

Petersgate News

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Support for Families

If you are finding family life challenging, please find below some useful links

Action for children — www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk

Turning Point — www.turning-point.co.uk

Mind — www.parents.actionforchildren.org.uk

Solent Mind — www.solentmind.org.uk

Young Minds — www.youngminds.org.uk

Family Action — www.family-action.org.uk

Support Line — www.supportline.org.uk

NHS — www.nhs.uk

Place 2 Be — www.place2be.org.uk

Barnardos — www.barnados.org.uk

Fish — www.fish.hants.gov.uk

Hampshire Educational Psychology —
www.documents.hants.gov.uk

Child Mental Health & Wellbeing — SSS Learning have produced 10 Top Tips for parents — www.ssscpl.co.uk

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

Open Futures

We all aim to support our children's development as life-long learners, equipped with the skills, values and curiosities that will support them as they grow and meet new challenges. The first-hand, practical experiences offered through our 'Open Futures' curriculum supports children to develop their confidence and self-esteem, as well as skills in reasoning, discussion and collaboration as they grown and cook food. It also offers opportunities to deepen their understanding in English, maths, science and history outside of the classroom.

The 'Grow it' strand is an exciting and practical way of teaching both the curriculum and horticulture to the children. The practical activities are supported by more theory based learning.

The 'Cook it' strand teaches the children the key skills to use in cookery as well as teaching the curriculum. Cookery is a wonderful cross curricular way for the children to learn literacy, numeracy, science and history.

In the autumn term, children in Reception have been introduced to the vegetable patch and garden, have learnt how to handle some of the tools and have taken turns to harvest and taste some of things growing there.



Year 1 have been harvesting wheat from the garden and making links to their learning in Science and Maths by discussing where the seasons of planting, growing and harvesting fall over the different seasons. They discussed how the wheat is made into flour, and that, although harvesting is now mainly carried out by machinery, it used to be done by hand in the past.

Mr Alyn Wilson

Manta Ray Class Teacher / Subject Lead for Open Futures

Notification of COVID Testing—Our Plea!

Sadly, it has come to our attention that there have been circumstances where families have had to isolate or had COVID tests and our school has not been notified in a timely manner.

We ask that we are kept fully informed with any issues relating to COVID-19 so that we can take steps to protect our staff and children.

If we do not receive notification of tests or results, we are potentially risking further transmission within our school family.

Home Learning Expectations

Please find on our website a document titled '[Home Learning Information for Parents](#)'.

Within this, you will notice that we do not expect every child to take part in every piece of home learning posted on Tapestry or Seesaw. Please prioritise your family's wellbeing.

We do ask however, that you make contact with your child's class teacher each week and post at least two pieces of learning.

If we do not have this regular communication, we will naturally worry about you and Mrs Cook will telephone you to make sure you are okay.

There have, thankfully, not been many so far and you are all doing a tremendous job navigating our learning and communication apps to share what you are doing at home.

Staff Testing

This week we received the Lateral Flow Rapid Testing kits for staff and are beginning to report our results. This asymptomatic testing is designed to reduce the possibility of transmission of COVID-19.

Please be aware however, that should we have positive results, we will have to close bubbles whilst we await a PCR test result. If this result is then negative, children will be able to return to school.

We will of course, keep you as informed as possible.

Over the past few weeks we have received so many positive comments from parents. Did you know that you can upload your comments via Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

This is completely anonymous and it would be good for prospective parents for the next academic year to see your views on our school.

Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, suggested that parents should contact Ofsted if, after talking with schools, they were not happy with remote learning...over 5,000 parents then contacted Ofsted to tell them how wonderful their schools were!

If you would like to share your positive views more publicly, we would welcome you doing so! Please go online to answer the multiple choice questions.

Thank you in advance!

Free Links for Home Learning

Reading and English links

Storyline Online	https://www.youtube.com/user/storylineonline
Michael Rosen	https://www.youtube.com/user/artificedesign/videos
Oxford Owl	https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/
David Walliams	https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/
The Literacy Shed	https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/free-resources
Julia Donaldson	https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=julia+donaldson+stories

Phonics

Epic Phonics	https://www.youtube.com/user/teachinguk
Phonics Play username: jan21 Password: home	https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/
Reading Eggs	https://readingeggs.co.uk/
BBC Bitesize	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvq9bdm
Phonics Bloom	https://www.phonicsbloom.com/

Additional Lessons

Oak National Academy	https://classroom.thenational.academy/
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Educational Games

Phonics Play username: jan21 Password: home	https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/
Education City	https://www.educationcity.com/
BBC Bitesize	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary

Let's Get Moving

BBC Supermovers	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers
GoNoodle	https://www.gonoodle.com/
Music & Movement	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g64pk
Joe Wicks	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ
Cosmic Kids Yoga	https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga
The Great Indoors	https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-outdoors/

Print Outs and Activities

Twinkl	https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents
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