



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 15 November 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.

Parenting Support

Balancing the various demands parents have to cope with isn't easy and all parents can come under pressure or stress from time to time.

The NSPCC have produced a helpful guide that shares practical advice and tips for parenting techniques that work well for children - from babies to teenagers. These techniques encourage better behaviour and help parents find out what works for them and their child.

The guide is also a valuable resource for services and professionals offering parenting advice to new parents and those caring for young children or teenagers. The guide can be accessed [here](#).



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		
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 Olivia T & Ashton Kingfishers Alice & Fraser Finches Jonathan & Faye Sparrows Daisy & Iylah	Owls Emelie & Duncan Starlings Aaradhya & Alastair	Hérons Freddie & Andre Eagles Oliver & Layla Ravens Quinn & Alex

General News

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended a parent consultation meeting this week. We really enjoyed meeting with families and sharing success stories. There are still appointments available for next week. If you have not yet had the chance to sign up, you can do so via the Arbor App. If you are having any challenges in doing this, please do contact the school office via email – admin@stpeters.ycst.co.uk or by calling 01423 569684.

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



School Bags & Stationery

While having no direct rules on school bags we are noticing that school bags do seem to be getting larger. Where it has been safe and practical to do so we have provided lockers for children for their bags however this is not possible in all rooms. Where we are unable to use lockers, children have a peg. Cloakroom space is limited so wherever possible the more compact bags are and only bringing the necessary essentials is very much appreciated.



At present our whole school approach to children using their own stationery in school is that this is not required. School will provide all the items children need. This year there is no ban on children bringing in their own items however they do so at their own risk. In addition, if individual class teachers feel the bringing in of items is causing a distraction or other issues, they may request that items are kept at home. We are currently reviewing this approach and considering if it would be helpful from September 2025 to provide further clarity by stating that only items provided by school can be used. If you have any views on this, you can provide them via this [short survey](#).



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.



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.



Clicker

Students can claim a Home Use license for Clicker 7 for use at home. Please see the link below. This link will expire on 5-Dec-2024

<https://activate.cricksoft.com/h?Hi13C7RfqbkjaBJfxscaT>

The Home Use license is for home use only for students and staff at St Peter's CE Primary School.

Please see the attached letter that details more about Clicker and the support it offers to children with their reading & writing.



School Lunches

To mark Children In Need day 2024, the kitchen made spotty biscuits, in aid of Pudsey Bear!

These went down very well with the children at lunchtime.

Next Thursday, 21st November, will be a Sparkling Event at lunchtime. The kitchen team have put together a different menu for this day only, which you can find at the end of this Newsletter.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

We Will Remember Them

On Monday this week across St Peter's we paused to mark Remembrance Day. Children respectfully observed a period of silence to remember and give thanks for all those who serve to keep us safe. Different classes remembered in different ways through discussion and different pieces of work. Herons class were interested to listen to the poem In Flanders Field by John McCrae during their learning about Remembrance Day on Monday. They learnt about World War I and thought about how scary it must have been to have to go war. We held our 2 minutes silence, thinking about all the soldiers who died during the World Wars, but also thinking about people who are still at war today, living in fear, and modern soldiers who still risk their lives to help others. We then looked at silhouette art and created our own from tissue paper and black paper. Well done for creating these poignant images Herons class, and for your thoughtful responses to our learning!"



Sporting Competition

This week was the second week for children in Year 3&4 to represent their school in the Sporting Influence football competition series. Under the lights of the all-weather surface at Harrogate High the team played 4 matches winning two drawing one and losing one.

The boys played well as a team encouraging each other as they played. Thank you to Mrs Oldfield for accompanying them and to their parents for their sideline support.



