

Petersgate News

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Julie Cook

Autumn Term
2020

22nd
October

Reminders

October ~

Monday 26th-Friday 30th ~ Half Term

November~

Monday 2nd ~ School reopens

PE Days

Monday ~ Lobster

Tuesday ~ Turtle

Wednesday ~ Manta Ray

Thursday ~ Seahorse & Whale

Friday ~ Octopus

Why not become a member of
the school's Facebook page

Petersgate Infant School

Please answer the 2 membership
questions and tick to agree to the
page rules~requests will not be approved
without these being completed.

facebook

Year 1—If you have not already signed up
to **Seesaw** could you please ensure you
do this before Monday 2nd November
A ParentMail for this was sent out last
Friday—Thank you

**All years groups drop off and
collection times**

Drop off times:

- ♦ Year 2—8.30am to 8.40am
- ♦ Year 1—8.45am to 8.55am
- ♦ Early Years—9.00am to 9.10am

Siblings can all be dropped
off/picked up at their classrooms
from the earliest time

Collection times:

- ♦ Year 2—3.00pm to 3.10pm
- ♦ Year 1—3.15pm to 3.25pm
- ♦ Early Years—3.30pm to 3.40pm

Harvest celebrations

At Petersgate we have been learning about Harvest. Whilst usually we would celebrate by singing at the Co-op and collecting food for our local foodbank 'Horndean Foodbank', due to current circumstances we have been unable to do this.

However, Reverend Anne was able to teach us why we celebrate Harvest and we would like to encourage families to try to donate to their local foodbank. These can be often found in supermarkets or local shops or here are some places that you could donate to.

Horndean Foodbank

Horndean and Clanfield Foodbank provides a short-term, free, emergency food supply for families in crisis.

Napier Hall

Portsmouth Road
Horndean
Waterlooville
PO8 9NL

The Trussell Trust Foodbank

Trussell Trust Foodbank support a nationwide network of food banks and together they provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.

Chichester: 78 Orchard St, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1DE

Bognor Regis: Argyle Road, Bognor Regis PO21 1DY

Portsmouth: King's Church Hall Fraser Road Southsea PO5 1EE

RE Curriculum

At Petersgate we follow the Living Difference III planning for our RE teaching. This is an agreed syllabus for religious education (RE) in Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

Living Difference III offers an educative approach to religious education, emphasising a process of enquiry into concepts. Children and young people have the opportunity to respond from their own experience before being introduced to the way others appreciate things.

The Living Difference III guidance can be found here

https://re.hias.hants.gov.uk/pluginfile.php/2464/mod_resource/content/1/Living%20Difference%20III%20pdf.pdf

Miss Chloe Lindsell

Year 2—Seahorse Class Teacher

Reminders: Covid Updates

Please could we remind all parents/carers that if anyone in your household develops any of the COVID-19 symptoms that the whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms must be tested.

We ask that you keep us updated through the process via the adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk email address:

- Inform us of the dates the symptoms started, the person (pupil or family member) and their symptoms
- Let us know the date of the test
- Forward a copy of the test result

This includes throughout the school holidays.

Reminders for after half term:

- Please remember that all adults need to wear face coverings on the school grounds
- Please only arrive at school ready for the allotted time for your child's year group: morning and afternoon
- Keep children with you at all times, please do not let them run off without you and please do not let them use/touch any equipment (this includes our pupils and siblings)
- Remember to send all messages via the school office or Seesaw/Tapestry and avoid passing messages on at the classroom door

We know these requests are not ideal however, the health and safety of all our pupils, families and staff is our highest priority during these times.

Please see our updated website and the 'Remote Learning' page for all COVID updates and information.



The Clanfield Pumpkin Trail



(Petersgate Family suggestion for those of you who
celebrate Halloween!)

In the interest of having a happy and healthy Halloween this year, why not create a pumpkin to go in your window.

As you might not be able to go Trick or Treating in the traditional sense this year, many communities are displaying pumpkins in their windows as an alternative activity for children similar to when we all displayed rainbows in our windows.

The only twist is when you go on your pumpkin trail with your family you take your own bag of sweets and each time they spot a pumpkin you give your child a sweet.

This will be a safer alternative to trick or treating for 2020. You can of course still do this in fancy dress!

