

# Petersgate News

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## COVID—19

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

## Easter Holidays

On Thursday 1st April the finishing times are:

Year 2—12.30pm

Year 1—12.40pm

Early Years—12.50pm

There will be NO After School Club and all children must be collected by 1pm at the latest—thank you

Please ensure social distancing is maintained and that your children must remain with you at all times

All adults must wear a face covering when on the school premises—thank you

# Post-Lockdown<sup>3</sup>

It has been wonderful to have all the children and staff back to school. Hopefully, we can now start to see some lifting of restrictions and look forward to a fun-filled summer term!

Since returning to school on 8th March, we have however, noticed a rise in the number of negative behaviours the children are displaying. We believe there are a number of reasons for this:

- \* Children are finding the transition into school, leaving their families, increasingly difficult, particularly as they have spent so much time at home together.
- \* Children are finding returning to the routine challenging as well as sharing resources and the adults' time.
- \* There has been an increase in the use of technology over the last year as children took part in learning remotely from home.

Please can we now work together to address these possible causes by:

- Leaving children at the door quickly and moving out of children's sight
- Supporting the school routine by checking our newsletter weekly for hints and tips (starting next week)
- Reducing the amount of screen time at home especially before school and before bedtime.

**How to limit your child's screen time ([www.verywellfamily.com](http://www.verywellfamily.com))**

## ***Model Healthy Electronic Use:***

Try not to keep the television on for background noise and limit time you spend scrolling through your phone.

### ***Educate Yourself on Electronics:***

Most children know more about electronics than we do! Try to keep up to date on the latest apps, games, social media platforms and trends. (More information to follow!)

### ***Create 'Technology-Free Zones':***

Establish zones where electronics are not allowed—no phones, games, tablets or laptops. Perhaps the dining room or kitchen where you can keep the space reserved for having meals and family conversations.

### ***Set Aside Times to Uplug:***

Perhaps dinner time or an hour before bedtime, the whole family could turn off their electronic devices and spend quality time together.

### ***Explain Why You're Limiting Screen Time:***

Explain that you're not just 'being mean' and that too much time on screens has down sides.

### ***Make Screen Time a Privilege:***

Perhaps make screen time a privilege rather than a right. If you use a form of discipline that involves taking away privileges,, a phone, laptop or laptop might be one such privilege. However, once you've set a limit on how much screen time is allowed, don't allow children to earn extra time as a reward—try offering a free or low-cost reward to reinforce positive behaviour.

### ***Keep Your Child's Bedroom Screen-Free:***

It is not easy to monitor your child's screen use if the devices are out of sight. You may want to make it a rule that technology is not allowed in their bedroom. Using devices late at night could interfere with their sleep.

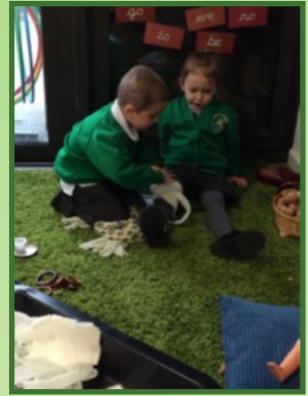
# History

On Monday 8th March, we celebrated International Women's Day by focusing on important women in History. Each year group researched different women and completed activities to learn about them.



In Early Years, the children looked at Frida Kahlo, Mary Seacole and Mary Anning. They drew some wonderful self-portraits using mirrors and acted out nursing in the role play area.





In Year One, the children focused on Florence Nightingale, Amelia Earhart and Serena Williams. The children learnt lots of facts about all of these amazing females. They even made paper aeroplanes and flew them on the playground.

In Year Two, the children looked closely at Rosa Parks and a few other women more briefly. The class were split into groups depending on their hair colour to try and understand how segregation felt for the people. The children were very unhappy about this and decided that it needed to change. They thought it would be best if they all played together.

## Parents Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place virtually week commencing Monday 19th and Monday 26th April.

Thank you for completing the ParentMail form. We will advise you via ParentMail the date and time when the online bookings for either a Zoom call or telephone call will go live to enable you to book; please note the appointments are only 10 minutes. If you requested an email update then this will also be sent from the dates above.

## Before & After School Club Bookings

For your information the Before and After School Clubs are nearing capacity for all sessions could you please ensure that you book your child in as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

## Miss George

Miss George is having such a wonderful time at home with baby Joss that she has decided not to return to Petersgate once her maternity leave ends.

We wish Miss George and her new family well and hope we can all meet up soon to say a proper goodbye!

We will miss you, Miss George!



## New HC3S Menu from Monday 16th April

The new HC3S hot dinner menu will start from Monday 19th April. Please look out for this which will be sent via ParentMail. Children who are on a special menu will have their individual menu sent via ParentMail. All children are entitled to have a free school hot dinner and can choose the red or green option.

For your information HC3S also post 'what's for dinner tomorrow' the evening before on their Facebook page 'HC3S Education Catering'. If you have any queries please [email](#) the school office.

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**Children with Special Diets**—For your information, HC3S are excited to announce they will be introducing a new, more user-friendly online special diet process later this year. HC3S' meticulous policy in feeding children with medically identified allergies and intolerances remains the same and can be [found here](#), but how the process is managed will be changing.

You will be able to register your child and can easily update any information. All data will be held securely whilst appropriate details will be visible to all parties. If any changes are made, automatic notifications will be sent direct to you and the school to confirm the changes. Until the launch of the new process please continue to follow the process currently in place on their website.

## 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.



We have received so many positive comments from parents. Did you know that you can upload your views 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.

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!



*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.*

*Fun & Active are continuing 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!*





## Easter Trail

During the Easter holidays, we have organised an 'Easter Trail' after the success of our Valentine's Day Trail! The trail will be up for the entire Easter break; packs are £2.50 and include the map, an Easter egg colouring competition and a pack of sweets.

We are selling packs outside the school on the last day of term, Thursday 1st April from 12-1pm and again on Tuesday 6th April 10-11am. Packs will also be available virtually again.

## Guess the Eggs in the Jar

Look out on our Facebook page for our 'Guess the Eggs in the Jar' competition! Entry will be £1.00 a go and the winner will win the jar of eggs.

We raised an amazing £330.00 on St Patrick's Day last week—thank you so much for your generous support!

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

Thank you for your continued support!

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# PoPs Easter Trail

**Collect your packs outside school on the last day of term Thursday 1st April, 12-1 or on Tuesday 6th April 10-11am**

**Packs are £2.50**

**And include:**

**The Map**

**Colouring competition**

**Pack of sweets**

**Join in and guess  
how many eggs in the jar  
£1 a go,  
winner wins the jar**



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# ***Skoolkit***

## **We are very excited to re-open our shops on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

It has been incredibly frustrating for us having to keep our shops closed especially after children returned back to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March. This created a surge in orders being placed through our website, so thank you for your patience while we worked through them.

Even though we are heading towards an ease in restrictions, upon returning to our shops on 12<sup>th</sup> April please be aware we will be still be observing all current government guidelines so there may be queues at times and service may take a little longer but we aim to move customers through as quickly and safely as possible.

- Please wear a face covering when entering our shop.
- Use hand sanitiser in-store.
- Use the one-way flow system to keep social distance.
- Unfortunately, still no use of fitting rooms.
- Please come prepared with size information.  
(refer to [www.skoolkit.co.uk](http://www.skoolkit.co.uk) for size guides)

**12<sup>th</sup> April is the governments current road map date for  
non-essential retail to re-open.**