



## Petersgate Post—23rd July 2024

### Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

I cannot believe we have reached the end of the school year already!

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication in ensuring all the children have engaging learning planned and securing the outcomes they have done for the children. They work tirelessly to ensure all children make progress for their starting points and we are really proud of all the children this year. I am in a really privileged position watching all the children grow and develop in their learning and I cannot be prouder in leading this wonderful school.

I also want to say a massive thank you to all the parents/carers and wider family members who have supported the school this year. I hope you all have a restful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.



### Time to say goodbye

With endings come sad goodbyes. I just want to say a heartfelt and sad goodbye to our current Year 2 children. I have watched you grow in confidence this year and I am so proud of the children you have become. I wish you well with the next stage in your learning journey.

I also want to say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Ankers, Miss Ireland, Mr Owen and Mrs Scutt. I wish you all well in your new adventures, wherever they may take you. You have all shown a great deal of commitment to the school and we are all sorry to see you leave but wish you all the very best for the future.

### **Attendance and Punctuality from 15th—23rd July**

Whole School Attendance: **95.5%**  
(National Average: 94.2 %)

Best Attendance: **SEAHORSE CLASS— 95.5%**  
Best Timekeepers: **WHALE CLASS**

### **Parent Survey July 2024**

**Thank you to all the parents./families who responded to our parent survey. The results will be shared once they are analysed.**

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **July 2024**

**Tuesday 23rd**  
Last day of term

**Wednesday 24th July to Friday 30th August**  
Summer Holidays

#### **September 2024**

**Monday 2nd**  
Inset Day—School Closed  
**Tuesday 3rd**  
Inset Day—School Closed  
**Wednesday 4th**  
School opens at 08:40  
for Years 1 & 2

### **New beginnings & Wedding bells**

In September we welcome back Mrs Potter to Petersgate following her maternity leave. We also welcome Mr Canovan and Miss Ritchie to the team.

We want to also wish Miss Willis all the very best with her upcoming wedding. Miss Willis will be Mrs West on her return. I hope you will join me in congratulating her!

### Things to celebrate

The end of year comes with lots to celebrate.

Our end of year outcomes have been strong for a further year and we are proud of all the outcomes from the children and the progress they have made. Staff have worked so hard in ensuring all of the children have an engaging curriculum and to learn in a variety of ways.

### End of Year Data Headlines

**Early Years Foundation Stage** - 76% of children reached a 'Good Level of Development' with all children making huge progress from their baseline assessment at the beginning of the year. This is higher than national for a 2nd time (National 68%).

**Year 1 Phonics Screening**—91% of children in Year 1 passed the phonic screening check. Again, this is higher than national for a 2nd time (National 79%). This puts the children in a really good position in terms of fluency in reading.

**Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 Outcomes** - although we report the data outcomes for end of Key Stage 1 differently now, I am proud to share that all outcomes were strong for all subjects and surpassed the outcomes from last year.

I am really proud of everyone and well done to all the children for the hard work they have shown this year. I would like to thank all of the staff too for their hard work and commitment to the school in supporting our children.

During one of our first INSET days, we will be undertaking Outdoor Learning and Curriculum training for all staff with Hampshire Outdoors. Outdoor learning will feature heavily in our curriculum from September.

### Health & Wellbeing Tips for the summer holidays

Being off for the summer holiday, may seem like fun and be really exciting with lots to look forward to. However, some children may struggle with a change of routine, here are some ideas which may help over the summer holiday to support your child.

1. Connect with family and friends—if you can't meet up in person, then try virtually calling or video chat so you can keep in touch with loved ones.
2. Keep active—I shared some fun ways of doing so in my previous newsletter. Staying active and fit is really good for well-being and self-esteem. It will get the children up and moving and all members of the family can join in. BBC Supermovers is another fun way to stay active. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/articles/zbr4scw>
3. Get Outside—it is a scientific fact that getting outside can boost your mood and well-being. It can be playing in the garden, going for a walk, going to a local park or even some birdwatching. The National Trust have come up with 50 things to do before you are 10. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things> or <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/mentalwellbeinghampshire/natureandmentalwellbeing>
4. Arts and Crafts—art is a good way to relax, get creative and is a perfect way to reduce screen time. When immersing yourself in something creative it helps you to get to a calm and meditative state which helps to soothe any worries that you may have.
5. Get Cooking—cooking is another way to get creative and try something new. Remember when cooking in your kitchen, ensure you are supervised and get a grown up to help you.

With any of the health and well-being tips ensure you share what you are doing on Seesaw as it will be great to see what you have been up to.

Don't forget the library challenge too over the summer. We will celebrate this with you on your return to school in September and put the certificates (or copy of) up in the new library.

**Whatever you get up to during the summer holidays,  
I hope you have a relaxing and wonderful time!**