

Petersgate News

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2020

10th
December



Tomorrow, 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'!



Christmas Cards

Children can bring their Christmas Cards to school, please ensure they only post cards for their own year group bubble ~ last day to post cards is Wednesday 16th December

Reminders~December

Last day of term Friday 18th ~
Christmas Picnic Lunch

Early finishing times:-

Year 2 — 12.30pm

Year 1 — 12.40pm

Early Years — 12.50pm

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

Music at Petersgate

Our Music curriculum at Petersgate aims to engage and inspire our children and to develop their love and appreciation of music.

In Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1) the children learn to:

- ◇ use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes
- ◇ play tuned and untuned instruments musically
- ◇ listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music
- ◇ experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the eight inter-related dimensions of music including pitch, tempo and dynamics

In Early Years, our Music learning is covered in our 'Expressive Arts and Design' area of learning where the children learn to:

- ◇ sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them
- ◇ represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories

Listen to Me

We are very lucky to have to have Mr. Hoskins from Hampshire Music Service (HMS) come into school once a week to deliver 'Listen to Me' sessions, which is very kindly funded by PoPS. Currently, he is teaching in Year 2, giving the children the amazing opportunity of learning to play ukulele. During the second half of the year, he will be teaching African drumming to Year 1 where the children will experience playing an exciting range of drums and explore playing different rhythms.





Music Mark Award



We are very proud to be a Music Mark School Member; nomination and payment for which came from HMS. This recognises our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all of our children and gives us many benefits including access to a wide range of music resources.

Christmas is coming!

At Petersgate, we have been busy practising our Christmas songs and performances and we can't wait for you to see them, via video, very soon!



Carly Hutchinson
Clownfish Class Teacher/Music Subject Leader

Seesaw and Tapestry

Our online platforms have proven to be a success in communicating with you.

We would just like to let you know, that when posting to Tapestry and Seesaw (including direct messages) please do not expect a reply outside of normal working hours. Teachers are advised that in order to maintain a good work/life balance they should not respond after 6pm or at weekends. Thank you.

Change of Menu—Thursday 17th December

As we are having a Christmas Lunch Picnic Box on the last day of term, we will be serving Friday's menu on **Thursday 17th December** as follows:

Fish Fingers with chips (red)
Jacket Potato with Cheese (green)
Dessert of the day (chosen on day)

Christmas Lunch—Friday 18th December

The deadline for ordering a Christmas Lunch has now passed, if you have not ordered a Christmas lunch for your child please ensure you bring a packed lunch from home on this day.

For your information, if you have forgotten what you have chosen for your child you can still view your choice on ParentMail Forms.

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.

Closing Date to Apply for a School Place

The closing date to apply for Early Years and Year 3 place for September 2021 is Friday 15th January 2021

Please apply for a place online at hants.gov.uk/admissions.

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 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.

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.

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.

This week we would like to share with you news about Arthur from Octopus class.

Arthur plays football for Clanfield Colts and he has been trying to win the 'Player of the Week' award since September!

Arthur has been practising his football skills during lockdown and on Saturday he was awarded 'Player of the Week' and got to take home the trophy.



Well done Arthur from everyone at Petersgate, we too are very proud of you. Your commitment and never giving up certainly showed by being awarded this trophy!!



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets are still on sale until Wednesday 16th December, please could your child bring in the completed tickets and money in a named envelope marked '**PoPS Christmas Raffle**' and give to their class teacher by the end of the day on **Wednesday 16th December**.

Each raffle ticket is 50p or in books of 5 for £2.50. Each ticket will have a tick box option, so you can choose which hamper you would like to win. Please ensure you fill out the tickets fully. **You need to pick one hamper per ticket and include a name and contact number.** Please fill out every ticket in the book, not just the first ticket.

If you would like to buy extra tickets, please email the school office at adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk and they will arrange for more tickets to be sent home with your child.

Co-op, Clanfield has generously donated this lovely Christmas Treat hamper! This will be a bonus hamper after all the hampers are drawn! We will put all the tickets together and draw a winner!



We will be drawing the raffle on Thursday 17th December at 12 noon!

Any raffle ticket books that you do not need could you please return them to the school office as soon as possible—thank you.



Years 1 & 2— Christmas Present Shopping

Thank you so much for all your lovely gifts and money for the shopping day. Tomorrow, **Friday 11th December** Years 1 & 2 children will have their Christmas Shopping Day where they can choose up to two gifts. The children will then be able to wrap their gifts and bring them home.

If you have not sent in money for your child to spend tomorrow, please bring in a suggested donation of up to £2.00 in a named envelope marked **'PoPS Christmas Present Shopping'** and give to their class teacher.

Early Years— Magic Reindeer Food Making



Thank you so much for the donation towards making Reindeer food. Tomorrow, **Friday 11th December**, Early Years children will be making reindeer food with bird seed, oats and lots of glitter to bring home ready for Christmas Eve!

If you have not sent in money for your child to make reindeer food, could you please bring in a suggested donation of £1.00 in a named envelope marked **'PoPS Reindeer Food'** and give to their class teacher.

Father Christmas



On Thursday 17th December, Father Christmas will do a walk round the school, waving to the children through the window, leaving a sack of gifts at each classroom door! We are very excited for Father Christmas even though we can not visit him in his Grotto.

This is a gift from PoPS , however we do rely on donations. If you would like to donate, it will go towards extracurricular activities for the children. We will have a bucket at the front gate on Thursday 17th December.

Thank you so much to everyone for your donations. All the money we raise will help pay towards music, gardening, cooking and extra equipment for your child to enjoy in school.

All of the PoPS team really appreciate your continued support!

Any questions please contact me.

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PoPS (Petersgate Infant School) 



Clownfish—Stationery



Jellyfish—Toys



Starfish—Big Night In



Manta Ray—Christmas



Octopus—Gardening



Turtle—Pets



Lobster—Cooking/Baking



Seahorse—Beauty



Whale—Beverages