

Petersgate News

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Spring Term
2021

11th February



Reminders—February

Tomorrow, Friday 12th — School Closed—Inset Day
Monday 15th to Friday 19th — Half Term

POPS — Half Term Event

See inside for more details



COVID—19

Please remember it is vital you keep us up to date, even during the half term break, with any symptoms, tests and results from anyone in your household via the school [email address](#)

We also need to know if a pupil is required to self-isolate due to track and trace or close contact with a positive case

Thank you for helping keep everyone safe

PSHE



During this lockdown period, we have been focusing on children's personal, social, emotional and mental wellbeing. Lots of this has come from our PSHE learning! In Early Years, we have been thinking about how we can communicate with others using technology, during a time when we cannot meet up with all of our friends and family.

Therefore, we have been learning all about e-safety and keeping safe online and enjoyed the Digiduck story.

The SCARF resources that we have been using within school have also been adapted to suit remote learning. They have been released as half termly units, filled with activities to promote your child's Personal, Social, Health and Economic development and we have shared these on both Seesaw and Tapestry for you to access.



Therefore, please do have a look at these if you have not yet had the chance, and keep your eyes peeled next half term for a new unit! We have already seen some fantastic PSHE home learning happening across the school, well done Petersgate!

Miss Becca Mallendar
Starfish Class Teacher / Subject Leader for PSHE

Inset Day—Friday 12th February

A reminder that tomorrow, **Friday 12th February** the school will be closed to pupils for an inset day.

Schools Out for Half Term!

We hope you all have a relaxing half term break.

School reopens on Monday 22nd February at 8.40am for children of critical care workers only.



Congratulations!

We would like to share with you, Miss Chloe Lindsell, Seahorse Class teacher has completed a course with Seesaw and is now an **accredited Seesaw Ambassador** which allows her to support, not only our school but our community, lead training courses and access exclusive features and content.

Well done, Miss Lindsell!



Home Learning—Seesaw/Tapestry

During the half term break teachers will be unavailable to respond to messages or work posted on Tapestry or Seesaw but if your child would still like to upload their home learning then they are more than welcome to do so but it is not essential.

Welcome Back Mrs Cooper!

We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Amy Cooper, after the half term break.

Mrs Cooper has been on maternity leave and will return on Monday 22nd February for three days per week. She will be based in the Year One bubble.

Welcome back, Mrs Cooper—we've missed you!

World Book Day—Thursday 4th March

Children and staff that are in school on **Thursday 4th March** are invited to dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day.



Children and staff who are not in school on this day are also welcome to dress up as their favourite book character at home and can upload photos/videos on Tapestry or Seesaw to show their teacher and celebrate with us.

Please see the poster attached.



Contractors on Site during half term

For your information that from tomorrow and during the half term week there will be contractors on site.

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](#).

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 if you have already uploaded your comments and we look forward to receiving more from you.

Thank you in advance!

Petersgate Community Celebrations

We would like to extend our celebrations from school achievements to our 'Petersgate Family' achievements! We would like to write about your achievements in our weekly newsletter to share with other family and friends.

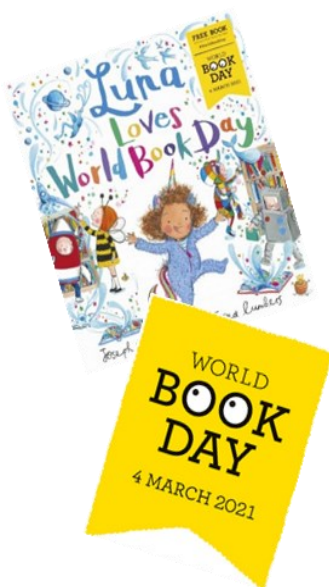
Perhaps you or your child has taken part in an event, has recently achieved something outside of school or helped in the community. We would love to hear all about it!

If you would like to share with us then please [email](#) your stories with the 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 achievements.

