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Attendance and Punctuality for 5th—15th November

Whole School Attendance = **94.77%**

(National Average = 95.2%)

Best Attendance: **Fox class = 96.43%**

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

Back to School Uniform—donations

Tesco Petersfield 'Back to School' have kindly donated uniform to PoPS for their Pre-Loved uniform and also in school stock. The pre-loved is available, please contact the PoPS team.

We are very grateful to Tesco at Petersfield for considering our school for these donations which will go towards fundraising funds for our school.

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

Well autumn feels like it is finally upon us and its lovely to see our school grounds glowing in the colours of golds, greens, reds, and browns with the changing of the leaves and trees.

I love this time of year as a new season creeps in and the weather gets that little chillier and you can wrap up warm in hats, gloves and scarves.

With this new season creeping in brings a busy time of year in school. We have lots of lovely events coming up with Christmas around the corner and I know the staff and the PoPS team are working really hard to put on various Christmas events. Please keep an eye on the website, Seesaw and on our 'Coming up next week...' memo where we will endeavour to keep you abreast of key events.

Thank you for all of your support for Children in Need.

We will update you in due course with the amount raised.

Thank you for all of those parents/families who attended our October coffee morning based on curriculum. This month we have one based on Behaviour and Inclusion. Hopefully we will see you there.

Farewell News!

A sad farewell to **Mrs Kelly Hurst**, Learning Support Assistant, who leaves the Petersgate Team today to pursue a new exciting opportunity.

Mrs Hurst has been a valued member of the support staff team and has worked here for over 8 years and we hope you will join us in wishing Mrs Hurst all the very best for her future.



Health & Wellbeing Tips

Crafting is really good for well-being and as we head into the festive season and all of its chaos and busyness, this may be a helpful way to explore your feels.

Place2Be is a national charity who support children's well-being. They have developed an art pack which can help to calm your worries. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the link to download the art pack so you can take part:

There are 3 main activities in the pack which can help you:

Activity 1: Settle your thoughts

They've designed the first activity to help children **distract themselves from worrying thoughts or feelings**. It involves a simple drawing task meant to help them feel more settled by becoming focused on and absorbed in what they are doing in the present moment.

Activity 2: Soothe your senses

The second creative activity is about **helping children feel more grounded physically** by soothing their senses. Children will create a 'Garden of Calm' using art materials and found objects, exploring their senses along the way.

Activity 3: Share your worries

Best done with children feeling settled, the last wellbeing activity **explores how to share worries with a trusted adult**. The tradition of Guatemalan Worry Dolls inspired this activity, where children use scrap and art materials to create their own worry dolls.



Gardening

Early Years and Year 1 have been busy this week planting tulip and daffodil bulbs for the spring.

Between them, they have planted 11 kg of daffodils and 1.5 kg of tulips!

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you caring, enthusiastic and well organised? We need you to join our team of 'super' Lunchtime Leaders.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and how to apply.

Safeguarding Update

With the changes in the new Attendance policy (see our school website), we just wanted to make you aware that as part of our safeguarding duties in school it is our responsibility to query or question if a child is not in school, is late or due to leave early. A child has a right to an education and they need to attend school for a specific amount of hours each week.

Lateness and absenteeism is something we monitor, with rigour and will address with families. We work closely with the attendance team in Hampshire where we will raise queries with them regarding attendance. As part of our monitoring system daily and more formally each month, we will look at the percentage of children who are late or not in school and explore why that may be and how we can support the child with a return to school. We may call you or ask you to attend a meeting where we will raise our concerns with you. Please work with us to ensure your child is in school each day.

- ◆ **Did you know that turning up 5 minutes late every day can add up to 3 missed school days a year!**
- ◆ **Did you know that 90% attendance means your child has missed 19 days and 100 lessons in a year!**



PoPS

We are really lucky that the PoPS work tirelessly in conjunction with the school in their fundraising efforts.

We keep you abreast with regards the focus for the fundraising regularly in our newsletters. Last year, we were really fortunate to have the support from PoPS in the development of our library and the early development of our outside learning environment which supports all children with their well-being.

This year the focus will be finding a hybrid model for physical reading books to run alongside our E-Collins books, as well as, our continual drive to improve the outdoor learning environment space to support our outside curriculum. If you want to find out more with regards how the funds are used you can attend the annual AGM or join the PoPS team of volunteers and support them in supporting the school.



Outdoor Classroom Day To celebrate Outdoor Learning Day

Early Years:

- had their maths lesson outside. We have been learning all about the numbers 1,2 and 3 and so went for a number hunt outdoors!
- had a go at a colour matching activity, where we had to find objects outside that matched each colour in the tray.
- Used mirrors to look at our surroundings from a different perspective e.g. put the mirror under our nose!
- Completed some observational drawings of the pumpkins in our pumpkin patch!

Year 1 took part in:

- ◆ A Scavenger hunt
- ◆ Autumn walk

Year 2

- ◆ Made self portraits from natural items
- ◆ Observational sketches with items we collected from outside
- ◆ Den building or pots & potions

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, pupil premium and looked after/post look after children 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 Liaison Officer and Emotional Literacy Support Assistant will also be available for all the above coffee mornings.



Havant Active Wellbeing Project

The Active Wellbeing Project for the Borough of Havant is being launched and they would love your support in helping them understand what being active means to you! Join them on Saturday 16 November for a morning of inspiration and conversation about how you enjoy being active and how we can support our community to be more active.



[For more information and to register your interest, click here.](#) Please note tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first served basis.

Not able to make it? Not a problem! There are plenty of other ways you can have your say ...

The Active Wellbeing Project has been launched and we want to hear from you!

Active can mean different things to different people. It covers a wide range of things, from feeling confident moving around your home, conducting everyday tasks such as walking to your local shops, or taking part in an organised sport, class or group activity, and everything in between!

Age and ability are no barrier – we want to hear from everyone.

The Active Wellbeing Strategy will be jointly owned, delivered and measured in partnership between Havant Borough Council, Hampshire County Council Public Health, Horizon Leisure Trust, NHS Hampshire and IOW, Community First and Energise Me. By all coming together, we can support those who live in our area to be as active as they want to be.

Tell us what you enjoy doing to be active, what stops you from being as active as you'd like to be and what would make it easier for you to be active.

Your answers to these questions will be incredibly valuable to enable us to support residents in being happier, healthier and fitter in the future.

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

<https://havant.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/active-wellbeing>

This project closes on Monday 25 November 2024.

Not online? Not a problem! You or anyone you know can visit your local library or community centre to find out more and give your views via a paper form.

Alternatively, please contact Havant Borough Council at 023 9244 6019 and ask to give your feedback to the Active Wellbeing Project.

If your child will be starting school September 2025 in Early Years you can now apply for a place via Hampshire County Council Admissions: [CLICK HERE](#) or copy and paste this link in to your web browser
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

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

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

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 can now apply for a place via Hampshire County Council Admissions:

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

www.hants.gov.uk/admissions