



Petersgate Post—19th October 2023

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

It has a busy few weeks at Petersgate Infants and I was so pleased to see so many of you at the Harvest celebration last week and at our Macmillan Coffee Morning at the end of September. Thank you all for your kind donations towards these events, both for Macmillan and for the Horndean & Clanfield Food bank. I know these donations will make such a difference to many families.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past half term, it seems to have flown by. I know there have been so many adjustments to make with a change of Headteacher and there have been some changes and developments. However, please can I ask, that you don't speculate about matters at school between yourselves over WhatsApp/social media or between yourselves. I have an open door policy and I am more than happy to discuss things with parents and families. I am on the gate most days at the beginning or end of the day, where I am happy to chat/answer questions. If there is something you want to discuss further you can always make an appointment.

After half term, I am also starting a Parent Forum (see below), which you are more than welcome to attend.

I hope you all have a relaxing and wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you after the break.



Parent Forum

We pleased to let you know that our first Parent Forum will take place on

Tuesday 14th November 2pm to 3pm.

An opportunity to have a cuppa, share your views and find out about exciting steps in your child's learning journey. We look forward to seeing you!



Children in Need

Children and staff can come to school on **Friday 17th November** in **non uniform** for a donation to Children in Need. Although not essential, if your child already has Pudsey/Children in Need attire they are welcome to wear this but we are not expecting you to buy something new! We hope to raise lots of money for this amazing cause and there will be a bucket at the school front gate or you can send a donation in with your child, this will support thousands of children/young people and help change lives across the UK.

Health & Wellbeing Tips

Over the half term, I hope you take some inspiration from the book 'Wild Child' by Dara McAnulty. In the book, Dara takes you on a nature walk that could start just beyond your own front door, and shares the joy of connecting with the natural world on a multi sensory journey. So take this opportunity to get out in the nature and enjoy the beauty and wonder that Autumn can bring.



Attendance and Punctuality from 1st—19th October

Whole School Attendance 93.9%

(National Average 95.2%)

Best Attendance: **Lobster Class (98.63%)**

Best Timekeepers: **Jellyfish & Seahorse Class**

Forthcoming Events

October

Thursday 19th

Year 2 trip to Portchester Castle

Friday 20th

PoPS Christmas Artwork—deadline
Last day of term

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th

Half Term

Monday 30th

Inset Day—School Closed

Tuesday 31st

School reopens at 8:40am
Individual School Photos

November

Thursday 9th

PoPS EY's & Yr 1 Movie Night

Friday 10th

Remembrance Service—details to follow*

w/c Monday 13th

Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 14th

Parent Forum—2pm to 3pm

Thursday 9th

PoPS EY's & Yr 1 Movie Night

Friday 17th

Children in Need—non uniform
PoPS Adult Bingo Night—7:30pm

Tuesday 28th & Thursday 29th

Parents Consultations



Goodbye and Welcome!

Mrs Potter, Clownfish teacher leaves us tomorrow as she goes on maternity leave. We wish Mrs Potter and her husband all the very best for the safe arrival of their little bundle of joy...will the baby be a girl or a boy?

Welcome to Miss Ellen McDonald, our new teacher for Clownfish class. We are confident that Miss McDonald will provide a nurturing and enrichment environment for our children, bringing her expertise and enthusiasm for teaching. Mrs Potter and Miss McDonald have had handover time together.



Early Years...A huge well done to Early Years for such a fantastic first half term at school.

The children have settled in wonderfully and have been a joy to get to know. Across the wing we have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in our 'All about me!' topic. We have taken part in lots of circle time sessions celebrating our differences and understanding what makes us special and unique.

The children have loved sharing their scrapbooks with their friends and teachers telling us all about who their special people are outside of school.

Once again, thank you for an AMAZING half term!

You should all be extremely proud of yourselves.

In Year 1...a mystery box of historical artefacts arrived from the past.

They were more than 100 years old and they had travelled through time from a Victorian primary school.

