

Petersgate News



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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Petersgate! It has been so lovely to be back with you all this week. Whilst I am sure many of you have lots of positive memories and experiences of lockdown prior to the summer holidays, I know that our children and you, their families, were more than ready to return and resume education as we knew it. The children have loved being back with their friends and we have loved their smiles and enthusiasm!

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adapt to a new normal, particularly around drop off and pick up times. The transition is already becoming far quicker and smoother. Staff will continue to be visible every morning and after school.

I am very much looking forward to a successful partnership with you this year.

PE days

Children are to wear sportswear and trainers (NOT plimsoles) on the days they have PE:

Monday – Octopus & Lobster

Tuesday – Turtle

Wednesday – Manta Ray

Thursday – Seahorse & Whale

Earrings - if your child has their ears pierced they should only wear small studs and on the day they have PE, please either remove them or send in some micropore tape (in a named bag/envelope) so your child can cover them. This is for health and safety reasons. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a clean water bottle in school every day!

Reminders

Gardening

Tuesday 15th – Seahorse

Wednesday 16th – Octopus

A one-way system will continue around the school grounds (please adhere to this). Therefore the back gate will not be in use for Petersgate families.

Social distancing must be maintained

Contact Details

It is vital we have up to date contact details from you.

If you have changed any contact details, telephone/mobile numbers or email addresses, please let the school office know as soon as possible so we can update your child's records. Thank you.

Absence Line—Absences/Medical Appointments

If your child is unwell please ensure you leave a message on the absence line, stating full details including child's name, class and reason for absence by 9am.

We do require you to ring everyday your child is absent. We check for absences daily and if we have not received a message by 9am, we have to assume your child is missing and a telephone call will be made to enquire reasons for their absence.

If your child has a medical appointment and will not be in school for registration, you can also leave a message on the absence line. Please also include whether your child will be having a packed lunch or a school picnic. If a school picnic is required, please state their choice of red or green. We also require evidence of medical appointments i.e. appointment card, medical letter or show a text from your phone to the office, for our records. Thank you.

Late into School

If the doors to the classrooms have closed, please bring your child to the school office, using the one way system.

We will ask the reason why your child is late and we will sign them in on the Late Register. Thank you.

Cool Milk

If you have recently registered your child to receive milk in school via the Cool Milk website, please note it can take up to 10 days for your child to show up on the school's weekly drinking list.

The school pays for all Early Years children to have milk and parents should register their child at www.coolmilk.com if you wish them to receive milk each day. You can also pay online for milk for children in Years One and Two.

Inhalers and Medication

If your child needs to have an inhaler or medication kept in school, please bring this into school as soon as possible.

Could you ensure that the inhaler/medication has not expired. We can only accept medication prescribed by a GP; the inhaler/medication needs to be in the original box provided by the Pharmacy and showing a Pharmacy label with your child's name on. Please could you bring the inhaler/medication to the school office, we will ask you to complete the relevant medical forms, this will only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you.

Packed Lunches and Severe Nut Allergies

We currently have pupils in school that have a severe (life threatening) nut allergy. **We do not allow anything with nuts or that may contain nuts in school.**

This includes (but is not limited to) packed lunches, after school club snacks and birthday treats. Any food item that also states 'may contain nuts/traces of nut' is included in this (most chocolate spreads and chocolate products) so please check the labels.

We ask that packed lunches are as healthy as possible but understand that crisps and small chocolate biscuit bars will be included. However, we ask that sweets and fizzy drinks are not included.

Children do not take their water bottles into the lunch hall with them but water is available in cups. Children may have an additional drink in their packed lunches if you wish.

We would like to thank you for helping us to ensure the safety of all pupils at Petersgate.

School Car Park & Disabled Parking

A reminder that the school car park is closed from 8.20am until 3.30pm except for staff, contractors and drivers who are disabled. Please also note that the car park has a one way system with arrows directing you and please adhere to the speed limit of 5mph. Thank you.

