





Petersgate Post



Welcome back everyone to another busy school year.

As part of our changes, we are starting a new design for our newsletter, which hopefully will be easier to follow and we can illustrate with images or examples of learning.

In this newsletter we will be sharing:

- Developments over the summer
- 50th birthday celebrations for Petersgate
- Reminders
- Attendance and Safeguarding
- Things to celebrate

14th September 2026

Welcome back everyone to a brand new school year. I love the start of term, where we can see how the children have changed and developed over the summer. Also, all of their lovely news which happened over the holiday period.

New academic years bring a fresh start and I would like to take this time to formally welcome Mrs Hughes and Mrs McDermott to the teaching team. Both have had a great start with their new classes.

I would like to take this time to welcome all of our new Year R children and families to the school and we cannot wait to get to know you all.

Thank you to all the parents and families who have welcomed me and all the staff back for a new school year, where I know we will have lots to share and celebrate with you. Keep an eye on our upcoming newsletters for lots of exciting new developments!

If you have any questions, I am out on the gate, so please come and ask.

Developments over the summer







We have had a few developments over the summer, which we have staff to thank for!

Over the summer, Mr Forknall has been very busy - he has completed all his normal work but he has also painted 3 classrooms and our new Sensory Room - The Den, with the help of Mr Canovan. The Den has been painted and has new flooring and we are now awaiting our sensory resources to be purchased. Once complete, we will show you the finished room.

We are also really lucky to have 3 newly built mud kitchens, built from scratch by Mr Forknall. He has designed and built a new mud kitchen for each year group.

Miss Piper has also been busy. Prior to the summer holiday, Miss Piper cleared and sorted our existing library and moved it out of the location where it was, so Hedgehog Class could move in. Over the summer, the library has been relocated to the end of the year 1 corridor. She has worked incredibly hard at organising all the books by theme to make it easier for the children to select and put books back. The library is now ready for the children to use, which I know they have already started.

50th birthday celebration



This year, we will be celebrating Petersgate Infant School becoming 50! On the 7th September 1976, the school opened its doors for the children and families of Clanfield. We will be working with the whole school community to find a way of celebrating this wonderful event, in some way, over the course of the year.

I was wondering if you can help us by sending in any photos, news clippings, anecdotes or stories about your time at Petersgate. This could be from someone who worked here or attended the school.

We will be working with PoPS, staff and governors to give the children time to enjoy these celebrations. We will keep you posted over the course of the year of how this celebration develops and key events happening at school.

Great news!

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Atkinson gave birth to a beautiful baby boy over the summer holiday. I hope you join me in wishing Mr and Mrs Atkinson all the very best for their new arrival. Mrs Atkinson is hoping to come in soon and see the children with her baby very soon.

We also want to extend our congratulations to Mr and Mrs West who are expecting their first baby in January. This is wonderful news and we wish them both well. We will keep you updated with regards the teacher for Otter Class in due course.

PoPS



AGM

October 12th 6_{pm}
At the School

The POPS team run events that raise important funds for the whole school. The AGM is a chance to find out what went well, what didn't and to define the aims and objectives for the coming year.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The work we do together is all about bringing extra value to the kids time at school as well as having some fun along the way!

Also ~ there are actual positions on the committee we need to fill to continue to run!

The available positions are:

Treasurer and Secretary

To find out more or
get involved message
Nick on: 07976772114



WANTED POPS REPS FOR RECEPTION CLASSES!

WHAT'S POPS?! POPS is the parents association for our brilliant school.

WHAT DOES POPS DO?! The POPS Team run events throughout the year to raise important funds for the school.

WHAT DOES A POPS REP DO?! The most important job of a POPS Rep is to share messages to and from your class chats. This can be forwarding promo posters and messages for events or sharing ideas and feedback back to the POPS Team.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

**Volunteer on your class chat so everyone knows,
then sign up with Nick on: 07976772114**



WOW Challenge



A vibrant, green-themed poster for the 'WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge'. The background is a bright green with white clouds and a yellow sun. At the top left, a vertical banner reads 'LIVING STREETS' with 'LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL' next to it. A pink banner below says '2025/26'. The main title 'WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge' is in large, bold, black letters on a yellow background. Below this, a white banner says 'WALK WITH JOY'. A pink banner with the URL 'livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch' is next to it. An orange banner reads 'IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH, PROTECT THE PLANET, WALK TO SCHOOL WITH WOW'. The bottom section features illustrations of diverse children: a girl in a red jacket and goggles on skis, a boy in a wheelchair, a boy with a backpack, and a girl with a backpack standing on a mountain peak. A soccer ball is also shown. The poster is decorated with various icons: a hand holding a paint palette, a hand holding a soccer ball, a hand holding a tree, a hand holding a backpack, and a hand holding a musical note. A small FSC logo is in the bottom right corner.

