

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 25 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

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. As well as our weekly newsletter there is also plenty of school news shared throughout the week in the [News 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.

Road Safety – Darker Nights

As the evenings draw in and it becomes darker in the mornings and at the end of the day it is great time to remind children about keeping safe as they use the streets and pavements. Next half term Martin Powell our PSCO will be visiting to deliver road safety workshops with all the children. To compliment this there are some great tips and resources on the [THINK](#) road safety website.



Bonfire and Firework Safety

As we head into Halloween and bonfire night celebrations this is a great time of year to remind children about how to keep safe at these events. There is some excellent advice available through the fire service which can be accessed [here](#).



Medication

Please can we politely remind families that in terms of cough sweets or lozenges being in school they are classed as medication. As such they should be brought to the school office and the appropriate medication form completed. This way we can ensure no children accidentally consume something not intended for them and children requiring these keep to the recommended usage. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



Reach Out – Anonymously If Needed

We are here to help and always appreciate when families get in touch direct with any worries or concerns.

We appreciate there may be occasions where children or families wish to report a concern or worry anonymously. This can be done in writing via letter sent in the post to *St Peters CE Primary School, Belford Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG1 1JA.*


We have also set up an online [Anonymous Concern Report](#) for families to use if necessary.

Anonymous reports will always be looked into based on the information provided, however it will not be possible to provide feedback and exploring the concern may be more difficult when it is not possible to speak directly with the person raising the concern.



Diary Dates - All diary dates now shared on the Abro Parent Portal and Via the Arbor App.

The term dates for both and 2024 -2025 and 2025-2026 are published on our website and can be accessed [here](#). Please check when planning any holidays or appointments.

Date	Activity	Year Group(s)
October Half Term Holiday		
Monday 4 November	INSET – Day. School closed to children.	All staff
Monday 11 November	Remembrance Day . Two minutes silence at 11.00am	All
Monday 11 November	‘Bikeability’ Cycle Training	Year 6 – Groups to be confirmed to children participating
Tuesday 12 November	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.10	All classes book appointment on Arbor.
Wednesday 13 November 3.15 – 5.15	FOSP KS2 Movie Night	All children in Years 3 – 6 welcome. A ticketed event. Look out for further details re purchasing a ticket.
Thursday 14 November	Parent Consultations 4.00pm – 6.30pm	All classes book appointment on Arbor.
Friday 15 November 	Children In Need – Non uniform (for donation) day and whole school cake sale	All classes.
Tuesday 19 November 1.30 – 4.15pm (approx.)	Year 6 to Watch Annie the Musical at St Aidan’s School.	Year Six children.
Tuesday 19 November	Parent Consultations 4.00 – 6.30	All classes book appointment on Arbor.
Thursday 21 November	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.10	All classes book appointment on Arbor.
Week Beginning 2 December	NTS and Teacher Assessment Week	Yr2 - 6
Tuesday 3 December 4.00pm St Paul’s Church	Advent Concert	All welcome
Saturday 7 December 12.00 – 2.00	FOSP Christmas Fare	All welcome
Tuesday 10 December	EY and KS1 Nativity Performance Dress Rehearsal – Whole School Watching.	Whole School. Parents welcome also if unable to attend either of other performances.
Wednesday 11 December 2.00pm	EY and KS1 Nativity Afternoon Performance	EY and KS1
Thursday 12 December 3.15 pm	FOSP – Pre Nativity-Fun session and Hot Dogs	EY and KS1
Thursday 12 December 5.00pm	EY and KS1 Nativity Evening Performance	EY and KS1
Friday 13 December 12.00	Whole School Pantomime Trip	Whole School
Thursday 19 December 9.30	Christmas Service in St Peter’s Church	All classes
Friday 20 December 1.30pm	Carols at the Alms Houses.	All classes
Friday 20 December 2.00pm	School closes for Christmas Holiday	All classes
Christmas Holiday		

Shine Awards

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Sanuga & Howie Kingfishers Charlotte & Fraser Sparrows Sylvia & Isabelle Finches Alex & Tom	Owls Lucy & George Starlings Oscar & Nell	Hérons Anna & Paige Eagles Ryan & Skyla Ravens Eli & Tom W

General News

New Starter Survey

We are always keen to evaluate and improve our provision. As well as completing surveys of all staff, parents and children every two years (the next of these will be Spring 2025) we also like to undertake spot surveys on key areas or aspects of school life.