The two disabled bays are for drivers who hold a disabled blue badge only and therefore are not for general use. Please note the disabled blue badge must be clearly displayed. Thank you.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child uses a bike or scooter could we please ask that your child dismounts their bike or scooter at the bottom of the school road and walk it into school and park in the designated areas. This is to help all the children and adults to stay safe.

Health—Diarrhoea and Vomiting 48hr Exclusion Rule

We would like to bring to your attention and remind you of the '48hr exclusion rule' when your child has diarrhoea and/or a vomiting bug.

If your child has been suffering symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting your child must be excluded from school until they have been without symptoms for 48hrs consecutively. This is to help prevent and control the impact of out-breaks and in particular the highly infectious norovirus.

The exclusion reminder comes from Public Health England (South East) in light of reports that children have been allowed to return to school after 24hrs. It is also possible that the 48hr exclusion rule has been misinterpreted to mean 48hrs absence rather than 48hrs symptom free.

Inset Days 2020/2021

For your information the Inset days for the academic year 2020—2021 are as follows:

Monday 23rd November
Friday 12th February
Friday 18th June

ParentMail

ParentMail is the best way of communicating urgent messages and information directly to you either by text or by email. So please check your messages regularly.

We also use ParentMail to book for Parents' Evenings to see your child's class teacher and sending feedback forms to be filled out electronically. This all helps to limit photocopying and saves the school much needed funds!

If you have any problems with using ParentMail please speak to the ladies in the office and they will be happy to help.

Scopay

The school is a cashless office and we would like all everyone to register and create an account with Scopay.

Scopay is the school's online system where you can make payments for Sea Urchins Breakfast and After School Club, make payments and bookings for visits, you can also order book bags, water bottles and replacement bottle lids.

You can use Scopay from the website www.scopay.com or via the upgraded App.

Via the App you can do all of the above except make bookings for the Sea Urchins Before and After School Clubs. Unfortunately at this time this is not a module of the App but will be in the future.

Early Years—registration letters are being given out this week during your child's visit and we ask you to create an account as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 1—parents who have not signed up yet a registration letter has been sent home this week to enable you to create an account as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 1—Visit to Butser Ancient Farm

As part of the Homes topic, Year 1 children will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm. A ParentMail was sent out yesterday with more information. We will be travelling by minibus and classes will be visiting on:-

Octopus—Monday 5th October

Turtle—Tuesday 6th October

Manta Ray—Wednesday 7th October

Consent, payment and lunch choice for this visit is to be made through Scopay at www.scopay.com or by using the Scopay App.

It is important that you give permission for your child to go on this visit, otherwise your child will not be able to go. Could you please ensure you complete the Scopay process by the deadline **Wednesday 23rd September**. Thank you.

If you have any problems with using Scopay, please speak to the ladies in the office.

Years 1 and 2—Gardening

The following classes will be outside in the school garden with Mrs Martin on the following days:-

Seahorse—Tuesday 15th September

Octopus—Wednesday 16th September

Whale—Tuesday 22nd September

Manta Ray—Wednesday 23rd September

Lobster—Tuesday 29th September

Turtle—Wednesday 30th September

Please could you send your child to school dressed in suitable gardening clothes and, if necessary, an old or washable coat. They will need to wear normal school shoes and bring with them a pair of named outdoor shoes/Wellington boots in a named bag. Thank you. Gardening gloves are provided by the school and we will work indoors or under the canopy if the weather is bad. Generously funded by PoPS!

Individual Photographs—Monday 12th October

Yellow School Photographers will be coming into school on Monday 12th October to take individual photographs of your child.

Each child will have an individual photograph taken during school hours.

We apologise we are unable to take sibling photographs this year.

Welcome

During the summer holidays we appointed a new member of our team, Mrs Juliet King. Mrs King will be working alongside Mrs Robb as our second ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) to support the children's emotional health and well-being. Welcome to the Petersgate team, Mrs King!



Starting school in September 2021

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before
1 September 2021, they can start school in September 2021.

For more information go to
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1 November 2020.

**THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
IS FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2021
DON'T MISS IT!**

