

Petersgate News

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2021

6th May



Coming up...

Friday 14th May—Pyjamarama 'Wear Pyjamas'

Thursday 27th May—Class photos

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June—half term

Updated—One Way System

To avoid crossing the car park, Early Years and Year 1 parents/guardians can now turn right out of the Early Years gate, walk under the underpass, turning left past the Year 2 Building and exit towards the approach road. Please continue to use the approach road to exit.

Please continue social distancing and ensure your children remain with you at all times

All Adults must wear a face covering when on the school premises—Thank You

COVID—19

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

As the British weather can be so unpredictable, could you please ensure your child has a named lightweight coat/jacket in school, even if the weather looks like it is going to be a fine day—thank you

Music at Petersgate

In **Early Years**, the children have been enjoying exploring a range of instruments. We have been practising saying and remembering the names of the instruments and playing them in different ways for example: playing loud and quiet; playing fast and slow; and making scraping and tapping sounds. We retold the story of the Gingerbread Man and selected instruments to create sound effects to accompany the

story. We practise our good listening and copying using the instruments in listening and concentration games. During Chil we enjoy exploring the instruments too and applying the



In **Year 1**, the children have been learning about timbre and texture. Timbre is the

characteristic sound of each instrument that lets you distinguish one instrument from another and texture is the overall sound created by multiple instruments or different musical voices. The children have been learning to identify families of school percussion instruments and to explore and use an increased range of sounds, beginning to use correct percussion techniques. They did this through accompanying the stories, 'Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage, creating different sound effects for things such as the squelchy mud and the sea.

‘Listen to Me’

In **Year 2**, it has been Seahorse class’ turn to learn to play ukulele through their ‘Listen to Me’ music sessions delivered by Hampshire Music Service’s Mr Hoskins. It will be their final session this week and all the children (and adults) in Year 2 have learnt many new skills and made some great progress!

Next, it will be Year 1’s turn for their ‘Listen to Me’ African Drums taster sessions with each class taking part in three sessions each. These will begin next week in Manta Ray class.

Thank you once again to PoPS for kindly funding these brilliant sessions.



Mrs Carly Hutchinson
Early Years Teacher and Music Subject Lead

On **Friday 14th May** we will be taking part in **Pyjamarama** and children can come to school wearing their pyjamas, please ensure your child has suitable shoes for a normal school day.



Pyjamarama is all about getting children excited about reading, and fundraising to make sure every child gets their bedtime story.

Children will be reading, enjoying and sharing stories in the comfort of their pyjamas **for a donation of £1.00 towards BookTrust** to help all children have access to stories and to reading.

BookTrust transforms lives by getting children and families reading. BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity and reach 3.9 million children each year across the UK with books, resources and support to help develop a love of reading.

Reading together regularly at home will also create a safe space for children to express themselves, something that children might be especially in need of following the pandemic.

Mrs Cook will have a bucket at the school gate on this day to collect any donations—Thank you.



Water Bottles

Due to health & safety we cannot have glass water bottles in school. Please ensure that your child only brings into school a plastic water bottle.

You can purchase plastic water bottles for £1.50 each via Scopay, once payment is received we will send the water bottle home with your child. Thank you.

Class Photos—Thursday 27th May

Yellow School Photographers will be coming into school on Thursday 27th May to take class photos.

New Admissions for September 2021

Reminder: Any existing parents who also have a child starting with us in September are able to drop off relevant identification and forms during the school run and not just between 10am and 2pm as already stated in the new entrant letter sent via ParentMail.

Inset Days from September 2021

For your information the inset days from September 2021 are:-

Monday 13th September 2021

Monday 18th October 2021

Friday 11th February 2022

Monday 25th April 2022

Friday 17th June 2022

Certificate of Achievement

Our Zoom Assembly last Friday afternoon again saw all the children in their classes while Mrs Cook read out the names of the children nominated for a Certificate of Achievement, class by class.

Each child then made their way to Mrs Cook's office, while everyone watched them receive their certificate on the big screens in their classrooms.

Well done to all those listed below!

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| Clownfish | Ava T | Ellora W | Skyler N |
| Jellyfish | Melissa S | Charlie G | Nerissa B |
| Starfish | Abi S-N | Sylvia K | Jonah C |
| Manta Ray | Jack H | Heidi T | Isabel G |
| Octopus | Amelie P | George B | Eirinn S |
| Turtle | Kelilah F | Helaina D'C | Frankie O |
| Lobster | Devyn R | Lily M | Dolly C |
| Seahorse | Harrison M | Amelie H | Ivy A |
| Whale | Benji R | Sam K | Layton M |

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.

Attendance—April 2021

Clownfish—98.8%

Jellyfish—98.5%

Starfish—96.9%

Manta Ray—99.0%

Octopus—97.8%

Turtle—97.9%

Lobster—97.3%

Seahorse—98.2%

Whale—96.5%

Well done, Manta Ray Class!

Sensory Garden

We would like to say a huge **'Thank you'** to Kate Edwards and her colleagues from Chichester University for working hard in revamping our Sensory Garden to help children engage the five basic senses of sight, smell, sound, touch and taste.

The children will be able to enjoy a wide variety of experiences and encourage them to become more aware of their surroundings.

Thank you, Nicola Wilson, Isabel Carne, Kayleigh Budden and Kate Edwards. Your hard work and dedication to create such a lovely new learning space is very much appreciated!



We have now received 10 responses on the Ofsted Parent View website and the results are available to view.

We receive so many positive comments from parents and we would love more parents to share positive views more publicly.

Please go online to www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to answer the multiple-choice questions, this is completely anonymous.

Thank you in advance!



As part of Morrisons' Make Good Things Happen initiative—'Seeds of Hope' Campaign

The children will be planting their sunflower seeds in school and they will be looking after them while they watch them grow into sunflowers. The children will bring them home soon after for the family to continue nurturing.

Please share with us photographs and measurements of your sunflowers as they grow.

The tallest sunflower at the end of the year will win a PRIZE!

Send your sunflower details and photographs to adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk
by *Friday 9th July 2021*