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



Mrs Melrose Presents



It's World Book Day on the **Thursday 4th March**. This is always an exciting day at Petersgate Infant School and hopefully we will be able to make sure this year is just as much fun, even if it is virtual! **On the day, your child can dress up as their favourite book character just as they usually do. We will post pictures of children dressed up in school and likewise please send in your pictures from home for us to enjoy here. On the day, we will be "off timetable" and you will be able to find 12 books loaded onto Seesaw and Tapestry (at 7am that morning) for your child to enjoy throughout the day. Each book will have a task or activity that they can complete once they have listened to the story. You can do as many or as few as you want to! Most exciting of all, each book will be read by a different book character!** So use half term to think about your costume and watch out for a special video from our favourite supply teacher, Mrs Melrose, who has agreed to come in and show you the books you will be able to enjoy on the day soon.

HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARER

NETWORK

enabling voices to be heard



**For more information about
Hampshire Parent Carer Network
and to read their latest newsletter
[click here](#)**



Fun & Active recently ran a competition on their Facebook page where parents and teachers could nominate our school to receive a free 60m Active Trail playground marking worth £795 to give children something to look forward to.

Unfortunately, we didn't win this time, but Fun & Active were absolutely overwhelmed by the amount of entries we had which goes to show we have some lovely, caring parents and teachers.

As a result, they are going to continue to run competitions at the beginning of each month, so be sure to like their Facebook page [@funactiveplay](#) and nominate our school. The more entries we receive, the higher the chance of winning!



The Clanfield Trail—During half term, PoPS have organised a trail around Clanfield (see poster attached), to look for the love hearts that spell out a word!

On Sunday 14th and Wednesday 17th February between 10 and 11am we will be outside the school selling packs which will include a map, a raffle ticket and a pack of sweets. The packs are £2.50 each and you can then complete the trail anytime over half term!

We will also sell the packs virtually for £2.00 each. Please contact me if you would rather a virtual copy and I can email it over to you.

Good Luck in completing the Clanfield Trail!!

Please share on our Facebook page how your children get on and if you have spelt out the word!

Raffle—The Raffle will be to win a 'Big Night In' Hamper and will be drawn on Friday 19th February.

Tickets are £1.00 each and can be bought separately. Payment can be made on the PoPS GoFundMe page and I can send over the tickets electronically.

Please contact me if you would like to buy tickets. Tickets will also be available on Sunday 14th and Wednesday 17th.

[Click here](#) for the PoPS GoFundMe page.

St Patrick's Day—On Wednesday 17th March, everyone can wear something 'green' for a donation to PoPS. (Whether you are at home or at school.)

Thank you for your continued support

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**WALK THE MAP AND FIND
THE LETTERS TO SOLVE
OUR VALENTINES WORDS**

**COLLECT YOUR MAP PACK
AT PETERSGATE INFANT
SCHOOL SUNDAY 14TH FEB**

10AM-11AM

WEDS 17TH 10AM -11AM

**ALL MONEY RAISED
GOES TO POPS TO
HELP FUNDRAISE FOR
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES,
ESSENTIALS AND
MUCH MORE**

THE CLANFIELD TRAIL

£2.50



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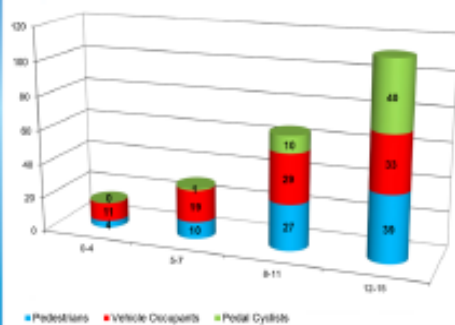
**A GREAT WAY TO PASS
THE DAY COVID SAFE**

Road Safety Education in Hampshire

The Primary Road Safety update for parents and guardians of Hampshire pupils

Road Safety is an essential life skill which needs to be taught and reinforced from a young age. Hampshire County Council's Road Safety Team usually provide various ways of helping schools to share these messages and as this is currently not possible, we need your support to keep Hampshire's young people safe.

