



Petersgate Post: 2nd May 2025

Important

We have had another complaint from a neighbour by the rear entrance in that two cars had blocked their driveway when dropping their children to school.

A reminder, this cul-de-sac by the rear entrance is for residents only to park/use their driveways and there are clear signs to say that there is no parking and this is for residents only.

There is plenty of parking just a short walk further away from this cul-de-sac. Alternatively, you can park at the community centre and walk your child to school from there. No matter how late you might be please can we ask you to be considerate where you park and do not block driveways.

We want to maintain a good relationship with our neighbours. We have again reiterated to the residents to contact the police and the local council when this happens so they can look into this.

Please also note that the yellow zigzag lines are NOT to be parked on in Green Lane.

Thank you for your cooperation and we appreciate parents taking their time to let us know about this.

Attendance and Punctuality for 22nd April—2nd May

Whole School Attendance = **98.13%**
(National Average = 94.5%)

Best Attendance: **Fox class = 100%**
Best Timekeepers: **Hedgehog & Deer class**
(on time everyday!!)



Goodbye!!

We said a very sad farewell to **Mrs Jess Collins**, Learning Support Assistant in Early Years, who left Petersgate Team today.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Collins for her hard work, commitment and dedication to the school over the last year.

Mrs Collins is embarking on an exciting new opportunity and as a school community, I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best of luck for the future.

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

Wow what a great start to term it has been!! The sun has finally arrived, which has been very welcomed, especially after what seems like a grey start to the year. On that note, thank you to all those families who have sent in water in their water bottles, hats and sun cream. Please can we ask that all these items are named—thank you.

This term is always the busiest of terms for us and all schools. There is a lot of learning which goes on right until the end of the year, including the Phonics Screening Check in June for Year 1. There are also lots of amazing learning to share through class assemblies, an end of year production for Year 2 and trips off site to various places. A key part of the term is transition. For year 2, this is made up with visits to their new junior school. Transition is a key part of life and our internal transition into the new year group is as equally important as the transition into our school or onto the next stage of education.

Please can I ask, with so many things going on, that you carefully consider any absence requests as this seriously disrupts your child's learning. All absence requests are carefully considered and holiday requests will not be authorised, which could lead to a Penalty Notice.

We want all children to enjoy their last term in their class, so please work with us on ensuring your child is in school every day AND on time. This week we had 100% attendance for the whole school—this is the first time since I joined the school in September 2023!! This is a great cause to celebrate and we will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality daily to see if this is something we can achieve more regularly.

Tesco Stronger Starts program

Exciting news! We are pleased to have been chosen to receive funding from **Tesco "Stronger Starts"** initiative. We have applied for this funding for our outdoor space improvement. As you know we are redesigning and enhancing our outdoor learning environment, which will enable us to link aspects of the school curriculum with learning outdoors.

We are competing against two other causes to receive up to £1,500 and we need your help to win! If you shop in Tesco or Tesco Express in Petersfield or Tesco Express in Liss you can support us by casting your vote in any of these stores; simply drop a blue token into our voting booth until 30th June and remember...**Every little helps!!**



Safeguarding



As we enjoy this warmer weather, I felt it was an ideal time to share some sun safety information so we can all stay safe in the sunshine.

During the school day, we assess the weather and may shorten breaktimes, so the children are not outside for too long a period. We are lucky that our school grounds give us lots of areas of shade, where the children will play if the sun is too hot/strong.

We encourage all the children to drink from their water bottles regularly throughout the day. Therefore, it should only be water in their water bottles to support the children to stay hydrated.

Sun cream should be applied before the children come to school. There will be opportunities for the children to re-apply this during the day. Please support your child with practising this at home.

A sun hat is needed during these sunnier months and we will be encouraging all children to wear one when they go outside.

Let's hope the sun is here to stay and if it is, we can stay safe whilst enjoying it.



Health & Wellbeing Tips

As we have so much wonderful news to share regarding **myHappymind**. It seemed apt to promote and practice some of the strategies at home by doing the following:

- What can you show gratitude for or be thankful for today? Go into your garden, walk around your local area or in nature and find 10 things you are grateful for. Remember showing gratitude can be what we see, hear, find—all the things we can find for free. Sharing gratitude helps to spread joy and makes others happy
- How can you use your Happy Breathing as part of your everyday life? Show your family members how to use Happy Breathing when they are feeling cross, frustrated, scared or worried.
- Spotting Character Strengths—spot the character strengths in your family. These including showing love and kindness, honesty, teamwork and friendship, a love of our world.

PoPS Summer Festival—Sunday 6th July

PoPS are busy organising for the Summer Festival.

If you would like a stall or know someone that would like to have a stall at the Summer Festival then please contact Beth.

PoPS are also looking for lots of volunteers to help organise and help to make the Summer Festival run smoothly.

If you are able to offer your help, even if you can only give an hour of your time please contact Beth.

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Thank you for your continued support in helping raise much needed funds for our school!





We are really proud to be part of the **myHappymind** family.

This week we launched our new module 'Appreciate' which is all about showing gratitude for the small things in life. Please continue to share with us when the children are using their strategies at home, so I can share with **myHappymind**. From speaking to the Happiness Co-ordinator this week, lots of parents are getting in touch, which is great to hear.

We are now a **myHappymind** ambassador school, which we are so proud of!! This means we are embracing the **myHappymind** strategies and principles across the school and our work is being shared more widely with other schools and the programmes commissioners.

myHappymind Places

There is something new in the app!

myHappymind Places is a new resource designed to help children explore and understand their emotions in a personal and meaningful way while developing self-regulation strategies. It builds confidence in expressing emotions in a way that works for them. Children can personalise their own Places, linking them to emotions through locations or colours that resonate with them. There is a parent information video, activity guides, a stamp guide where the 'stamps' represent different self-regulation strategies and tools and some printable resources. Thank you to all the parents who have signed up for the app

You can still sign up for the app (see the box below for more details).

We now have 69 app users compared to 32 when it first launched. Keep going!



We are really proud to be part of the **myHappymind** family.

As a school, we have been gifted an opportunity to deliver a whole school programme to build positive mental health and well-being. This programme is endorsed by the NHS and is a fully funded programme.

myHappymind helps children to understand how their brain works and creates a culture that helps to build resilience, confidence, and self-esteem. **myHappymind** also teaches the children how to self-regulate and manage their emotions in stressful times, allowing them to be their very best selves!

We have already launched the programme with the children and parents/carers and families were invited to the physical launch. Further information was sent out to all families which included a letter outlining key information, parent presentation and link for a short video.

Thank you to all those who have signed up for the free parent app and I hope this helps you in supporting your child at home. Information of how to do this was in the letter but there are posters around school with the QR code and sign code to access the app. Please can we ask that this code is not shared with anyone else. The resources and materials will be on display during our parent consultation evenings coming up. The app QR code will be available to sign up then too.

We have also developed a section on our school website for parents/carers for mental health and well-being which signposts you to resources to help you at home.

Please [click here](#) or copy and paste this link into your web browser.

<https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/parents/mental-health-and-well-being-for-parents>