

Petersgate News

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Headteacher
Julie Cook

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2021

28th May

Goodbye, Mrs Bailey! Happy Retirement!



Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your dedication to keeping our community safe for 40 years!

You arrive every day, rain or shine, with a smile on your face, a spring in your step and a cheery 'good morning' for everyone you see. You remember every child's name and take time to make sure their day begins in the best way possible. We think you are amazing!

We are going to miss you terribly but know that your retirement is well deserved and will be full of fun and enjoyment.

Enjoy making memories with your family—you'll soon be wondering how you found the time to work!





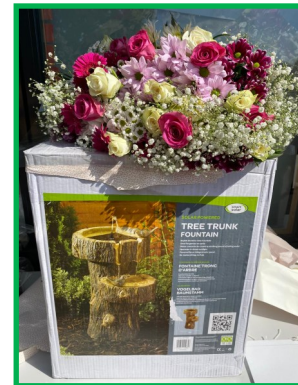
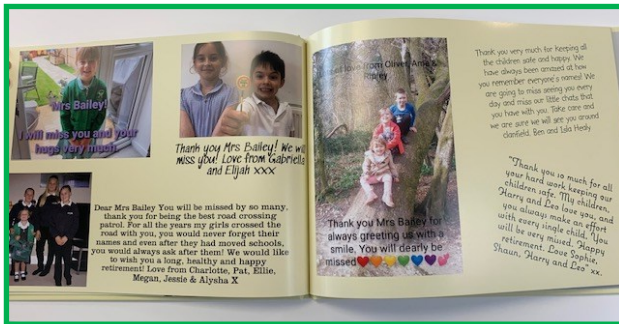
★ Retirement Event

★ If you contributed to Mrs Bailey's leaving gifts, we thought you may like to know all that we presented to her yesterday.

- ★ • A Tree Trunk Garden Water Feature
- ★ • A Year Membership for the National Trust for Two
- ★ • Flowers
- ★ • Photobook of messages
- ★ • Handmade Dog made out of school uniform from Mrs Goff

★ To follow...

- ★ • A Cherry Blossom Tree
- ★ • Plaque
- ★ • Bench ... to be placed in the school grounds (Mrs Bailey will be invited)



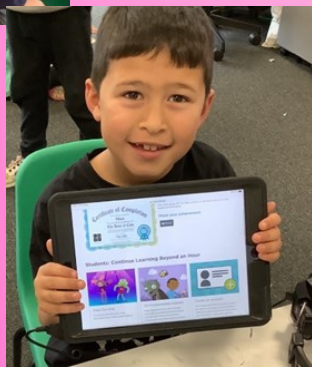
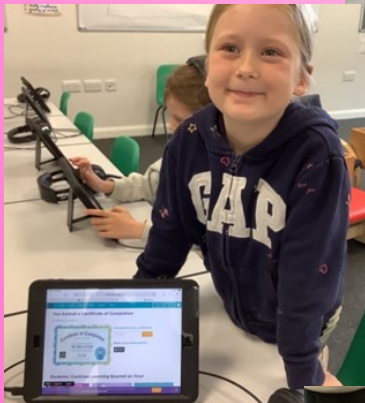
★ ...and as a tribute to Mavis' 40 years of service we would like to introduce to you our newest Learning Support Dog, Bailey!



Computing at Petersgate

Year R

In Year R we have been using Beebots to work on our position and directional language. We have also been able to use our new iPads to play lots of new games including using the Chatterpix app. You might want to have a go at home.



Year 1

In Year 1 this term we have been learning about ownership of websites and apps and how to keep ourselves safe online. We have also learnt how to use the features on our new school iPads to draw and create artwork.

Year 2

In Year 2 this half term we have been learning about copyright and how to look after ourselves when using a computer for a long time. We have also been completing coding activities using the Hour of Code website.



Year 2

After the half term, in preparation for transition onto Junior school you may like your child to walk **independently** into school from the bottom of the approach road on their own. We ask that parents/guardians escort children to where the road crossing patrol usually stands and let them walk up to the school gates. Mrs Cook will be standing at the top of the pathway watching the children walk into their classrooms. (You will not be able to stand at the bottom to watch your child walk up the path, due to the congestion this may cause.)