Child casualties in Hampshire in 2019 – by age



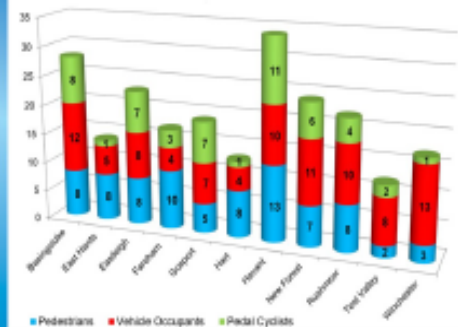
With 223 child casualties on Hampshire's roads in 2019, it is imperative that your child is aware of the dangers of the road, the risks and how to keep themselves and their friends safe.

As the graphs show, young people are more at risk the older they get and as they begin to travel more independently. Teaching basic road safety skills from an early age and reinforcing these during their primary school years will help us ensure casualties within this age group are reduced and pupils are aware of the dangers as they reach secondary school and beyond.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S FREE PLACE

See overleaf to find out about a brand new webinar the Road Safety Team are launching for children to watch and take part in at home to teach them key pedestrian and cycle safety messages.

Child casualties in Hampshire in 2019 – by district



School journey

Support and resources for sharing the Green Cross Code with your children as well as relevant pedestrian safety messages for older primary children who will soon be travelling more independently.

The school journey, once we return to it, is where most children and parents are on 'auto-pilot' whether in the car or on foot. We all need to remember - we must give the road our full attention at all times. The video links below remind parents of how they should travel safely - holding hands, not being distracted and not going ahead of parents. We must be fully aware of driveways and cars reversing and so it is essential children stay close to their parents whenever they are out walking, scooting or cycling.

- www.think.gov.uk/resource/first-journeys/
- www.think.gov.uk/resource/expect-the-unexpected/

The Road Safety Team also have copies of a simple green cross poster which could be emailed to you. To request these as well as copies of a children's highway code, please email road.safety@hants.gov.uk.

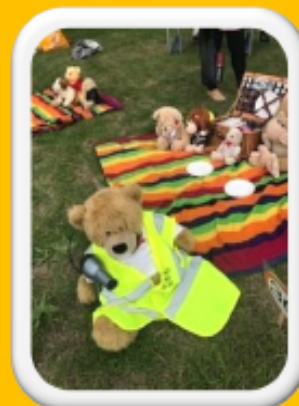


Teach their teddies



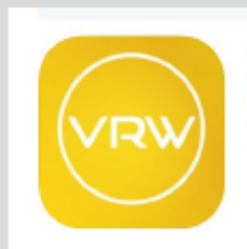
The key vocabulary when teaching younger children to cross the road safely are 'stop, look, listen and think.'

The Road Safety team would appreciate your support in getting this message across and the best way to learn this is to share the message with others - children love 'teaching' teddies and dolls, so get them to do so. Simply place a skipping rope on the floor as the 'kerb', and quickly transform a doll or teddy into a string puppet by tying a piece of string to each arm and tying the other end to a small ruler. Just listen to your child instructing their 'puppet' to 'stop at the kerb', which will drum the message in for them.



If you would like to share the video or photos with the Road Safety team, please email them to road.safety@hants.gov.uk

Virtual Road World (VRW)

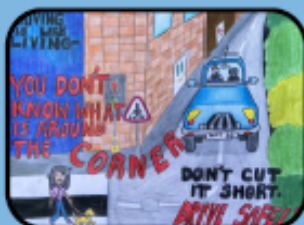


Going out for your daily exercise is the ideal time to discuss road safety with your children. If your own work means this isn't possible and your child has access to an Apple device, download VRW and explore the rules and strategies for staying safe in a virtual world. The application enables children to immerse themselves in a virtual environment - creating their own character and completing various quests which require them to navigate themselves around the city, crossing roads safely.



This is an opportunity for them to educate themselves with a real life problem, in the safety of their own home.

Road safety poster



Please ask your children to help us share our key road safety messages by producing a bright, simple, effective poster for the Road Safety Team to share on Twitter?

The poster can refer to pedestrian, cycle or in-car safety - following the green cross code, not being distracted, wearing a cycle helmet, being bright or always wearing a seatbelt. Make sure they include a clear, bold, simple slogan linked to the message so it jumps out at the reader.

Completed posters can be scanned or photographed and emailed to road.safety@hants.gov.uk during the Spring term.