This term we are keen to evaluate how our new children have settled into school life at St Peter's. If you had a child start in reception this September, we would be most grateful if you could complete the short survey which can be accessed via this [link](#). This should take no more than five minutes to complete. We thank you in advance for your help and feedback.



Congratulations to Funclub.

We are delighted that our wrap around care provision run by local company Funclubs Ltd has had an incredibly positive report following its Ofsted inspection earlier this month.

Inspectors visited St Peter's on 1 October 2024 and assessed that the wrap around care, fully met all the expectations set out in the inspection framework with the inspector commenting.

'All children enter this fun and inclusive club with a smile. They eagerly explore the activities on offer, which staff plan to foster children's social skills and friendships.'

Inspectors also commented incredibly positively about the close working relationship between the school and the Fun club provision stating.

'Staff have established very secure relationships with the host school. The transition from school to the club is seamless. Staff ensure a two-way flow of information takes place with the teachers to enable them to provide consistency of care for the children who attend.'

The full report can be accessed [here](#).



Sharing our Shine with NCTEM

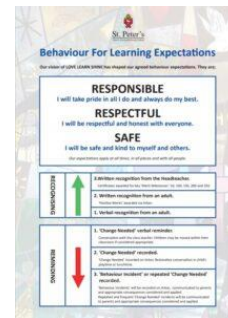
We were delighted to welcome Dr Debbie Morgan CBE (Director of Primary at NCTEM) and Helen Jones (Assistant Director of Primary at NCTEM) from the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCTEM) to St Peter's this week. They visited as part of St Peter's contribution at a national level, to the development of resources to support the delivery of mastery teaching for mixed age classes in Key Stage Two. This work has been led by our Assistant Headteacher and maths specialist Miss Crankshaw. As well as filming one of her lessons they also interviewed Miss Crankshaw and some of the children from Ravens class about the materials and the approach that will go to support schools across the country with teaching for mastery with mixed age classes. Dr Morgan commented how impressed she was with the children's ability to articulate their thinking and explain things in multiple ways. A huge thank you to Miss Crankshaw for leading this work and to all the children in Ravens class for sharing their shine so brightly with a film crew at the back of their class.



Behaviour Procedure Letter

After half term we will introduce some additional behaviour communication via email for children in Key Stage Two (Years 3-6).

We have outlined the changes and our rationale in an additional letter which accompanies the newsletter this week. If you have a child or children in Key Stage Two please do take a moment to read this letter. Thank you.



Pick Up and Drop Off Parking

We appreciate families having ongoing journeys after picking up and dropping off and are often working to tight timescales. While recognising this please can we politely remind everyone that we should all still park legally, considerately and thoughtfully to each other and our neighbours. Where they are in place please observe and park accordingly to the double yellow lines and the school markings.

All parents are entitled to collect a laminated parking permit which allows them to park on Victoria Avenue without needing to use the pay and display machines at pick up and drop off time. While recognising this is a short walk it is also a safe and legal way to park.



Story Sacks for Early Years

Mrs Bolton and our librarians have been busy refreshing and preparing our story sacks to come back into use initially for children in Wrens class. Each story sack contains a story and sometimes an accompanying non-fiction book along with a mixture of small toys or games that are linked with the theme of the book or books. They are great for sharing with children to help develop a love and enjoyment of books and reading. There are ideas of follow up games and activities that link with the story. After half term we will begin to send these home on a Friday with the aim of being enjoyed over the weekend and returned at the start of the following week. At present we do not have a full class set so half the class will receive a story sack one week and the other half the following week. As the term progresses, we hope to add further sacks to our collection. If you are interested in helping create new story sacks or donating resources to make up a story sack, please get in touch by emailing admin@stpeters.vcst.co.uk or calling 01423 569684.



Collective Worship

As the half term concludes, we have rounded off our discussions about the theme of Thankfulness. This week we have talked about the act of counting our blessings recalling all the different people, places and experiences we are grateful for, we considered how forming a habit of counting our blessings can have a positive impact on our emotional wellbeing.