**Please display your pumpkins all day and night
on Saturday 31st October**

Important Information regarding Starting School/Year 3 September 2021

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 or will your child be moving up to Year 3?

From **Sunday 1st November** you will be able to apply for a place for Early Years and Year 3 online at hants.gov.uk/admissions for September 2021.

Year 2—A letter from Hampshire County Council was sent by ParentMail on Monday. Please do look at this letter as it has important information regarding applying for a Year 3 place for your child.

New Early Years—Due to the current situation and with social distancing we are unable to undertake tours.

Please see our website for a virtual tour using this link
www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/

If you would like to speak to a member of the Admissions Team, please contact Hampshire County Council on 0300 555 1317.

Year 1—Gardening

Year 1 classes will be outside in the school garden with Mrs Martin on the following days:

Turtle—Wednesday 4th November

Octopus—Wednesday 11th November

Manta Ray—Wednesday 18th November

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!

Early Years—Class Photos The Portsmouth News

The Portsmouth News will be coming into school on **Friday 6th November** to take class photos of Early Years. These photos will be put in the special edition 'First Day at School' newspaper and we will advise you of the dates as soon as we know.

At all times social distancing will be adhered to.

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

BBC Children in Need Non-Uniform Day—Friday 13th November

We will be taking part in BBC Children in Need on **Friday 13th November** to raise money to support thousands of children/young people and help change lives across the UK.

We all know that things have been difficult this year and we can help towards making a huge difference in a time when its needed the most.

This pandemic is having a huge impact on the mental health and wellbeing of children and for those who were already facing disadvantages, life has become incredibly more difficult. So it has never been more important to help towards this charity in providing crucial services for vulnerable children/young people through this crisis.

On this day children can come into school wearing non uniform and wear something yellow in support of mental health and wellbeing for a donation towards this cause.

Thank you.



Request for Spare Uniform

We are in need of school trousers for spare uniform. If you have any trousers you no longer need we would be very grateful if you could kindly donate them. Please pop any donations into the school office—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 something 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.

Yellow Individual Photos

We are expecting the proof of your child's individual photo to arrive in school tomorrow and will then be sent home, please look out for this in your child's book bag.

Due to the current situation, Yellow were unable to take photos with siblings this year. Yellow are offering a 'family discount' to support parents wishing to purchase the photo of their siblings which will provide a 25% reduction on their individual photos purchased (i.e. a sibling family purchasing 2 x individual pack no.7 (10x8) at £12 each would cost £24, but after applying 'family discount' of 25% on the total purchase; the new lower price will be £18).

The easiest way to place an order is via Yellow's website www.smileyellow.com or alternatively you can return your order with payment to your child's class teacher by the closing date. Please note if you are paying by cash, we ask you send in the correct amount as unfortunately no change can be given.

Hampshire Parent Carer Network

Get Togethers

Please note—during the Covid-19 pandemic all of their sessions will run online via zoom, full details and dates can be found on their website here:

www.hpcn.org.uk/what-we-do/

Get Togethers are a great opportunity to meet and share ideas with other parents in your local area over a tea or coffee.

They often have guest speakers on a range of topics, but mostly these sessions give an opportunity for you to have a say in a relaxed and friendly environment.



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Christmas Hamper Raffle

Following on from previous years, we are doing class themed hampers as our Christmas Raffle.

Each class has a specific theme. Please see the list below:



Clownfish—Stationery

Jellyfish—Toys

Starfish—Big Night In

Manta Ray—Christmas

Octopus—Gardening

Turtle—Pets

Lobster—Cooking / Baking

Seahorse—Beauty

Whale—Booze

We will be asking for donations. So after half term we will be asking you to bring in an item to add to your child's class hamper that matches the chosen theme. There will be a box in your child's class for these donations. As always, thank you for your support.

After the hampers are full, tickets will go on sale for the raffle!



Christmas Artwork



Thank you for all the orders for the Christmas Artwork.

We will share how much we raised for the school shortly and your artwork will be sent home to you in your child's bookbag once they arrive!

PoPS Meeting

We will be having our next PoPS meeting after half term to discuss Christmas events.

The meeting will be on Zoom:

Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm

If you would like to join the meeting, please let me know, I will share Zoom details nearer the time!

Thank you for your continued support.

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PoPS (Pals of Petersgate School) 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!