### **Petersgate News**

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### Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4th March — World Book Day
Monday 8th — All Years return to school
(more information to follow)

Wednesday 17th — Pops non uniform day & wear green
Friday 2nd to Friday 16th April — Easter Holidays

Please ensure social distancing is maintained at all times and <u>all</u>

<u>adults</u> wear a face covering when on the school premises—thank you

### COVID-19

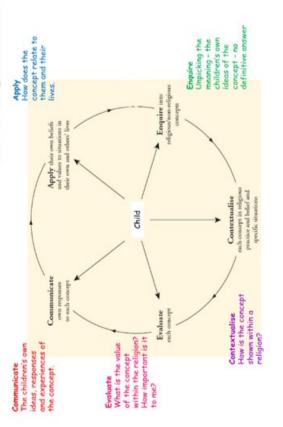
Please remember it is still vital you keep us up to date with any symptoms, tests and results from anyone in your household via the school email address

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

## RE and SMSC

We follow Living Difference III the Agreed Syllabus for Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight, which is statutory.



We teach RE through 5 skills which are communicate, apply, enquire, contextualise, evaluate and communicate.



interactive activities, conversations We teach RE through a range of

RE as a subject is also a legal requirement.



### and discussions, written activities and Miss Chloe Lindsell drawings

# Seahorse Class Teacher / RE and SMSC Subject Leader

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### Returning to school—Monday 8th March

As per the announcement on Monday by the Government, we will be welcoming back all children on Monday 8th March.

We intend to send home further details on Monday 1st March, once our plans are finalised.

### ParentMail Form

We sent out an ParentMail form on Wednesday evening to all parents.

Please can this be completed and submitted by 12noon on Wednesday 3rd March at the latest. We would like the form submitted for all pupils, even if they have still been attending school.

This is similar to the form we sent out in the summer and the information we collected really helped us to prepare to support the children when they returned.

### Welcome Back Mrs Edwards!

From Monday 1st March we welcome back Mrs Kate Edwards.

Mrs Edwards worked as a member of our Year 2 team last year and will be returning as a Teacher Student in her final year. She will be working in Year 2 until the end of June 2021.

We look forward to working with you again, Mrs Edwards!

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### 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 <u>email</u> 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.



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!

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### Petersgate Celebrations



### **CONGRATULATIONS ALANNA!**

Alanna is one of our wonderful cleaners employed by our cleaning company, RapidClean.

She was nominated for, and won, their quarterly 'Rapid Superstar Award'.

We are very proud of Alanna and all the hard work she puts into keeping our reception area and offices clean every morning.

Thank you and well done Alanna!



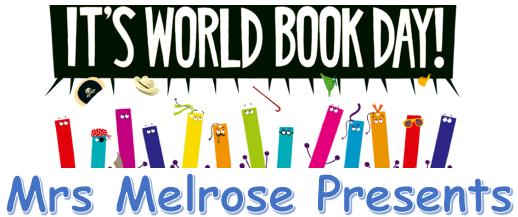
### Contractors on site

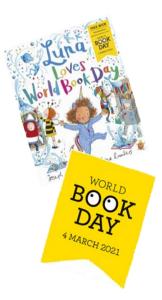
As mentioned before half term, we currently have contractors working on site.

They are working on behalf of Hampshire County Council to install new and efficient boilers for our school!

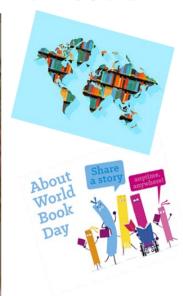
We are currently connected to a temporary boiler (located outside the school office area) whilst the work takes place. This should not have any impact on the school's heating or hot water and the work should be completed before the Easter Holidays.

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### It's World Book Day on 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!

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.

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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 <a href="Monthstyle="background-color: blue;">@funactiveplay</a> and nominate our school.

The more entries we receive, the higher the chance of winning!

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### The Clanfield Trail & Raffle

Thank you all so much for taking part in the Clanfield Trail! It was lovely to see all the families enjoying the walk and finding the hearts, even braving the bad weather! Were you able to work out what our valentines themed word was? The words were LOVE CLANFIELD.

Well done to those who completed the trail!

Also well done to James Rolfe who won

the 'Big Night In' Hamper!

We raised an amazing £503.00 from this event.

### St Patrick's Day Wednesday 17th March

On Wednesday 17th March, everyone can wear non uniform & something 'green' for a donation to PoPS.

### PoPS Meeting— Wednesday 3rd March at 7.30pm

We are having another meeting on Wednesday 3rd March at 7.30pm, to discuss further Covid safe fundraising and Easter events.

As always everyone is welcome to join, please contact me if you would like the Zoom details.

Click here for the PoPS GoFundMe page

Thank you for your continued support!

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