Petersgate News

Roberts Bate Infant School

Headteacher Julie Cook

Autumn Term 2020 17th September

Reminders ~ September

Gardening

Tuesday 22nd ~ Whale ~ wear gardening clothes Wednesday 23rd ~ Manta Ray ~ wear sportswear

Year 1 Butser Visit ~ please ensure you have completed the Scopay process by next Wednesday—Thank you

PE Days

Monday ~ Octopus & Lobster

Tuesday ~ Turtle

Wednesday ~ Manta Ray

Thursday ~ Seahorse & Whale

Walk to School Week

Monday 5th ~ Friday 9th October

More details to follow

School Photos ~ Monday 12th October

Octopus and Lobster—school uniform will need to be worn on this day and not sportswear

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 at all times

Welcome to Seesaw

What is Seesaw?

Seesaw is a useful app to create a powerful learning relationship between student, teacher and families whilst maintaining communication between the classroom and home. It is an online journal for your child that can only be accessed by your child, family members and your child's class teacher.

What are we using Seesaw for?

After the success of Tapestry in our Year R classrooms, we would like to develop our ways of communication in both Year 1 and 2. We are trialling different ways that we can use Seesaw as an effective communication and learning tool. Currently we are using Seesaw instead of the red reading diaries to document what is being read in school and at home. We are also sharing any assessments that have been carried out in school and any ways that you can help your child at home. Children are also able to share their achievements e.g. special helper, SCARF certificates or learning to be proud of.

Who is using Seesaw?

Currently we are trialling the Seesaw app with Year 2 children and families. We will begin to use the app with Year 1 families after October half term.

After the first week of using Seesaw we have already received some positive feedback from families!

Which app should I download?

The Seesaw family app allows you to login as a family member and view any posts from your child's class teacher and also communicate with the teacher.

The Seesaw class app allows your child to login to their journal from home and post any work they have completed at home (e.g. reading, phonics homework or spelling homework)

How can I get support using Seesaw?

Please contact Miss Lindsell via the Seesaw app if you are a Year 2 parent or email the admin office if you need any further support to use the app.

As this is a new app for us, we would appreciate any feedback from you about how you find using Seesaw to support your child.

How can I use Seesaw?

The app is available via the app store for apple and android devices. It is also available to use via the Seesaw website.

https://web.seesaw.me/

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Whale Class—Gardening—Tuesday 22nd September

Whale class will be outside in the school garden with Mrs Martin.

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 <u>named</u> outdoor shoes/wellington boots in a <u>named</u> 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!

Manta Ray Class—Gardening— Wednesday 23rd September

A ParentMail was sent out asking Manta Ray class to wear gardening clothes next Wednesday 23rd September. Due to the current situation and because this is also their PE day we have decided that children should come into school in their sportswear only.

Children will still take part in their gardening lesson with Mrs Martin.

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!

Macmillan Cancer Support Wear Macmillan Colours—Thursday 1st October

This year we will be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support on Thursday 1st October but instead of a coffee morning we are asking children and staff to come into school in non uniform and wearing something with the Macmillan colours **Purple**, **Green or White** theme.

We are asking for a donation towards this amazing cause supporting people and their families living with cancer. Thank you for your support.

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Years 1 and 2—Gardening

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

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!

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 on Thursday 10th September 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 next <u>Wednesday 23rd September</u>.

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

Each class will need parent helpers, if you are able to help could you please email the <u>adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk</u> so we can let the class teacher know. Thank you.

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Walk to School Week— Monday 5th to Friday 9th October

We will be taking part in Walk to School Week from Monday 5th to Friday 9th October.

More information will be sent home shortly.

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.

If you child has PE on this day, please ensure they wear their school uniform.

Childcare Vouchers for Sea Urchins Clubs

For your information we do accept childcare vouchers to use on your Scopay account for Sea Urchins Before and After School Clubs.

Could you please ensure that you allow enough time for the vouchers to reach your Scopay account as childcare vouchers can take up to 10 days to clear, so please allow enough time for this.

A reminder your Scopay account must be in credit to book sessions online for before and after school clubs. Thank you.

HCC Calendar

For your information HCC's academic calendar with our inset days is attached at the end of this newsletter.

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Early Years—PE Kits

Early Years will **not** have a specific day for their PE lessons.

Please could you arrange for a PE kit to include a T-shirt, Shorts and Plimsolls in a PE bag and bring into school on <u>Monday 21st September</u>.