We ask that you discuss with your child that they walk sensibly and do not run up the pathway into school.

Alternatively, you may like to say goodbye to your child at the gate and allow them to walk the last few metres on their own.

This arrangement is optional for all our year two children only.

Keyring Found

We have had a large keyring with a letter 'M' handed in, if you have lost this please come to the school office. You will be asked to describe the keyring so it goes back to the rightful owner.

Park & Stride from Monday 7th June

To aid the parking difficulties and stressful 'drop off' times for you all, we have liaised with the new owners of Clanfield Sports and Community Centre, Community First to reinstate the 'Park & Stride' in place before we went into the first lockdown.

Their car park will be open early specifically so that Petersgate parents can park and walk to the school.

Our 'Park & Stride' starts again on Monday 7th June!

Come along, park up and take a short walk to school, enjoying the fresh air and taking advantage of quality time to chat with your child.

Cool Milk

We are noticing some children are refusing to have their milk and we would like to try and avoid too much wastage.

If your child no longer wants to have milk could you please contact the school office by [email](#). Thank you.

Request for Donations

Mrs Cook is helping a friend and is asking a personal request for donations of children's football boots and sportswear that you no longer need.

Mrs Cook will arrange for these to be collected and will be taken to Ghana in Africa in a container where there are less fortunate children that would love and make use of these donations.

Thank you for the donations we have already received. Please bring any donations to the school office.

Thank you for your support.



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!

Click [here](#) to email your sunflower details and photographs by Friday 9th July 2021

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!

Clownfish	Layla P	Isabelle R	George R
Jellyfish	Beulah S	Jasmine S	Lilly B
Starfish	Willow P-S	Sophie T	Jacob B
Manta Ray	Alissia B	Zachary W	Finley B
Octopus	Darcey C	Jacob R	Daniel B
Turtle	Oliver M	Oscar W	James M
Lobster	Daniel J	Olivia H	Mason M
Seahorse	Sofia B	Heath D-F	Harry A
Whale	Violet R	Cameron W	Lucas M

Clean Air Scooter Challenge—14th to 17th June

We will be taking part in the **Clean Air Scooter Challenge** from **Monday 14th to Friday 17th June** where children can use their scooters to ride to school. Clean Air Day is on Thursday 17th June.

Why not let your child use their scooter or bike to ride to school instead of using your car to avoid unnecessary congestion and danger to children around the school entrance.

If you live too far to scoot/ride to school maybe park 5-10 minutes away from the school and scoot/ride part of the way. You could use the Community Centre for our Park and Stride! Even younger children can go a reasonable distance at a good pace. They are a great option if parents are short of time on the school run!

During this week children who scoot/ride into school can let their teacher know and each class will be able to log how many children used their scooter/bike each day. We will then email this to the Travel Planning Team and be in with a chance of winning prizes including Scooterpods for our school. Children can win vouchers for fun days out for the family too!

Top tips for scooting safely:

- Pedestrians have priority on the pavement
- Encourage pupils to stay close to their parent/carer
- Be aware of other people using the pavement and be polite and considerate to them
- Take extra care when crossing vehicle entrance/exit points e.g. driveways, and remember that the person there first (car driver, cyclist, pedestrian etc.) has priority
- Keep away from the kerb
- Look all around before moving, stop moving or change direction, and look where they are going
- Wear a helmet and bright, fluorescent clothing to ensure you can be seen
- Walk with scooters when crossing the road, in crowded areas or other busy areas e.g. the school playground
- Carry things in a rucksack, not balanced on the handlebars
- The Highway Code tells us that the speed limit on pavements is 4mph

When approaching the school road we ask you ensure that your child dismounts their scooter/bike and walk the rest of the way into school to help keep everyone safe on the school premises. Thank you.



myjourneyhampshire.com/cleanairday

myjourneyhampshire.com/scooterchallenge



Makaton—Unique Language Programme

Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Being able to communicate is one of the most important skills we need in life. Almost everything we do involves communication; everyday tasks such as learning at school, asking for food and drink, sorting out problems, making friends and having fun. These all rely on our ability to communicate with each other.

