

Petersgate News



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Autumn Term
2020

24th
September

Reminders

September

Tuesday 29th ~ Lobster Gardening
Wednesday 30th ~ Turtle Gardening

October

Thursday 1st ~ Wear Non Uniform
& Macmillan colours—bring a donation

Change of Menu

PE Days

Monday ~ Octopus & Lobster
Tuesday ~ Turtle
Wednesday ~ Manta Ray
Thursday ~ Seahorse & Whale

Walk to School Week

Monday 5th ~ Friday 9th October

Details to follow next week

School Photos

Monday 12th October

School uniform will need to
be worn by all children

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 the new school year everybody.

My name is Joanne Kelly and I am the Year 2 teacher in Whale Class. I am also the English Lead for Petersgate, ensuring that our reading and writing curriculum is engaging, appropriate and well-resourced throughout the school. Part of my role is to:

- ♦ help you to help your child develop their reading skills at home
- ♦ enable you to access a plentiful variety of texts
- ♦ help you to access banded book material at your child's reading level
- ♦ assist you to access information about your child's reading development from their teacher
- ♦ encourage you to share your home reading journey with us via Seesaw and Tapestry.

You are already seeing banded books come home for reading practice and you are sharing what you do at home on either Tapestry or Seesaw. Thank you. It is important that you record your home reading as it enables us to make important assessment decisions about where to go next with your child's learning. A quick photo of the book with comments about their fluency, enjoyment and difficulties is all we need.

There are other ways we will be sending books home for you to share together. Firstly, our class libraries will reopen this week. Your child will be able to choose a library book to take home **every Friday**. They will need to return it the following Friday in order to swap it for another. PLEASE record your reading on Seesaw and Tapestry.

You may also like to request a copy of the recommended reading list for your child's year group from the office.

We will also begin our popular **MUST READ** scheme again in October.

MUST READ...MUST READ...MUST READ

"MUST READ" scheme released beginning of October
8 books that you "must read" this year with your child
Designed to support our taught curriculum
Promotes enjoyment, understanding and vocabulary building

Petersgate are delighted to announce the roll out of our "Must Read" scheme. From the beginning of October every year group will be promoting 8 books which we feel are a "must read" for our children. The books have been especially chosen for you to read to/with your child to promote enjoyment, understanding and vocabulary building. They are designed to back up the curriculum we offer and as such will be referred to by the teacher during English reading and writing lessons. They can be borrowed at any time and as many times as you like, but please try to return them swiftly as each class only has 3 copies of each book!



How can you help?

- ◆ Buy your own copy?
- ◆ Donate your copy to school when your child has finished with it?
- ◆ Gift an extra copy of one of the books to your class?

While you are reading ask lots of questions...

- ◆ Which is your favourite part or favourite character in the book and why?
- ◆ Are there any bits in the book that you don't understand or don't like?
- ◆ Does this book remind you of any others? Are there any common themes in this story? (loss, love, family, friendship, survival, courage, evil, suffering, anger)
- ◆ Can you tell me what has happened so far in the story?
- ◆ What do you think might happen next?
- ◆ Are there any rhyming or repeated patterns? Can you join in?
- ◆ What does that word mean? Can you think of another word that means the same thing?
- ◆ What do you think that character sounds like? What might they say or do next?

Early Years—Must Reads

Must Bring a Hat by Simon Philip

This is Our House by Michael Rosen

Charlie Cook's Favourite Book by Julia Donaldson

How to Hide a Lion by Helen Stephens

Stomp, Chomp Big Roars, Here Come The Dinosaurs! by Kay Umansky

The Bear Who Stared by Duncan Beedle

Diggersaurus Explore by Michael Waite

Tadpole's Promise by Jeanne Willis

Year 1—Must Reads

The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony

The Pirates Next Door by Jonny Duddle

Stanley's Stick by John Hegley and Neal Layton

Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

The Little Green Hen by Alison Murray

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Mr Wolf's Pancakes by Jan FEARLY

Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

Year 2—Must Reads

Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

The Day The Crayons Quit by Drew Daywitt/Oliver Jeffers

The Night Gardener by The Fan Brothers

Samson's Titanic journey by Lauren Graham

Dear Greenpeace by Simon James

The Thing by Simon Puttock

The Tin Forest by Helen Ward

Can I build Another Me by Shinsuke Yoshitake

Scooters and Bikes

For health and safety reasons if your child rides a scooter or bike to school could we please ask they dismount this at the bottom of the school road by Mrs Bailey, our School Crossing Patrol and ensure your child walks their scooter or bike into the school grounds and place in the designated area.

