



Petersgate Post: 25th October 2024

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

As we reach the end of a busy autumn first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. Our harvest celebration was a joyous event where we hosted the pre-school children to come and join us and members of our school community. Reverend Richard led our harvest celebration and our children had been learning a range of harvest songs to share. Thank you to all the parents and families who supported with food donations and Horndean and Clanfield Food Bank want to pass on their thanks too.

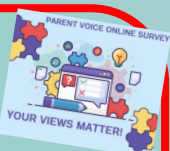
As we move into the winter/cooler months, please ensure your child has wellies in school and a coat. We will go out in all weathers so we want our children to be prepared.

All the dates have been released with regarding our Christmas events over the next two months. This time of year is a really special time in school and we can't wait to share these moments with our whole school community.

Parent Voice Survey

A new informal consultation has been launched to seek the views of young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), their families and the professionals who work with them, in a bid to improve SEND services and participation opportunities in Hampshire. [CLICK HERE](#) or copy and paste this link in to your web browser

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/ow-informing-services-send.



Attendance and Punctuality for 14th October-25th October

Whole School Attendance = **95.61%**

(National Average = 95.2%)

Best Attendance: **Squirrel class = 98.42%**

Best Timekeepers: **Fox class (on time everyday!!)**



Harvest

Thank you for all your kind donations which have been sent to the **Horndean & Clanfield Foodbank**. These donations will be greatly received by them, who can provide a short-term, free, emergency food supply for families in crisis.



Health & Wellbeing Tips

From 21st October—3rd November it is the 'Big Wild Walk'. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details or copy and paste this link into your web browser www.wildlifetrusts.org/bigwildwalk.

The Big Wild Walk is an annual fundraising challenge to support and help protect the wildlife we all love. Whether you want to take on one big hike or take it at your own walking pace over the two weeks, the only competition is against yourself. And if you prefer to conquer step counts from the comfort of your living room, don't worry because they will bring the wildlife to you!

If you follow the link above you can find ways to sign up. **Whatever you do, you'll also experience the benefits to health and wellbeing that comes from connecting with nature.**



PoPS 5p Challenge

The 5p challenge results are in.....

A grand total of **£503.83** was raised with one class filling their bottle completely. Well done to Squirrels!!!

PoPS would like to say **THANK YOU** all so much for your support in raising much needed funds for our school.





Safeguarding Update

With Halloween around the corner, children will often share with us programmes/films they are watching or accessing at home. With films and programmes being able to be accessed on mobile devices through streaming platforms, children have more access than they ever have. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which will have an host-18 rated content. If these are not restricted by your parental controls, the children will be able to view this content freely. This content may contain adult themes, concepts or imagery. Please ensure you check your parental controls.

There are classification age ratings on content for a reason, so children are not accessing content which is inappropriate for their age, so please adhere to these where possible. Children scare or are impacted differently, so whilst your child might not be affected, other children will be.

We have shared a helpful guide entitled 'What Parents and Educators need to know about Horror Films and Age Ratings' on social media for your information.

If your child does start talking about inappropriate content they are accessing at home via different platforms, then as a school we have a safeguarding duty to discuss these further with you.

Communication

We are often asked/informed that we need to find more ways to communicate. Or we don't communicate enough.

In response to the parent survey July 2024, we have worked on ways to reduce the communication in line with your feedback.

However, I wanted to share the ways you can communicate with school or find ways to engage/find out about your child's learning.

Seesaw—we actively engage positively with parents sharing learning with parents and families. Seesaw allows a glimpse into your child's school day through the use of videos, photos or voice notes and you can share learning at home. Not all schools use this device and we are proud that the application can allow parents to further develop the partnership with school and home through the children's learning.

Monthly coffee mornings—these are themed and all can attend (starting this month). These will be informal events where you can meet and discuss key issues with a member of staff linked to the theme (dates on website).

Fortnightly newsletters—giving the most up to date information.

'What is coming up next week' memo—these weekly memos are a way of reducing the number of Arbor messages. The memo informs you of key policy updates, key events coming up or important notices in one handy weekly memo.

Parent Forum—these are run by the Headteacher and again, follow a theme. It is an opportunity to discuss and share your views linked to the theme.

Meet the Teacher—an informal drop-in to meet the class teacher and see the classroom. Held during the first full week of the school year.

Parent consultation evenings—these are planned throughout the year to coincide when teachers assess and update your child's data for learning. During the meetings, we will share achievements and next steps. You can then take away a short Arbor report. These are planned for November, February and end of the year. The end of year meetings coincide with end of year reports, which are more in-depth. However, in May we will send an updated Arbor printout when data is updated. A letter will come out with reports which will explain the information you have received. There is an opportunity to meet with the Special Needs Co-ordinator during the parent consultation evenings, if you wish to make an appointment. These will need to be made in advance.

Social media—regular Facebook updates on our school Facebook page

If you require any further meetings with key staff, please put your request into the admin office email address with the member of staff in the subject line. This will ensure it reaches the correct person. In line with our communication policy, the school has 5 working days to respond to calls/emails. However, if the matter is urgent, we will endeavour to respond before this time. Please see our website for our Communication Policy.

Monthly Coffee Mornings

During the course of the year, we will be offering a parent drop-in Coffee Morning.

Key staff will be available during these times and each one will have a theme.

This will be an opportunity to ask questions, advice, strategies or approaches to support all aspects of teaching and learning.

These mornings are informal, may be practical but presented in a supportive and non-judgemental environment and are designed to offer further support to families in ways to support their child/children at home, with staff potentially signposting you to other resources and/or support.

This term the dates/times and themes are as follows:

Wednesday 27th November 9:00-10:00am—Behaviour and Inclusion led by Mrs West
School Nurse in attendance—Toileting

Friday 13th December 9:00-10:00am—Special Educational Needs led by Mrs Muir
School Nurse in attendance—Fussy eating

Mrs Robb, Family Support Leader and Emotional Literacy Support Assistant
will also be available for all the above coffee mornings.



If your child will be starting school September 2025 in Early Years you will be able to apply for a place from **1st November** via Hampshire County Council Admissions:

[CLICK HERE](#) or copy and paste this link in to your web browser

www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Do you have a child starting school in September 2025?

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.

email: adminoffice@petersgate-inf.hants.sch.uk or telephone: **023 9259 3950**

Tour Dates & Times

November 2024

Thursday 7th at 1:30pm—*fully booked*

Tuesday 12th at 9:30am

Thursday 14th at 1:30pm

Thursday 14th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm—open tour

Wednesday 20th at 9:30am—*fully booked*

Monday 25th at 9:30am

December 2024

Tuesday 3rd at 1:30pm

January 2025

Thursday 9th at 9:30am

If your child will be moving up to Year 3 in September 2025, you will be also able to apply for a place from **1st November** via Hampshire County Council Admissions:

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