

# Petersgate News

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Please take a look at our updated website

[www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk)

We would welcome your comments via email

[adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk)

## Reminders~December

Christmas Lunch order by Monday 7th

Christmas Jumper Day~Friday 11th

## Christmas Card Post Boxes

From Tuesday, Christmas Card Post Boxes will be in each year group—please only send to other children & teachers in your child's year group bubble



Please ensure social distancing is maintained at all times and all adults wear a mask when on the school premises—thank you

# Geography at Petersgate

Geography at Petersgate involves learning about the amazing, diverse world we live in starting with our local area and how we can look after it!

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

- \* Human & Physical Geography and all the related vocabulary
- \* Place Knowledge - using world maps, atlases and globes
- \* Local Knowledge - in and around Clanfield
- \* Map work and directional vocabulary
- \* Field work - using our school grounds

## In Early Years our Geography strand is covered within 'Understanding the World'

- \* Noticing similarities & differences in places
- \* Discovering the features of our immediate environment and how environments can differ

During the Autumn term, part of the Geography work across the school has involved map work which we would like to share with you...



**EYFS:** Hunted for items in the woodland on an Elmer walk and then created maps for others to find these things in the woods



**Year 1:** Visited and looked at house types in Clanfield and then added these to maps they made in the classroom



**Year 2:** Looked at map symbols by playing bingo and then created their own maps using the symbols



**Petra Maudsley,**  
**Jellyfish Class Teacher/Geography Subject Leader**

## Christmas 2020

2020 has indeed thrown us a number of challenges to overcome and everyone adapts and makes the changes needed at that time.

Christmas at Petersgate, in any other year, would mean craft, fayres, singing and Performances for our audiences to enjoy.

We have undertaken risk assessments for practically every event so that we can keep Christmas as fun and unaffected as possible. However, the one event which sadly cannot go ahead this year is the Christmas Performance for families. We cannot invite you into school to sit in the hall together whilst you watch your most precious little ones act and sing, wearing costumes on the stage and this upsets us as much as it will upset you.

Therefore, we have been working behind the scenes to provide you with the next best thing...the 2020 virtual production!

This will look different in each year group. The staff teams have already been preparing and organising at school (your children may have even been singing songs at home) and during the last week of term you will be treated to a videoed performance which will be sent to you via Tapestry, Seesaw or ParentMail.

We hope you will very much enjoy these performances and no doubt you will be extremely proud of your children as always!

## Early Years-Maths Workshop

Please take a look at our website for new information for Early Years! You will be able to find out how we teach maths at school with a useful video produced by Mrs Ankers—our Maths Leader.

Please use this link

[www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/learning/curriculum/early-years-curriculum](http://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/learning/curriculum/early-years-curriculum)

There are also some leaflets with fun ways to help your child.

## Other Workshops

Please keep an eye out for more workshops; Phonics and Maths for Years 1 and 2 coming soon on our website.

## Christmas Card Post Box



This year, we will have Christmas Card Posting Boxes in each year group bubble. Please could we ask that your child only sends Christmas cards to their friends and teachers in their own year group bubble.

From **Tuesday 1st December**, children are welcome to bring their Christmas cards into class and post them. The cards will be sorted and delivered by our elves to each class. A list of children's names for your child's class will be uploaded to either Tapestry or Seesaw.

Please ensure the envelopes are clearly marked with:

**first name, initial of surname and class**

The last day for posting cards will be on Wednesday 16th December.



## Non Uniform and Wear a Christmas Jumper On Friday 11th December



On Friday 11th December, **children can come to school in non uniform and wear a Christmas Jumper**, if your child does not have a Christmas Jumper, they can wear anything 'Christmassy'!

Please note that the children will still be going out to play and doing the usual school things so please do not send them in their best clothes. There is no cost involved so you do not need to send in any donations. 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 apply for a place for Early Years and Year 3 online at [hants.gov.uk/admissions](https://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/](http://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.

