

Petersgate News

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Headteacher
Julie Cook

Autumn Term
2020

17th
December

Tomorrow

Friday 18th December
Christmas Lunch

Children will have this in
their classrooms ~ you can
check on ParentMail Forms
to see what you ordered for
your child

Tomorrow

Last Day of Term
Friday 18th December

Early finishing times

Year 2 — 12.30pm

Year 1 — 12.40pm

Early Years — 12.50pm

Tomorrow—please note all children are to
wear full school uniform

Tomorrow—last day
to reunite any
lost property
with their
owners!

Reminders ~ January

Monday 4th January
School Reopens at 8.30am

Schools Out—Friday 18th December

As the Autumn Term comes to an end, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the year 2020 and make sure that we are taking some positives away from the experiences we have had.

Firstly I would like to say that I truly believe this term is one of the best we have experienced in terms of communication and community spirit. We have come together as families and school despite the physical distance we have had between us. Seesaw and Tapestry have come into their own this term and I know that you also have many positive things to say about the communication this year. Teachers have told me they feel more than ever that 'we are in this together with parents'.

We have learnt that we can put together 'Virtual Christmas Productions' and (shhhh!) a Petersgate Staff Pantomime! We hope you enjoy these!

Thank you to the staff team for their passion, drive and dedication—you're incredible!

I have personally been blown away by the positive comments and your queries about the welfare of our team this term. Thank you. Some of us have 'limped to the finish line' but we have all done so with smiles on our faces and a sense of pride at the impact we have had on our children.

The children make me proud every day with their resilience and determination — they are truly a credit to you. They run into school with energy and enthusiasm, willingness to learn and kindness in their hearts.

Although I have missed terribly being able to spend time with the children in their classrooms (and I have shed a tear or two over this!), I appreciate those moments on the school gates each day when I can greet every single one of you. What a community we are!

I do hope you have an amazing Christmas this year, however small it may be. Cherish your families and enjoy every moment.

We cannot wait to see you in 2021 ready to start new term and make many more memories!

Stay Safe and Healthy

Mrs Cook



Petersgate Team wish you a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year for 2021!

Thank you!

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who provided a comment for my secret Positivity Project.

I was overwhelmed with approximately 100 messages!

I made this into a booklet for every member of our team to keep and look back on and I know that it was appreciated very much.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all safe and well in the New Year.

Miss Carter
School Office

Gifts/Presents/Treats—NO NUTS!

As mentioned in a ParentMail sent on Monday, this is a polite reminder that we must ask that any gifts/presents/treats that are brought in to school for staff or pupils do **NOT contain nuts or traces of nuts**. This also includes in boxes of biscuits and chocolates.

Since sending the ParentMail on Monday we are still receiving gifts containing nuts. Whilst we really appreciate the lovely gestures and they do brighten our day, we do have **children with life threatening allergies** in school and our priority must be to keep them safe.

Thank you.

Nativity Performances

We will be uploading the Nativity Performances for all year groups onto Tapestry and Seesaw for you to watch.

Please ensure that these performances are **NOT** to be shared on any social media platforms—thank you for your understanding!

We have been extremely busy doing plenty of Art this term at Petersgate Infant School. From painting to printing, here are some of the fun learning opportunities we have taken part in recently. Our Art curriculum encourages our children to experiment and generate ideas, both individually and collaboratively, to create final pieces encompassing a range of skills. Art is a fantastic opportunity to explore their creativity freely, through a range of media.



In Key Stage 1, our Art learning offers children the opportunity to:

- ◇ use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- ◇ use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- ◇ develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- ◇ learn about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.

In Early Years, Art provision stems mainly from two aspects of learning within Expressive Arts and Design - Exploring and Using Media and Materials, and Being Imaginative.

By the end of Reception, most children will safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. They will use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas through Art.

Art resources are a large part of our continuous provision, so children are able to engage in activities when they choose.

We have also recently enjoyed creating Christmas decorations and taking part in Christmas craft activities. Here are some of our creations.



Christmas Lunch—Friday 18th December

A reminder tomorrow, Friday 18th December, Christmas Party Snack Box menu is:

Pizza Bites / Sausage Roll / Turkey in a Roll / Vegetable Sticks

or

Pizza Bites / Vegan Sausage Roll / Cheese in a Roll / Vegetable Sticks

Dessert—to be chosen tomorrow

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

If you chose a packed lunch from home on ParentMail please ensure your child brings this into school to enjoy with their class.

Sad Farewells

Tomorrow we say goodbye to **Mrs Chris Love, Seahorse Lunch Leader** who has decided to move on to pastures new. Thank you for your help in Seahorse Class.

In January we will sadly be saying goodbye to **Claire Woods, our School Cook**.

Claire has been part of the Petersgate Team for 7 years and felt it was the right time to change her career path and pursue a nursing/care role.

We all wish her the best of luck as she moves on to her new challenge...you will be amazing!

New Lunch Leaders

Welcome to Petergate Team, two new Lunch Leaders **Mrs Jana King** and **Mrs Sara Elkins**.

Mrs King will be Lunch Leader for Starfish and Mrs Elkins will be Lunch Leader for Seahorse Class.

Staffing from January 2021

Staffing arrangements for Year 1 from January 2021:

Manta Ray

Mr Wilson with Mrs Driscoll & Miss Maclachlan

Octopus

Mrs Ivemy / Mrs Ankers with Mrs Mitchell (am) & Mrs Bertram (pm)

Exciting Baby News!

We are very excited to announce (to those who have not already heard) that Ms Ritchie in Octopus class is expecting a baby in March!

Due to the current climate and advice from her midwife, Ms Ritchie will be starting her maternity leave earlier than originally planned. This means she will not be returning as a member of staff in January until after her baby is born.

We wish her and her family all the best and look forward to updates in the New Year.

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.

Christmas Shopping Day and Reindeer Food



We raised £296 from the shopping day and £82 from Early Years reindeer food! Thank you all for your donations and support. The children really enjoyed themselves, and it's been lovely to hear how excited the children were!

Christmas Hamper Raffle

We raised an amazing £1,155 from the Christmas hamper raffle tickets!

Well done to all the winners, please see the list below. The videos of the draw will be uploaded to our Facebook page.

I will contact the winners and arrange collection/delivery of the hampers.

Clownfish – Stationery – Noah H-H
Starfish – Big Night In – Mrs Maudsley
Jellyfish – Toys – Melissa (Jellyfish)
Manta Ray – Christmas – The Moore Family
Octopus – Gardening – Amelia B
Turtle – Pets – Sarah Spooner
Lobster – Baking & Cooking – Sam Wells
Seahorse – Beauty – Sophie V-S
Whale – Beverages – Alyssa Johnson
The Bonus Hamper from Co-op – P Harrison

Well done to all the winners!

Merry Christmas

From all the PoPS team we would like to say a huge thank you for all your support and helping us raise lots of funds for the children and the school!

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope everyone has a lovely Christmas break.

I personally would like to say thank you so much for making my first term with PoPS so enjoyable!

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