



Petersgate Post: 29th November 2024

Health & Wellbeing Tips

The build-up to Christmas can be fast-paced and hectic, especially for busy families. But getting out in the fresh air can provide a welcome respite for all. Being surrounded by nature can calm excited children and soothe frazzled grown-ups, while the crisp air provides an invigorating boost. Plus, it's a wonderful way to spend time together.

At first glance, winter woods might appear brown and dull. But look a little closer and there's lots to discover – from vibrant berries to colourful fungi!

Challenge your family to complete this festive scavenger hunt and find all eight items in nature. It's great for developing children's observation skills and you could spot things you've never noticed before. Can you find something...

- ◆ fluffy like Santa's beard
- ◆ red like Rudolph's nose
- ◆ green like an elf's outfit
- ◆ white like mistletoe berries
- ◆ orange like a snowman's nose
- ◆ round like a bauble
- ◆ shiny like a gold star
- ◆ curved like a candy cane

Bonus points to whoever finds a fallen branch shaped like reindeer antlers!

Grant Update:

Thank you to our Chair of Governors, Helen Glover who managed to secure a grant from the Parish Council. We used this grant to provide 3 benches for the children.



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.

Attendance and Punctuality for 18th–29th November

Whole School Attendance = **96.04%**
(National Average = 95%)

Best Attendance: **Fox class = 99.16%**
Best Timekeepers: **Deer class (on time everyday!!)**



Sparkle Day

It has been an exciting day today as it is Sparkle Day!! All the children have sprinkled a little Christmas glitter and magic and made a wish. I wonder if our branch will grow over the weekend!?? It has been such a lovely joyous day with the children.



Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation and support following our emergency closure this week.

This was not a decision which was made lightly and I appreciate that this would have caused inconvenience to you all. Thank you to those who completed the home learning set, but I also understand that with work commitments for many this may have been difficult to complete. For information moving forward, and as part of our Remote Learning policy which is on our website, if we have to close in the future we have to set learning via Seesaw to complete at home.

Moving forward now, we have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead of us with all of our Christmas events commencing. It starts this week with Sparkle Day on Friday (29th) where children come and sprinkle glitter onto a small branch of a tree hoping something magical would happen overnight. Let's wait and see to find out what it could be. We will keep you posted!!

As we are now heading into the final few weeks of term, my next newsletter will be coming to you at the end of term rather than in 2 weeks. I hope you enjoy this magical time here at Petersgate and I look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks.

Safeguarding Update



Over the coming weeks, there will be lots of different Christmas events and performances here at school. These are magical times for all and it is lovely to see so many families attending these events. I want to take this opportunity to share with you the school's stand regarding filming or photographing these events.

At the beginning of any performance, we ask parents and families to sit back and enjoy this time with their children without being behind a phone/camera. We know the children love to see your smiling face and words of encouragement and we feel that this is best when there is not a camera/phone present. However, we understand that these are milestone school moments in your child's life which you would want to capture. During these times and during rehearsals, parents are updated on Seesaw by the class teacher.

However, there is also much more serious reason behind this. For safeguarding reasons, we have some children who cannot be filmed or photographed and therefore cannot have these events filmed/photographed by families. We are also in an age where things get uploaded to social media and we cannot have this for key children either. Unfortunately, I cannot go into details what these safeguarding reasons are as these are confidential for the child and/or family. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

So sit back, relax and enjoy these moments with your child/ren.



Christmas Raffle

The time has come for Christmas Hampers. Each class has been allocated a colour theme:

Dormouse - Green	Hedgehog - Blue
Rabbit - Orange	Deer - Pink
Fox - Purple	Otter - Red
Squirrels - Gold/Yellow	

Dates for the diary:

Between Monday 18 and Friday 29 of November

We kindly ask for items that match your classes colour theme.

**Raffle tickets go on sale on
Monday 2nd December.**

**The raffle will be drawn on
Monday 16th December.**



The children in Year 2 completed a Design and Technology day. They made dragon machines focusing on wheels and axles. The children used a saw to cut the wooden dowel and attach it to the chassis. Thank you very much to the parent helpers that supported Year 2.



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.

The last one for this term is :

Friday 13th December 9:00-10:00am—Special Educational Needs led by **Mrs Muir (SENCo & DSL)** : 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.



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

December 2024

Tuesday 3rd at 13:30

Wednesday 4th at 09:30

January 2025

Thursday 9th at 09:30

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