



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 8 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.

Online Safety Newsletter for November

We are pleased to have published our dedicated monthly online safety newsletter for November via our website. Families can access this newsletter [here](#).

This month there are features on WhatsApp, You Tube and some top tips on managing family screen time. We hope families find the information useful.



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 a 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.



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 a 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.



The term dates for both 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 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		

Early Years and Key Stage One	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Wrens Serena & Ted Kingfishers Elias & Ottilie Sparrows Hannah & Kit Finches Scarlett & Freddie	Owls Felix HM & Luca Starlings Rosie & Sebastian	Hérons Archie & Eli Eagles Florence & Martha Ravens Flora & Rosie

General News

Children In Need 2024

We are pleased to be supporting BBC Children in Need this Year on Friday 15 November. To support this the children may make a donation to wear non uniform on this day. Donations can be brought in cash on the day or made via ParentPay. On behalf of BBC children in Need we will happily accept donations of any size but would ask for a minimum donation of £2 for any children wishing to wear non uniform. There will also be a bonanza spotty cake stall on Friday after school with all proceeds going to Children in Need. Donations of cakes and buns from all year groups are most welcome and can be brought to the meeting room on Friday morning. Thank you for your support.



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.



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](#).



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.

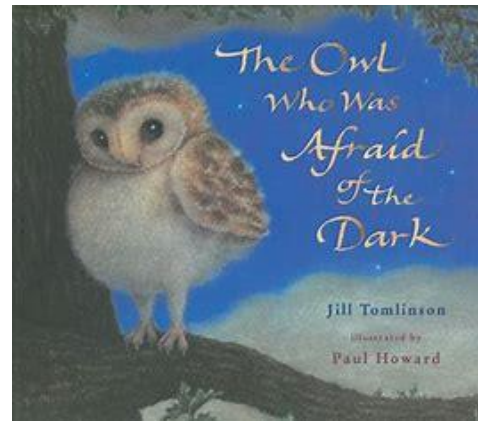
All parents are entitled to collect a laminated parking permit which allows them to park on Victoria Avenue without needing to use the pay and display machines at pick up and drop off time. While recognising this is a short walk it is also a safe and legal way to park.



Falconer Visit

Every half term, children in Key Stage One start reading a new book in their English lessons. This half term, the children in Sparrows and Finches class will be using 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' as their focus book and will ultimately be writing an owl fact file at the end of the half term.

To launch the book, the children were visited by four incredible owls with Olaf the Eagle Owl being their favourite. The children met all four owls, had the chance to ask any questions, then were all given the opportunity to hold and stroke the owls. A huge thank you to Harrogate Birds of Prey and Creature Cave for the best start to our new half term.



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.

The first group of children have taken them home this week.

As the term progresses, we hope to add further sacks to our collection. There are two different ways families can support this project.

1. Make a donation via ParentPay that will be used to buy more bags, books and accompanying resources.
2. Buy a book and associated resources and donate these directly to school and we will add them to a sack. Donations can be handed in at the school office.



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. Booking will open shortly with appointments booked via Arbor so please make sure your account is up and running.

England Rocks Times Tables Competition

On Tuesday 12th November until Thursday 14th November 2024 TT Rockstars is hosting their annual England Rocks competition. As a school, all KS2 classes have been entered into the competition where children will compete alongside their class for prizes including certificates and Amazon vouchers!

Please encourage your child to log onto TT Rockstars at home and ask them to try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. There will also be an opportunity for children to log in at school during the competition dates too. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am GMT to 7:30pm GMT each day will contribute to their class and school score. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day.

The top 3 primary age classes based on average score will receive:

1ST PLACE: £100 AMAZON GIFT CARD

2ND PLACE: £75 AMAZON GIFT CARD

3RD PLACE: £50 AMAZON GIFT CARD

Sporting Influence

Mrs Oldfield took seven Year 3 / 4 boys to the Sporting Influence football competition at Harrogate High on Wednesday this week. The boys had a great time and played really well. They played three matches drawing the first match 2-2. The second match they drew 1-1 and the last match they played was a 0-0 draw. Another successful SI competition!



FOSP News

Key Stage Two Movie Night

If you have children in Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) who would like to attend Movie Night on Wednesday 13 November 3.15-5.15 please complete the form [here](#) and make your payment direct to FOSP via bank transfer.

Please send your money to the FOSP account directly if possible: St Peter's PTA, Yorkshire Bank, 16916423, 05-04-54, with Child's Name Movie Night as the reference.