We had to unwrap the artefacts and handle them very carefully because they were even older than Mrs Kelly!!

We enjoyed working out what they were and realising that we had a modern version of each item in our own classroom...apart from the cane...thank goodness!



Year 2... in Art this half term, our theme has been 'All about me'.

We have enjoyed learning about the artist Frida Kahlo and creating our own self-portraits with a focus on tone within our drawing and painting skills.

We have finished our topic by creating sculptures of ourselves in the style of Alberto Giacometti.

We hope you enjoy a glimpse of some of our artwork!



Harvest Celebrations

It was lovely to see so many parents & family members to join in our Harvest celebration assemblies, we hope you enjoyed watching your child take part.

We would like to say 'THANK YOU' to everyone that donated, we had such an huge amount that has now been given to the Horndean & Clanfield Foodbank which will help out so many families in need.





**Do you have a child starting school in
September 2024?**

**Meet the Headteacher and join us to see our
wonderful school in action!**

To book a tour of the school, please email or call the school office with your preferred slots from the list. If you cannot make any of these dates, please let us know when you are available and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Please contact the school office to book a tour:

adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk or 02392 593950

Tour Dates & Times

October 2023

Thursday 19th October - Open Tour between 4pm & 5:30pm

November 2023

Thursday 2nd November at 9:30am — FULL

Thursday 2nd November at 1:30pm — FULL

Friday 3rd November at 1:30pm — FULL

Wednesday 8th November at 9:30am — FULL

Thursday 9th November at 1:30pm

Tuesday 14th November at 9:30am

Tuesday 14th November - Open Tour between 4pm & 5:30pm

Thursday 16th November at 1:30pm

Wednesday 22nd November at 1:30pm

Tuesday 28th November at 1:30pm

Wednesday 29th November at 1:30pm

Spaces on the tours are filling up fast, we do not want you to miss out on a parent tour!

Everyone that attends will be given a goodie bag for their child to enjoy.

**If your child is starting school in September 2024,
please apply from 1st November via
Hampshire County Council Admissions:**

www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

**There are also limited places available in other
year groups too!**



PoPS (Pals of Petersgate School) NEEDS YOU!

PoPS raise lots of money for our school for the children to enjoy more activities/resources/fayres/disco/school trips and many more.

THEY NEED YOU as parents/carers to become volunteers and/or members of the PoPS committee.

Without you as a volunteer and/or committee member to organise or help out at events such as Bingo or Quiz nights, Christmas Fayres or movie nights for the children to enjoy, even if you can only spare an hour of your time to help with fundraising or just to come along to committee meetings with new ideas, PoPS would love to hear from you.

We are also looking for a new Chairperson. PoPS will be unable to operate without a Chairperson and that means they won't be able to raise much needed funds for our children to enjoy resources and activities!

This year PoPS are supporting the development of the school library and class book corners as well as contributing to support the children in other ways.

Please contact Megan Ngo meg_ngo@yahoo.co.uk or **07940 310061** if you are interested in becoming a Chairperson, a committee member or a volunteer to help at events.

PoPS 5p Challenge!

Which class will win??

Thank you for your continued support to PoPS!

PoPS Christmas Artwork

The deadline for Christmas Artwork must be handed in tomorrow, Friday 20th October. You will receive further information shortly with regard to placing orders.

PoPS Movie Nights!

Early Years—Thursday 9th November / during the school day

Year 1—Thursday 9th November
3:10pm to 4:45pm

Year 2—Thursday 16th November
3:10pm to 4:45pm

A form will be sent home after half term with more details and the movies being shown!

PoPS Bingo Night

On Friday 17th November at 7:30pm

PoPS will be holding a Bingo Night (Adults only)

Please share the poster that was sent via an Arbor email communication with your family & friends.

If you would like to book a place please email Megan Ngo

meg_ngo@yahoo.co.uk

PoPS Christmas Events

A separate flyer with all the Christmas events and dates will be coming out soon...look out for this!

**Coming up after half term
Christmas events and dates!**