LIVING STREETS

LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

2025/26

WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

WALK WITH JOY

livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch

IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH,
PROTECT THE PLANET,
WALK TO SCHOOL WITH WOW

Get involved on social media: **#WALKTOSCHOOL**

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On Monday we had our County wide live assembly with the members of Living Streets charity who supports us with the WOW Challenge. The WOW Challenge promotes active travel - whether that is walking, scooting, cycling or using the park and stride facilities around Clanfield to travel to school. We urge and ask all families to complete active travel at least 3 times a week and we can log this on the class Travel Tracker. At the end of the month, the children get to take home the WOW badge for that month. The class with the highest active travel looks after the plushie Strider for the month. This is a free initiative and supported by the charity Living Streets. This is to support children to use active travel to support their physical and mental health and to reduce the air pollution around school.

Please can we remind parents and families that there is no cycling or scooting on school site which includes the playgrounds, car park and paths around school. Please can children dismount at the end of the path and walk their bike or scooter up the path and around school. Please see our school Travel Policy for further details. School Travel Policy¹ and also use this link for further details for the WOW Challenge WOW Challenge²

myHappymind



1 - myHappymind

We are really lucky to continue to have myHappymind fully funded to January 2030. The children have loved being taught this programme, which is taught weekly. This programme supports the children's emotional and mental health. Click on the link to find out further information on myHappymind³

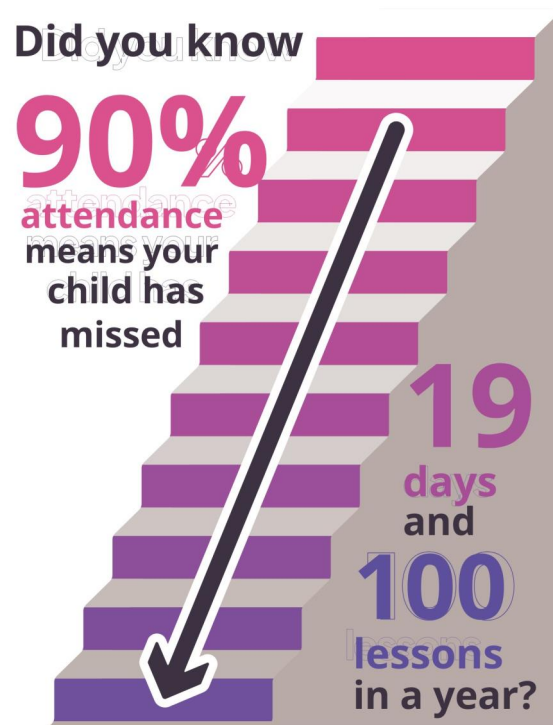
There is an app you can access which has a unique school code. The QR code is displayed around school and the unique access code (which is for our school only) will enable you to access a range of materials to support your child at home. Speak to Miss Daisy and Mrs Mitchell for further details.

¹<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=18>

²<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Travel+to+School&pid=41>

³<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=myHappymind&pid=57>

Attendance



2 - Attendance and punctuality

Please can I remind all parents that the drop off time each day is 8.40-8.50am. After this time, your child will need to come in via the school office and ask for a reason why they are late. We have to log punctuality carefully. We will support families, where we can, with supporting getting their child to school on time.

At the end of the day the gates will open at 3.05pm, where you can move around the site. Doors will be open from 3.10pm-3.20pm and then all gates closed. After this time, children will be taken to the school office for collection. At 3.30pm, if you are not here, then the child will be put into Treetops (Wrap Around Care).

There are many entrances/exits onto school site and to the classrooms. Please can you use the different entrances/exits to ensure we keep congestion at a minimum.

At the end of the day, we will place CJS siblings near the front (although we have many per class) so they can leave as quickly as possible, as this will support you collecting from the junior school.

In terms of attendance, we do expect all children to be in school everyday, this is a legal requirement. If you submit an absence request form, this will be looked at carefully and a decision will be with you if the absence has been authorised. Please see the Attendance policy for further details Attendance Policy⁴

⁴<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=18>



A few reminders



- Please can PE kits come into school and all items named. These need to be placed in a bag for your child and these are stored on their peg. They come home each half

term. Please also ensure school uniform is named to help reunite any lost jumpers/cardigans.

- No earrings during PE please - this is a health and safety risk. Staff are not allowed to tape the earrings. Parents need to remove earrings on the days of PE or tape them before coming to school. Please see the Uniform Policy for further details Uniform Policy⁵
- See Seesaw for your library session each week. Library books need to be returned each week. The title and author of the book will be shared on Seesaw. Please can I ask that water bottles are not put in bookbags as we had a lot of water damaged books last year or they bend the books. If a book is lost or damaged, parents will be asked to replace the book.
- We are a nut free school - so please look carefully in lunch boxes for the items you are sending into school.
- If you send in any recyclable materials for junk modelling, please can these be boxes/containers not be food related. We have a number of children with allergies and any food residue in the boxes can cause an allergic reaction.
- Please do not use the outdoor play equipment before or after school, as it is not supervised during these times and children's safety is our priority. Children have also been reminded of this during assembly.
- Please check that the information we have for you on Arbor is correct and up to date. You can update any of the above information on Arbor. If you do need to amend the current records we hold for you, simply amend the information. This will automatically be sent to the school office so we can approve your request. Once approved these will take immediate effect. For any address changes we will need to see proof of the address you have moved to.

Website

Our website is live!

After the incident last term we are happy to announce that our school website is back up and running with a refreshed look! Please have a look as there is a lot of useful information on there. <https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk>

⁵<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=18>

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