With Makaton, signs are used, with speech, in spoken word order. This helps provide extra clues about what someone is saying. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear.

For those who have experienced the frustration of being unable to communicate meaningfully or effectively, Makaton really can help.

By using Makaton, children and adults can take a more active part in life, because communication and language are the key to everything we do and learn.

After half term, Mrs Wright will be teaching all children and the staff team different Makaton signs so that we are able to communicate with those who are unable to use speech. Look out in our newsletter to discover the signs we have been learning so that you can practice at home with the whole family!

It is such a wonderful skill to learn and we look forward to finding out how you are all getting on!



We have now received 14 responses on the Ofsted Parent View website and the results are available to view. So far, 100% of children are happy at school and 100% of parents would recommend Petersgate to another parent!

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!

Spare Uniform

We do not have much spare uniform or PE kits to lend to children. If you have borrowed any could you please return them.

If you have any spare uniform or PE kit that you could kindly donate for spares then please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

Scooters/Bikes

We have had reports of children riding their scooters/bikes up the approach into school.

Although we encourage children to use their scooters/bikes to come to school we ask that you ensure they dismount their scooter/bike at the bottom of the approach road and walk this into school and park in the racks. This is to help keep everyone safe. Thank you.

coming up...

Tomorrow—schools out for half term
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June—half term
Monday 7th June—school opens at 8.45am
Thursday 17th June—Non Uniform Day
Friday 18th June—Inset Day
Saturday 19th June—PoPS Abseil Challenge
Sunday 27th June—PoPS Car Boot Sale

As the weather gets warmer please remember a sunhat, sunscreen protection & a water bottle everyday

Non Uniform Day-Thursday 17th June
PoPS are organising a Sweet Tombola at the Car Boot Sale
Children can come to school in non uniform for a donation of sweets—
thank you

Eat Them to Defeat Them Campaign 2021

After half term we will be taking part in the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' Campaign 2021.

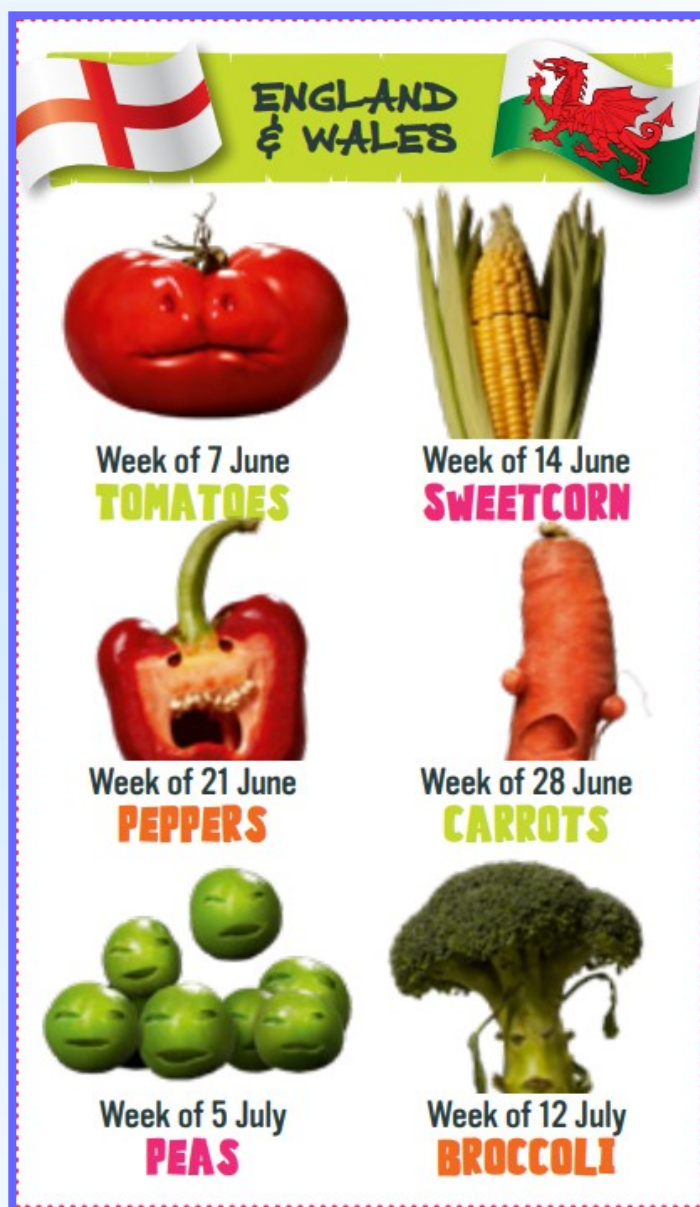
Each week a family favourite vegetable will be featured. Children can get a sticker when they taste/eat the featured weekly vegetable. The role of the stickers is to reward and to inform you your child has tried that vegetable at school.

