



Petersgate Post—24th November 2023

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

Well, it has been a fun packed couple of weeks here at Petersgate Infants and we are racing along to December when all Christmas events begin. Please keep an eye on our website/social media, as well as our newsletter regarding our key events.

Information regarding the upcoming parent consultations will come out on Monday on Arbor and in a hard copy. This will give you further information regarding what will be shared as part of these consultation meetings.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who attended the recent parent forum. Notes from these meetings with key questions and responses has been shared with all parents. Each forum will now have a theme. If you have any questions/queries or comments, please send them to the admin office email and put 'Parent Forum' in the subject line. Due to the Christmas events, the next forum will be held on 23rd January 2024 at 2pm. The theme will be policy consultation. We have some new policies we would like to consult with parents on. Any parent who cannot attend can complete and share their comments using the Microsoft forms.



Children in Need

We would like to thank you for your kind generosity towards this fabulous cause this will help support thousands of children/young people and help change lives across the UK.

We raised £300.11



Health & Wellbeing Tip

I continue on the autumn theme for our health and well-being tip. The weather is starting to feel cooler and fresher and it is the perfect time to set out on a walk.

Although the world of wildlife starts to slow down during the autumn months, there are still some fantastic wildlife spectacles to see at this time of year. Keep an eye out for squirrels foraging for yummy nuts, deers rutting, starling murmurations in the sky above and other birds flying overhead as they migrate for the winter.

Attendance and Punctuality from 13th - 24th November

Whole School Attendance: **92.3%**
(National Average: 94.8%)

Best Attendance: **Lobster—97.8%**

Best Timekeepers: **Seahorse**

Forthcoming Events

November

Tuesday 28th & Thursday 30th

Parents Consultations

December

Monday 4th

Jellyfish—Nativity at 10am
Rocksteady Concert—2:30pm

Tuesday 5th

Clownfish—Nativity at 10am

Thursday 7th

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Friday 8th

Starfish—Nativity at 10am

Monday 11th

Flu Nasal Immunisation
Year 2— Christmas Carol Concert at 2:15pm

Tuesday 12th

Turtle—Christmas Performance at 2:15pm

Wednesday 13th

Octopus—Christmas Performance at 2:15pm

Friday 15th

Last day of term—finish 3:10-3:20pm

January 2024

Tuesday 2nd

Inset Day— School closed

Wednesday 3rd

School reopens at 8:40am



Message from Butser Neighbourhood Policing Team



Operation Sceptre, the national week of action against knife crime, is an opportunity to highlight the risks that carrying a bladed weapon can bring as well as targeting offenders who use and carry knives.

Anyone with information on knife crime in their local community is asked to contact Hampshire Police on **101**, or pass information to Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**. In an emergency, always dial 999.

Further Information regarding knife crime can be found at:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/advice-information/possession-of-weapons/>

<https://www.fearless.org/en/professionals/resources/weapons>

Enstar recently held an event for National Children's Book week, where they asked their employees to nominate their local school or community project for a cash donation to spend on books for children.

We were nominated by Sophie T's Mum who works for Enstar and we are delighted to have been selected to receive a £150 donation.

Thank you to Enstar and Sophie's Mum, we will be spending the donation on lots of new books for our school library, which the children will have lots of benefit and enjoyment from.



Christmas Card Post Box

The Christmas Card Post Box will be in the school office **from Friday 1st December.**

Children are welcome to bring their Christmas cards into school and post them in the Post Box to be delivered by our little elves!

Please ensure the envelopes are clearly marked with the child's first name, surname initial and class name

Baby News!

We would like to share with you some wonderful baby news!

Congratulations to Mrs Potter, Clownfish class teacher, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl last Tuesday, her name is

Thea Grace, she weighed in a healthy 9lbs 5ozs! Mum and Thea Grace are both doing well and we cannot wait to meet her!

Goodbye!

We would like to wish our Caretaker Bob all the very best on his retirement.

We hope he will enjoy spending more time with his family.

Bob has been a valued member of the Petersgate Team and will be missed.



**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 the dates below, please let us know when you are available and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Tour Dates & Times

Tuesday 28th November at 1:30pm

Wednesday 29th November at 1:30pm

Please contact the school office to book a tour:

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

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, you can now apply via
Hampshire County Council Admissions:**

www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions

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

The Role of the Governing Body

Governors are strategic leaders within schools and have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education.

A governing body have a strong focus on the 3 core strategic functions:

- ◆ Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- ◆ Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance of the staff
- ◆ Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Over the next couple of newsletters, we will be introducing our governors to our parents and families.

Introducing our Governing Body

In each newsletter, we have asked each Governor to introduce themselves and write a short snippet about themselves.

This week we are introducing **Michelle Easton (Parent Co-opted Governor)**

I am a parent co-opted governor, and the special education needs and disabilities (SEND) link for Petersgate. My son is currently in Y1 – he seems to know everyone!

I have worked in law enforcement for most of my working life. I've also spent some time working for Children's Services, in particular, for the fostering and adoption services for Hampshire County Council. I am passionate about child development, and I have a sound understanding about the impact of trauma and adverse childhood experiences. I truly believe that strong, positive adult role models and a nurturing environment can make all the difference in a child's development.

I knew I wanted to be a school governor very early on, even before we applied for a place at Petersgate. I wanted to be involved in his education, help shape the strategic direction and vision of the school, and advocate for my son and his peers in the wider school community. They all deserve the very best.

I chose Petersgate as I loved the sense of community. It's a good school with lovely, warm teachers and a supportive nurturing learning environment. Obviously, I want him to achieve the best he can and have good academic outcomes, but ultimately, I want him to be happy; I want him to be kind and I want him to be a good friend. The SCARF values at Petersgate support this – and I see these qualities in my son every day!





PoPS (Pals of Petersgate School)

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 Christmas Grotto

On **Thursday 14th December** all children will be able to visit Father Christmas in his Christmas Grotto during school hours. Children will receive a gift and have their photo taken by their class teacher.

The photo will be uploaded to Seesaw.

The cost to visit him will be £2.50 per child and a permission slip will be sent home next week. Please look out for this in your child's book bag.

PoPS Christmas Raffle Hampers

There is still time to bring in donations for the class Christmas Hampers, please bring donations into class until Monday 27th December.

Each class has been allocated a colour theme

Clownfish—Gold

Jellyfish—Orange

Starfish—Silver

Turtle—Pink

Octopus—Blue

Lobster—Purple

Seahorse—Red

Whale—Green

Tickets go on sale on Friday 1st December

Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 14th December!

PoPS Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper Sale

On **Friday 1st December** PoPS will be selling

pre-loved 'Christmas' jumpers. If you have any to donate please leave in the PoPS box in the school office.

PoPS Non Uniform Day

On **Friday 1st December** will be a non uniform day and we kindly ask for gift donations suitable for adults such as toiletries, games, sweets, novelties etc. or an optional monetary donation.

PoPS Christmas Shopping Day

On **Wednesday 6th December** all children will take part in Christmas Shopping Day!

Children can bring in £3.00 to buy **two** gifts for their grown ups.

PoPS Christmas Fayre

On **Thursday 14th December** all children are invited to the PoPS Christmas Fayre, this will be held during the afternoon in school hours.

Children can bring **up to £5.00** to spend.