Parent Consultations – Save the Dates

Tuesday 12 November 3.30pm – 5.10pm
Thursday 14 November 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Tuesday 19 November 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 21 November 3.30pm – 5.10pm

Having listened to parental feedback all appointments will be in person. Bookings are now open with appointments booked via Arbor.



Geography

Over the past fortnight, Owls and Starlings have been Young Geographers, who have finished their unit of work by carrying out fieldwork in our local area. We decided to link it to our recent History Unit: 'Local Victorian Harrogate' by asking the following:

Looking at the buildings in our local area, what evidence is there of change?

We decided to walk a circular route so that we would start and finish at school: turn left out of school and walk to the end of Belford Road. We gathered evidence to answer our question. There were many examples of change in our area. Most of the buildings in our locality were old - Victorian buildings. Some buildings were much newer, for example the Magistrates Court, Tower Street carpark, shop frontages. Our school building was a hospital in Victorian times whereas now it is a school. The hospital wards are now classrooms! What were once family homes in Victorian times are now offices and businesses – either on the ground floor only or on all floors. Some houses have not changed their use. They remain family homes, for example, the Alms Houses opposite school and the row of town houses on West Park. Currently being converted to Harrogate's first mosque, the building on the corner of Tower Street and Belford Road was originally built as housing. The residential use didn't last long, and in 1873 the cottages were converted into Harrogate's first cottage hospital, which stayed there for ten years before moving in 1883 into a new purpose-built building next door, which is now St. Peter's School. We really enjoyed getting out and about to explore our locality. We realised how much our local area has changed.



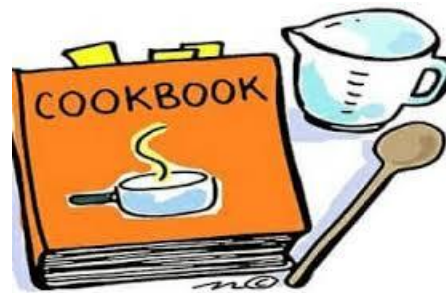
FOSP Fundraising Recipe Book

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a recipe for our St Peter's Recipe Book so far. Unfortunately, we do not currently have enough submissions to create a full book. We have therefore extended the deadline to Sunday 27th October. If your child would like to submit their favourite recipe, please complete the form via the link. You do not even have to make the recipe to take a picture – it would be lovely to have some children's drawings of their favourite foods in the book too.

All of this can be sent in to our St Peter's submission form online:

<https://saronti.com/StPtCEHg1>

Password: &tPtHg



Reading Challenge:

FOSP are delighted to present their annual reading challenge for all your little bookworms to enjoy over half term. Children will be coming home with a paper copy of the challenges and the sponsorship forms in their bags, but they are also attached to the newsletter email. Please help your child to complete as many of the fun challenges as possible. We really hope they enjoy them all! We look forward to rewarding many children with certificates after half term.



Christmas art design orders:

The shop to purchase any items with your children's Christmas artwork on will remain open till midnight on October 31st. Therefore, please do get your orders in.



Halloween Disco & Pumpkin Carving Competition

A big thank you to the fantastic FOSP team who helped to put on a wonderful Halloween disco yesterday. Much fun was had by all.

Also, a huge thank you and well done to everyone who entered a decorated pumpkin in the competition. As always, the standards were incredibly high with such a huge amount of thought and creativity going into the pumpkin creations. Well done to our lower school winner Kit and our upper school winner Reggie. Thank you to FOSP for organising the competition and providing the prizes.





Community News

Support for young people's Mental Health in North Yorkshire

There is national and local support available on the Go-To website, for parents, carers and professionals.

www.thegoto.org.uk



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Support for parent and carers

The Go-To provides advice for parents and carers, on how to support their young people when they are struggling with their mental health.

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FREE SESSIONS Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	24 OCT 25 NOV
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

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<p>Monday 25th Nov 19:00 - 20:00 FREE</p>	<p>FREE SESSION Decreasing Depression A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.</p>
<p>Thursday 7th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>	<p>Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>	<p>Anxiety-Based School Avoidance Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.</p>
<p>Monday 18th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>	<p>Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs! What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?</p>
<p>Thursday 21st Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24</p>	<p>Supporting Healthy Screen Use Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.</p>

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