## Christmas Lunch—Friday 18th December

A form has been sent via ParentMail to enable you to order a Christmas Lunch. Children can choose a Christmas Party Snack Box or bring a packed lunch in from home on Friday 18th December. Children will enjoy this in their classrooms.

If you would like your child to have a Christmas Party Snack Box, please choose a red or green option or if you are going to provide a home packed lunch on this day please choose this option.

The online order form is to be completed by **all** children by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at the latest. Thank you.

The options are:

**Pizza Bites / Sausage Roll  
Turkey in a Roll / Vegetable Sticks  
(Red)**

or

**Pizza Bites / Vegan Sausage Roll  
Cheese in a Roll / Vegetable Sticks  
(Green)**



**Rice Krispie Cake  
(shaped like a Christmas Pudding) or Fruit Wedges**

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

## Schools Out—Friday 18th December

On the last day of term, Friday 18th December, the school will close early for the Christmas holidays. Children will have their Christmas Lunch in class before they go home.

Collection times will be staggered for each year group:

**Year 2 — 12.30pm  
Year 1 — 12.40pm  
Early Years — 12.50pm**

Please note there will be **NO** Sea Urchins After School Club.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Year 2—Clanfield Junior School Virtual Tours

You may be considering which Junior School your child will move on to next September 2021. Clanfield Junior School have a virtual tour and this can be found on their website in the Video Resource Centre—

[www.clanfieldjunior.primarysite.media/media/virtual-tour-2020](http://www.clanfieldjunior.primarysite.media/media/virtual-tour-2020).

You can also book a ten-minute telephone conversation with Miss Staggs, headteacher by using the following link

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code?code=c3eg5](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code?code=c3eg5).



## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Wow the Christmas Hampers are looking amazing! Thank you so much for all your donations, today is the last day for donations, we will take photos of the finished hampers and share them on the PoPS Facebook page, so please join if you haven't already!

Tickets will be sent out in book bags next Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November for you to buy! So please keep an eye out for these!

Each ticket is 50p in books of 5 for £2.50. The ticket will have a tick box option, so you can choose which raffle box you would like to win, it is one option per ticket. Please ensure you complete the tickets fully!

If you would like to buy the raffle tickets, please could your child bring in the completed tickets and the money in a named envelope marked '**PoPS Christmas Raffle**' and hand to their class teacher by **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

If you want to buy extra tickets, please contact me!

We will be drawing the raffle on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December!**

Thank you so much for all the support and good luck on the raffle!

Here are some photos of the hampers so far, we will share more photos once we have decorated them.



Clownfish—Stationery



Jellyfish—Toys



Starfish—Big Night In



Manta Ray—Christmas



Octopus—Gardening



Turtle—Pets



Lobster—Cooking/Baking



Seahorse—Beauty



Whale—Beverages





**Years 1 & 2—**

## **Christmas Present Shopping**

*Apologies we made a mistake last week in the newsletter, the Christmas Shopping day is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** not a Monday, all other details were correct!*

From **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** we would really appreciate donations of gifts suitable for all adults. Ideas for gifts could be toiletries, candles, trinkets, tins of sweets, etc. The deadline for donations is **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**.

On **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December** we are asking for the children to bring a donation of £2.00, so on the Christmas Shopping Day they can buy two gifts. Please send money in a named envelope marked **'PoPS Christmas Present Shopping'** to give to the class teacher.



On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** Years 1 & 2 children will have their Christmas Shopping Day where they can choose two gifts. The children will then be able to wrap their gifts and bring them home.

# Early Years— Magic Reindeer Food Making



On Monday 7th December we are asking your child to bring in a donation of £1.00.

Please send money in a named envelope marked 'PoPS Reindeer Food' to give to the class teacher.

On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, Early Years children will be making reindeer food with bird seed, oats and lots of glitter to bring home ready for Christmas Eve!

Thank you for your continued support.

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