



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

LOVE LEARN SHINE

Friday 6 December 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

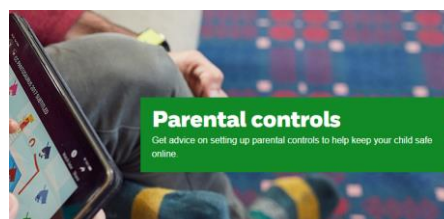
Safeguarding and Welfare will always be our very highest priority in helping us achieve our vision of [Love Learn Shine](#). We will use this section of the newsletter each week to keep families up to date with a range of key safeguarding and welfare information.

Online Safety Christmas Gifting

As families may consider technology items as gifts at Christmas, we thought it might be helpful to sign post some recently updated NSPCC guidance.

The NSPCC have comprehensive guidance on setting parental controls, etc. [Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

NSPCC



Children's Wellbeing at Christmas Time

The Go To website is the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire and provides a wealth of information and practical advice for children, young people, carers and professionals. [The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health](#)

Young Minds: Offers advice on supporting children and young people with their mental health, including how to handle anxiety around Christmas. [Helping Your Child with Anxiety at Christmas](#)

The Children's Society: Provides tips for managing children's mental health during the festive season, including maintaining routines and understanding their needs. [Supporting Children's Mental Health at Christmas](#)

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Diary Dates - All diary dates now shared on the Arbor 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		
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
Tuesday 17 December 2024	School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	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 Sumaya & Violet Kingfishers Ibrahim & Kaya Finches Jaxx & Yasmeen Sparrows Oliver P & Finley	Owls Parvi & Hugo W Starlings Rosie H & Harvey	Hérons Freya & Michelle Eagles Phoebe D & Miles Ravens Angela & Freddie B

General News

Staffing News – Welcome and Goodbye

We are delighted to have welcomed three new faces to our staffing team this week. Miss Forsyth, Miss Eldahama and Mr Dormand have joined us this week. They are completing an eighteen-month GTA apprenticeship and will be on placement with us in school full time for the next year and half. I am sure you will join me in giving them a warm St Peter’s welcome as they settle into school life.

After three years of dedicated service to school and Funclub Mr McGregor has decided to pursue some new opportunities beyond St Peter’s in January. We will be sad to say goodbye to Mr McGregor but wish him well on his next adventure and thank him for all he has done for. We have successfully recruited Miss



Dixon to the vacancy created by Mr McGregor's departure and look forward to welcoming Miss Dixon in January.

Christmas Jumper Swap/ Sale

In line with our commitment to promote sustainability Mrs Williams and our Eco Council have arranged a 'Christmas Jumper Exchange' in advance of Christmas Jumper day.

If children wish to participate, they should bring a preloved Christmas jumper into school by Wednesday 11th December. In exchange for their jumper, they will receive a golden ticket which can be exchanged for a new pre loved jumper at the swap/sale which will take place in Eagles classroom at lunchtime on Thursday 12th December.

If the children do not have a jumper to exchange, they can purchase a jumper for a flat price of £3.00. If families have any Christmas jumpers, they wish to donate to help build our 'stock' these would be most gratefully received and can be brought to the school office on or before Wednesday 11 December.



St Peter's Church Christmas Festival

We are pleased to have been involved in the St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival again this year.

Thank you to Mrs Bolton and the all the children who have contributed decorations to our SHINE tree which is sitting pride of place in the entrance at St Peter's Church.

If you can spare a few minutes, why not pop in for a few moments of quiet reflection enjoying all the beautifully decorated trees.



Curriculum & Extra-Curricular Spotlight

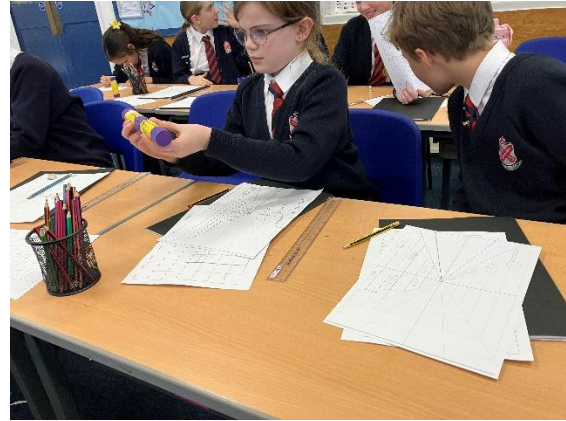
Architect Visit

We were delighted to welcome back Mr McCormack into school this week to continue his work with classes in Key Stage Two perspective as part of their Art topic.

The children really enjoyed the session and produced some fantastic follow up work demonstrating the application of the skills they had learned.

Thank you to Mr McCormack for giving his time to help bring our learning to life.





Singing Spotlight

It has been a busy week for our choirs this week who have performed at the Christmas market and also at St Paul's church in our advent concert.

On both occasions the children performed beautifully helping us get into the festive spirit. Thank you to all the staff and children who give their time to share their musical shine.



For more pictures have a look at the news section of our website.

Sporting Success

This week was the second week for children in Year 5&6 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 three schools winning 2 games and drawing 1. Overall, we came first. Oliver received a certificate for great communication with his team and respect for the other teams. We are so proud of them all, they represented the school amazingly.



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. The FOSP post box is in the meeting room for any last minute sold raffle tickets and money.



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
HARROGATE LIBRARY
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

FREE!

- SAT 7TH DEC** CHRISTMAS CRAFT DROP-IN FROM 2-3:30PM (AGES 3-11)
- SAT 14TH DEC** CHRISTMAS CRAFT DROP-IN FROM 2-3:30PM (AGES 3-11)
- MON 23RD DEC** BEDTIME CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM 6-6:45PM (AGES 0-7)
- TUES 24TH DEC** CHRISTMAS MINI FILMS AT THE LIBRARY 9-12PM (FAMILIES)

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FREE CHRISTMAS FUN

HARROGATE THEATRE CHOIR
 PRESENTS

DING DONG!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN SONG
 MUSICAL DIRECTOR CATHERINE FIELD-LEATHER

HARNESS YOUR FASTEST REINDEER, DON YOUR SPARKLES OR IRONIC SEASONAL KNITWEAR AND JOIN IN THE FESTIVE FROLICS

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2024 3.30PM
 DOORS OPEN: 3.00 PM
WEST PARK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
 HARROGATE HG1 1BL
 TICKETS: £12.00 (UNDER 16s FREE)

trybooking.com/uk/EBND

GLASS OF MULLED WINE OR ALTERNATIVE ON ARRIVAL
 CHARITY RAFFLE, LUXURY FOOD AND GIFT HAMPER

htc HARROGATE THEATRE CHOIR
 For the love of music

HORTICAP 40 1984-2024
 Supporting Horticap on their 40th anniversary
 Registered Charity No: 517234



Santa toy appeal returns to support struggling families

Local residents are being urged to donate unwanted toys and games to ensure more children wake up to a gift on Christmas Day.

In its sixth year, the Reuse Santa toy appeal is run by the Yorwaste waste management company in partnership with North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council.

It aims to help families who are struggling with the cost of living by finding a new owner for pre-loved toys.

Donations are being accepted from 18th until 30th November at all the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) which are operated by Yorwaste.

Last year, a record 5,000 items, or 30 van-loads, were donated for children and teenagers who might not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

This was an increase of about 2,000 items from the previous year.

The donated items will be sorted, cleaned and distributed to local organisations and charities including Early Help, No Wrong Door, Ryedale Special Families, Colburn Hub and Community Café and the British Heart Foundation.

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.

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

- *Getting it right for children* is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.

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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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