shortly and we are grateful for all sponsorship.



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.



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



Awesome Eats




Come along and enjoy a day full of various activities **including cooking**.

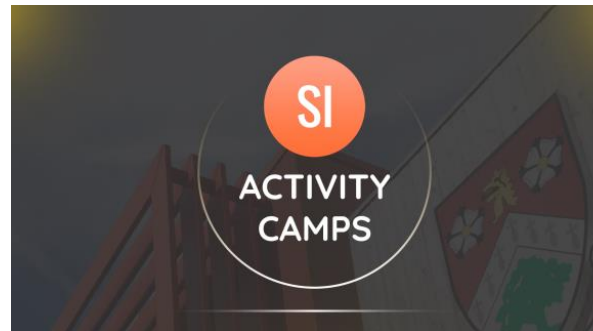
Stay and eat what you have cooked.

£25 per child
school years 1-7

Free places available if eligible for free school meals

Wednesday 27 March and Wednesday 3 April, 8.30am - 4.30pm

Contact 01423 521667 for more information and to book.



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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/>