We want to encourage children to try each vegetable three times so that they become part of their daily diet.

At the end of day, this is all about eating vegetables - as the only way to defeat them is to eat them!

Please support this fun way of eating and trying new veg by encouraging your child to 'eat the veg to defeat it'.

For more information and downloads please visit the Veg Power [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.

This week we would like to share Eddie and Arthur's achievements.

Eddie won the player of the week at football on Saturday for all the running he did.

Mum, Dad and his brother, Arthur are super proud of him and reckon they have a star player in the making.

The trophy hasn't left his side!

Eddie's family would like to say 'Thank you to all the coaches and other superstar players at Clanfield Colts'.



Well done Eddie,
from all the
Petersgate Team!

Arthur is very proud of himself for passing his Learn to Swim Level 2.

Your family is very proud of your achievement. Arthur is now working towards his Level 3 certificate.

Well done
Arthur, from
all the
Petersgate
Team!



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.

Half term Tree Challenge!

After half term the whole school will be taking part in an exciting Science Week!

As a 'warm up' for this, I would like to set you an eye-spy challenge of finding and identifying as many trees as you can with your family during the week of half term.

Take a walk in the woods, at the park, along the pavements...how many trees can you spot?

Use the Leaf ID chart from the Woodland Trust (attached) to tick off the trees as you find them. If you find others please add them on!

Click [here](#) for more activities on the Woodland Trust website.

It would be great to see photos posted on Tapestry and Seesaw of you tree hunting!

Please return the Tree ID sheet if you manage to take part in this challenge!

Happy Hunting! From Mrs Maudsley



Found any other leaves? Do you know which trees they're from?

Feel free to copy and share this for personal and educational use -
 and don't forget there are loads more brilliant activities to download on our website!
www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives | 0330 333 5301 | naturedetectives@www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

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PoPS Abseil Challenge

On Saturday 19th June at 9am, Mrs Cook, Mrs Ivemy, Mrs Maudsley and members of the PoPS team are braving the abseil down the Spinnaker Tower. If you would like to make a donation please click here for the PoPS GoFundMe page.

Non Uniform Day

PoPS are organising a Sweet Tombola at the Car Boot Sale. On Thursday 17th June Children can come to school in non uniform for a donation of sweets—thank you.

Car Boot Sale

We are holding a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 27th June. Sellers to arrive from 8-8:45am and buyers to arrive from 9am!

Prebooked cars are £8 and on the day £10, £1 entry for adults and is open to everyone in the village!

If anyone would like a place please email Kate Underwood underwoodkate@hotmail.co.uk

We are also looking for volunteers to help out on the day, if you can spare a few hours to help man the PoPS stalls it would be much appreciated, please text me or [email](#) me if you are able to help.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Abseil

CHALLENGE

of the

**SPINNAKER
TOWER**



19th

JUNE

9 AM



**Fundraising for vital funds
for our School...**

to donate...
visit

<https://gofund.me/fc83b108>

Petersgate Infant School

Car Boot Sale



Childrens Games
Ice - Cream van
Candy Floss
Burger Van
Raffle

- £8 prebooked, £10 on the day for sellers
- £1 entrance for adults
- No Dogs
- Toilet Facilities on site

Sunday 27th June
Sellers: 8am - 8:45
Buyers: 9am

Please email underwoodkate@hotmail.co.uk to book
as a seller