Christmas Fayre

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 of donations of jars, sweets, teddies and bottles of any sort of drinks. 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. 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.



Community News



An online course to help parents communicate better with each other

Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Arguing better is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

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



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An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

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.

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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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Starting on 14th November

TOTS & MINI SESSIONS



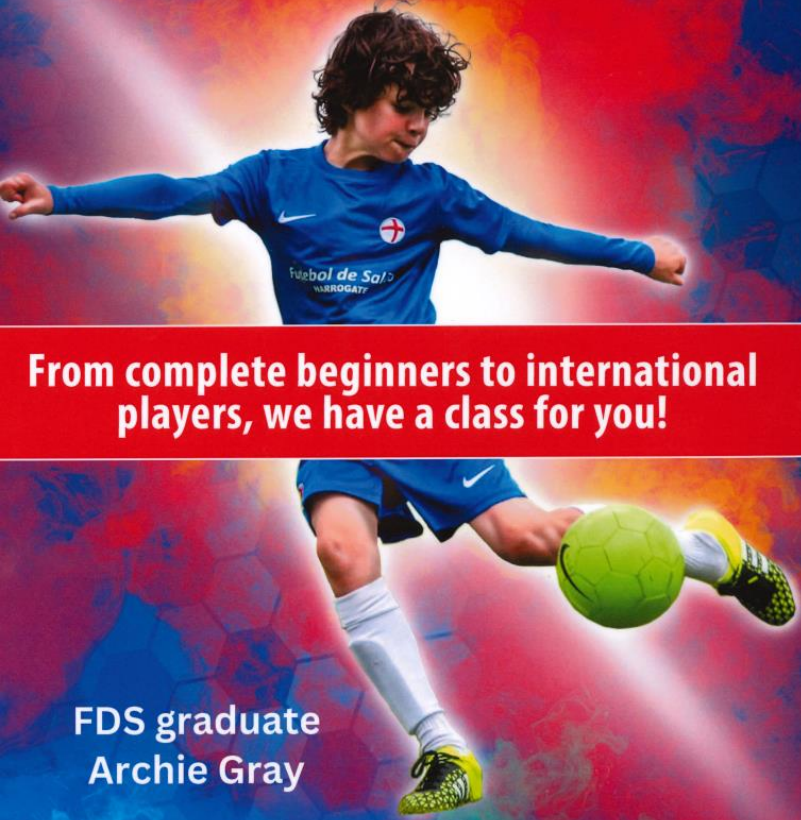
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VENUE & KEY INFORMATION

AREA & VENUE	ENERGY	FOOTBALL	AGES	Monday 30 th December	Tuesday 31 st December	Thursday 2 nd January	Friday 3 rd January
ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE	✓	✓	5-13	✓	✓	✓	✓

PRICES

STANDARD DAY - 8AM-4PM - £34.50
EXTENDED DAY - 4PM-5:30PM - £6

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

PLANS CHANGED? ADD OUR INSURANCE OPTION ONTO YOUR BOOKINGS AND RECEIVE A REFUND, CREDIT OR CHANGE DAYS IF YOUR PLANS CHANGE!!

FLEXIBLE DROP OFF BETWEEN 8AM-9AM

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THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE ON OUR TOTAL ENERGY PROGRAMME AND YOUR CHILDREN RULE THEIR DAYS WITH OUR CHOICES!! YOUR CHILDREN ARE SPLIT INTO AGE SPECIFIC GROUPS AND LED BY ONE OF OUR DBS CHECKED EXPERIENCED COACHING STAFF

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Children's Vouchers Accepted

SCAN ME

The Harrogate and District Primary Schools Chess Association (HDPSCA) is holding its annual team tournament at The Manhattan Club, Beech Avenue, Harrogate HG2 8DY on Saturday 7th December from 10.00am to 1pm.

All local Primary Schools and clubs are encouraged to enter as many teams as they would like and all children are welcome, regardless of whether they are beginners or just fancy seeing what it's all about.

Entry is free and there will be a team prize for the Lloyd Duckworth Shield plus individual prizes. In addition, all players will receive a certificate to congratulate them on representing their school or club in this competition.

Who will be crowned the champion school or club in the District?

Each team shall comprise 4 players in fixed order of playing ability with the best player being on board 1. In addition, one reserve player can be selected who is only allowed to play on board 4. Each team will play 5 rounds of games.

All entries must include the name of the school/club team and the accompanying person with contact details. If you would like to express an interest in this competition so that an invitation can be sent to you please contact me at this email address or ring me on 01423 879245.

Mick Stokes (Chairman HDPSCA)