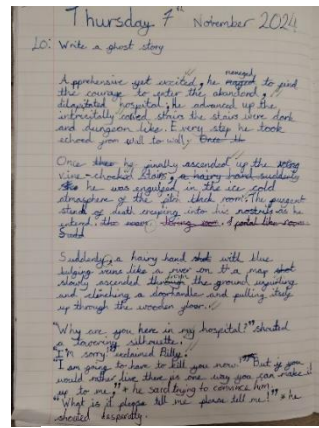
Fabulous Writing

In Eagles children have been writing ghost stories based on their Guided Reading book 'Letters from the Lighthouse'.

They have thought deeply about the style and how to create suspense and tension alongside suitable atmosphere and move the story along creating some exceptional writing.

In Oliver's story (opposite) he used a range of high-level vocabulary and descriptive language. He also punctuated his dialogue accurately and used this speech to move his story forwards.

Well done Oliver a superb piece of writing.



Collective Worship

In our worship this week we have considered the idea of respect in line with this Years National Anti-Bullying Week theme of '[Choose Respect](#)'.

This year, the campaign aims to empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Families can explore the dedicated Parent and Carers resources [here](#).



FOSP News

Christmas Fare

FOSP are busy preparing for the annual St Peter's School Christmas Fare on Saturday 7 December 2024. There are many ways in which families and friends of St Peter's can support this event.

FOSP would be most grateful for donations of the following:

- Clean jars
- Sweets
- Teddies
- Bottles (any sort of drinks, Alcohol or Soft)

A box will be left in the meeting room from Friday for donations to be placed in.

The FOSP post box will be placed in the meeting room also, for anyone to post their sold raffle tickets.

Please can families try to sell as many raffle tickets as possible with a chance to win some great prizes in the raffle which will be drawn at the fayre. There are lots more tickets in the office, for anyone who would like some more to sell.



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



The Go-To
For healthy minds in North Yorkshire

NHS

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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Christmas Card Competition!

WIN £500 FOR YOUR SCHOOL

The festive season is just around the corner and we're inviting local children to take part in our exciting Christmas challenge with the chance of winning £500 for their school!

We're asking children to showcase their artistic skills and create a design for the Verity Frearson 2024 Christmas Card.

CREATIVE TIPS:

- Children should create a coloured design on a piece of white A4 paper (either portrait or landscape).
- Colouring pencils, paint, crayons and felt tips may be used but please do not stick added material onto the entry.
- Although not essential, anything relating to Verity Frearson or houses would be great!

You can either email your entry to hello@verityfrearson.co.uk with your NAME, AGE, SCHOOL & CONTACT DETAILS or drop your design into our office at Tudor House, 26 Albert Street, Harrogate, HG1 1UT.

Entries close on Friday 29th November at midday.

Finalists will be selected from the following age categories: Under 5's, 6-8 Year olds, 9-11 year olds, Over 12's.

Our favourite from each category will each receive a **£100 Harrogate Gift Card**. These 4 designs will be shared on our social media pages and the design with the most likes by Friday 6th December at midday will win **£500** for that child's school.

The winning design will be featured as part of our Christmas marketing campaign and our Harrogate Showroom with the winner's name, age and school.



Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

Getting it right for children is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

You will learn:

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.

Register at this address
www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england or scan the QR code



oneplusone

Mental Elf

Festive Fun Run



Sunday 1st December at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough

- Festive 5K Fun Run
- Family and Dog Friendly
- Prizes & Entertainment
- Fancy Dress Competition
- Walk, Jog or Run, Everyone Welcome



mindinharrogate.org.uk/mentalelf

We are fundraising for a new children's and young person's mental health service



FOOD FESTIVAL

SPARKLE SPECTACULAR

21st November

Blazing Bonfire Bangers
(Hot Dogs)

Quorn Bonfire Bangers
(Quorn Hot Dogs)

Flame-tastic Sweet Potato Wedges and Firework Rainbow Slaw

AND

Sparkle Sprinkle Cookies

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Light up your taste buds with our menu bursting with flavour in every bite!

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Did you know?

Fireworks aren't just for fun?

They were used in ancient times to make celebrations extra special, keep away evil spirits and bring good luck!