This is to ensure we keep both children and adults safe whilst on the school grounds. Thank you.

Early Years and Year 1—Drop Off & Collection Times

A reminder of the drop off and collection times for Early Years and Year 1.

Could we please ask that you **do not arrive before** the times below in the morning when you drop your child off and at the end of the day to collect your child.

Early Years—8.55am and 3.20pm

Year 1—8.40am and 3.10pm

Thank you for working with us to keep each other safe.

Early Years—Wellington Boots

We would like all children in Early Years to bring in a pair of wellington boots to keep in school.

If you have not yet brought a pair into school could you please bring in as soon as possible, in a named carrier bag. Please remember to clearly label both boots—thank you.

Red Notes

If your child has had an accident/incident involving their head we send a text message via ParentMail to inform you that a 'red note' will be sent home with your child explaining the injury, the cause and situation.

If you have any concerns please contact the school office by email or telephone. Thank you.

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

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 adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk 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 hants.gov.uk/admissions.

Gardening

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

Lobster—Tuesday 29th September

Turtle—Wednesday 30th September

Seahorse—Tuesday 6th October

Octopus—Wednesday 7th October

Whale—Tuesday 13th October

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!

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**.

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

Thank you for your support.



Celebrate School Lunches—Thursday 1st October

On Thursday 1st October, we are giving **all children** the opportunity to choose and try a school picnic lunch.

On this day, there will be a change of menu.

Every child will choose between:

Sausage Wrap (red)

or

Vegetarian Sausage Wrap (green)

with Italian Tomato Pasta

Vegetable Sticks/Fruit Sticks

Dessert of the Day

If your child usually brings a packed lunch, they are welcome to do so on this day also, but will be encouraged to choose and try a school picnic lunch as well.

Children with special menus are able to choose from their usual menu.

If you have any queries please email the school office. Thank you.

Year 1—Visit to Butser Ancient Farm

As part of the Homes topic, Year 1 children will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm. Classes will be visiting on the following days:-

Octopus—Monday 5th October

Turtle—Tuesday 6th October

Manta Ray—Wednesday 7th October

The deadline to order a school picnic lunch has now passed. If you did not book, your child will have to bring a pack lunch from home on the day of the visit.

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

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 next week.



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.

Octopus & Lobster—PE on Monday 12th October

On Monday 12th October, children in Octopus & Lobster class are to wear their school uniform instead of sportswear so they can have their school photograph taken in their uniform.

Both classes will still be having their PE lesson on this day, so could we please ask that your child brings into school for this day only, their PE kit i.e. T-shirt, Shorts & Trainers in a PE bag (ensure all items are clearly labelled). Thank you.

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.

Hi I'm Megan, I have taken over from Sam as the new Chair of the PoPS committee, so I thought I would share a little about myself.



I have a son in Clownfish class. I'm just starting my second year of Early Childhood Studies degree at Portsmouth University.

Sam and the team have done an amazing job and I really hope we can keep the fantastic work going. I'm very excited to join the committee and I would like to thank everyone on the PoPS team for being so welcoming to me.

This year will obviously be different due to Covid but we still have lots of exciting plans to fundraise for the school.

We really appreciate everyone's support so if anyone would like to know more about joining the PoPS team then please let me know.

You may like to get involved and join the committee or just like to volunteer your time at events, either way we would love to welcome you on the PoPS team.

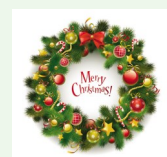
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*PoPS has a Facebook page
PoPS (Petersgate Infant School)
where we share information about
our events and fundraising. Please
join if you are not already in the
group. Thank you!*



**Christmas Card
Artwork—coming
home next week**

**Watch this space
for more Christmas
events, coming very
soon!!**



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!**

