

Petersgate News

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2020

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November

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Reminders ~ November

Friday 13th ~ Children in Need - non uniform/wear yellow

Monday 23rd ~ Inset Day for staff training

PE Days

Monday ~ Lobster

Tuesday ~ Turtle

Wednesday ~ Manta Ray

Thurs ~ Seahorse & Whale

Friday ~ Octopus

Please ensure all adults
wear a mask when on the
school premises—Social
distancing must be
maintained at all times

All years groups ~ drop off
and collection times

Drop of 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

COVID-19—An Update

This week has been a very busy time and we have tried to keep families and friends of Petergate updated with the current situation.

For the first time, we have had positive cases in our school community. As a result, we followed the necessary procedures and guidance given to us by Public Health England.

The national helpline, helped us to identify the next steps and we then sent out letters via Parent Mail that you will have received.

There are essentially 2 letters. One for those who have been in 'close contact' and one more general letter sent to everyone else. For us in school, 'close contact' means a 'bubble' will have to isolate after contact with a positive case. As a result of this, we have 3 classes self-isolating this week but also 8 members of staff, who worked with these classes and are now working from home. Please note your child must remain at home during the self isolating period. We also have a small number of staff across the school who are required to self-isolate as requested by Track and Trace.

Although this has provided some challenges for us, we have coped and the school has remained open for everyone else. We would like to thank you all for your swift responses and for your support for us as a school so that we can continue to keep everyone in our community safe. Your positive comments are very much appreciated!

Lockdown II—As you will no doubt be aware, England has gone back into national lockdown. It is clear that schools will remain open during this period so not too much will change for us. However, it is a good time to remind ourselves that we all must remain as vigilant as possible. As you know, households are now not allowed to mix with other households, even outside (please remember Early Years children cannot go out at all during the current self isolation period). The biggest risk in spreading the virus is through adult to adult contact so please make sure that we keep our distance at all times in school. If you are on the school site, please make sure you wear a face mask (unless exempt for medical reasons) and also avoid getting near anyone else. Although the new national restrictions do not apply directly to us, we must try to reflect the national situation and limit the spread of the virus. Please also avoid speaking to staff at the classroom door.

Remote Learning—We have now started our full remote learning plan (which can be found on our school website) and, so far, it has gone quite smoothly. Obviously we are still learning ourselves and will try to make it as effective as possible, at the same time as making it manageable for teachers. This week, as Early Years children are at home, families have access to a selection of home learning activities on our website. From Monday, a Parent Mail will be sent to Early Years families with home learning set up by our teachers. You can then communicate with the teachers about learning taking place at home.

Staffing—As all our staff are working in bubbles and are unable to cross bubbles, if we start to get limited amounts of staff available we may need to close classes early and put a cap on numbers in the after school club. We will of course keep you informed if things change. Thank you for your understanding.

Science at Petersgate

Science at Petersgate is full of explorations, discovery and investigating the world around us, starting with the things and events that surround us in everyday life!

In Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) we learn about:

- * Materials, their properties and why we choose certain materials to do jobs
- * Pushes, pulls and their effects
- * How animals survive
- * Animal life cycles
- * Habitats and how the seasons affect them
- * How do plants grow?
- * Making new plants

In Early Years our Science strand is covered within 'Understanding the World':

- * Noticing similarities & differences in materials and living things
- * Discovering the features of our immediate environment
- * Observations of animals, plants and why changes occur

We are very lucky at Petersgate because we have such great school grounds with different habitats - the field, woodlands, hedgerows, a pond and the school garden.

This outside environment is the perfect place for us to carry out our Longitudinal Studies. These enable children to observe seasonal changes in different habitats for a whole year!



EYFS; We are watching the changes that happen in the Hawthorn bushes and noticing the changes in the weather too!

Year 1; Steve the Stick Insect wants to visit from Australia. Where in the school grounds will he find most friends (minibeasts) and will they be there all year?