Your child's PE kit does not necessarily need to be a green 'Petersgate' t-shirt, we actually prefer them to have something unique to them so they can identify the items as their own. We do ask that your child <u>does not</u> bring in a football kit as their PF kit.

The PE bag will remain in school; this will be sent home at the end of each half term for you to wash and return this on their first day back after the break.

If your child has their ears pierced we only allow small studs and ask that you send in some medical micro-pore tape so the earrings can be covered over for heath and safety reasons.

All items <u>must be clearly labelled</u> with your child's name and ask that their name is also on the outside of their PE bag.

Starting School—September 2021

Will your child be starting school next September 2021 and is born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017?

Due to the current situation and with social distancing we are asking for parents to email the school office <u>adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk</u> and as soon as we have further information we will update you.

Applications for a school place opens on Sunday 1st November. If you would like more information you can find this on HCC"s website hatts.gov.uk/admissions.

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Petersgate Community Celebrations

We would like to extend our celebrations from school achievements to our 'Petersgate Family' achievements. We would like to write your achievements in our weekly newsletter to share with other families and friends.

Perhaps you or your child has taken part in an event, has recently achieved something outside of school or helped in the community. We would love to hear all about it!

If you would like to share with us then please email your stories to adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk with details of all that you have achieved or taken part in. If you have any photos then we would like to add these too. We look forward to hearing your stories and celebrate with the Petersgate Family.

This week we would like to share with you Chloe's 'help in the community' story.

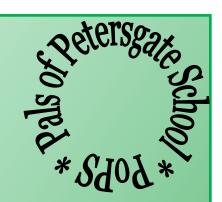
Last weekend Chloe and her big sister noticed there was a lot of litter around the outside spaces in Clanfield and they wanted to do something about it. So Chloe and her family borrowed some equipment and they filled a dustbin bag

within the hour. Well done Chloe, we too are very proud of your efforts in helping making Clanfield litter free!



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This will be our first event of this term to help raise vital funds needed for our school



PoPS Abseil Challenge on Sunday 4th October

Members of the PoPS team, along with Mrs Cook and Mrs Maudsley will be experiencing an amazing adrenalin rush by taking the dive and abseiling a 100 metre descent down the side of Portsmouth's iconic landmark, Emirates Spinnaker Tower!

Please help us reach our target of £2,000 by donating at https://gf.me/u/ysqwkw
Thank you!



SPINNAKER

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Come cheer
Mrs Cook, Mrs Maudsley
and 4 POPs Parents
take the dive!

Fundraising for vital funds for our School...

to donate...

https://gf.me/u/ysqwkw





Pals of Petersgate School (PoPS) is the school PTA.

On Sunday 4th October 2020, members of the PoPS team as well as Mrs Cook, headteacher and Mrs Maudsley, Early Years teacher will be setting themselves a tremendous challenge and experiencing an amazing adrenalin rush by taking the dive and abseiling a 100 metre descent down the side of Portsmouth's iconic landmark, Spinnaker Tower. Not only completing this daring feat to raise money for a new minibus but conquering personal fears and objectives.

Raising money will mean the children will have the opportunities to travel the Southdowns, have educational visits and much more.

Please see the link to our go fund me page or donate as much or as little as you can by completing the form and returning to the office.

https://gf.me/u/ysqwkw

Your support means a lot to us! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Name	Address/Company	Amount	Paid? Yes/No		

Starting school in September 2021

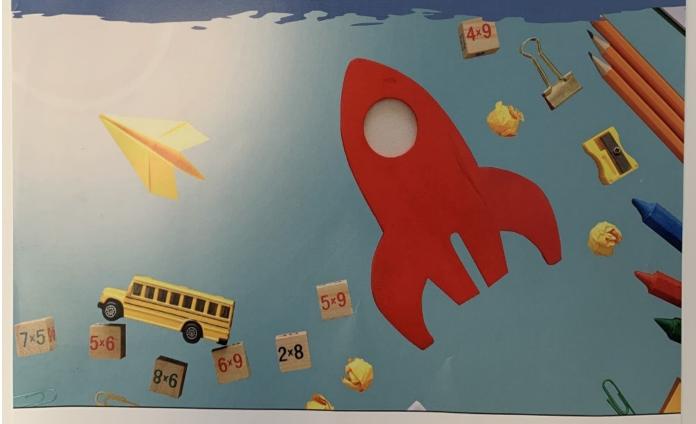
If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before

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!





School Terms And Holidays 2020 – 2021

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2020/21

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