Year 2; Do all plants produce flowers and seeds and what happens to them after they have flowered?



Petra Maudsley
EYFS Jellyfish Class Teacher/Science Leader

Attendance—October

Clownfish	98.6%
Jellyfish	96.2%
Starfish	96.9%
Manta Ray	97.6%
Octopus	98.6%
Turtle	97.5%
Lobster	97.1%
Seahorse	98.4%
Whale	97.2%

Well done
to
**Clownfish & Octopus
Classes**

Harold the Happy Healthy Giraffe—October

Harold is the school mascot for our **SCARF** values, which are linked to the Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) curriculum.



Every month, we focus on a different school 'value'. At the end of the each month, a child who has consistently demonstrated this value in a variety of ways will take Harold home for the weekend. Ask your child about the colours on Harold's scarf.

- S** safety
- C** caring
- A** achievement
- R** resilience
- F** friendship

Congratulations to everyone who earned Harold by consistently showing the '**Safety**' value through October. Well done!

CANCELLED—Year 1 and 2 Cooking & Gardening

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, children in years one and two will not be able to take part in cooking or gardening lessons at the present time.

Children in Need—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.

On this day children can come into school in non uniform and wearing something yellow for a donation towards BBC Children in Need. Thank you.



Apply for a School Place—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?

You can now apply for a place for Early Years and Year 3 online at hants.gov.uk/admissions for September 2021. The closing date for applying is Friday 15th January 2021.

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.

Yellow School Photos—Order Closing Date

The closing date to order your child's school photo is Tuesday 17th November. Yellow has a 'family discount' due to the current situation, parents wishing to purchase the photo of their siblings 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 to send in the correct amount as unfortunately no change can be given.

Inset Day—Monday 23rd November

The school will be closed to children on Monday 23rd November for staff training.

The school reopens to children on Tuesday 24th November at 8.30am.

Water Bottles

Could we please ask that your child does not have squash in their water bottle in class, only water is permitted. 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.

Skoolkit

Here we go again!

Following government guidance, we will be closing our 6 stores from 5th November.

We will reopen as soon as we are told it is safe to do so.

If you have placed an order instore you will not be able to collect from the store after 5th November so we will now post your order out to your home address.

Orders can continue to be placed online via our website for home delivery.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

www.skoolkit.co.uk



Christmas Artwork

The Christmas Artwork orders have arrived. Artwork for Years 1 and 2 will be given out next Monday and Early Years will be given out on Monday 16th November. Thank you so much for all your orders, we will share with you the amount we raised shortly!



Christmas Hamper 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—Beverages



We are really grateful for all the donations we receive. If you would like to donate to the Christmas Hamper Raffle then please send these in with your child and they can place this in their Christmas Hamper Box in their classrooms.

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

PoPS Meeting

The PoPS meeting to arrange Christmas events was postponed this week and we are going to rearrange this for next week.

If anyone would like to join the Zoom meeting please contact me and I can send details.



Don't forget we have a textiles recycling bank on the school grounds.

By filling the textile recycling bank with your unwanted items you can help raise even more vital funds needed for our school, a filled container could raise £40!

Items you can recycle are:

adult / child / baby clothing
school uniform with logos
paired shoes
military clothing / footwear
handbags / other bags
wallets / purses
hats / belts / jewellery / accessories
unused perfumes / toiletries
bed sheets / pillow cases / duvet covers
towels / curtains / soft toys

So why not clear out your wardrobes and drawers and recycle all your unwanted items into the container located in the school car park.

Astra Recycling **DO NOT** accept clothes that are wet, soiled, unwashed, contaminated with oil or paint or damaged, duvets, quilts, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs, pieces of material, bric-a-brac, books, CD's or DVD's.

Since we have had the textile bank we have raised £147.80 for our school. Thank you so much for using the recycling bank!

Thank you so much for all your 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!