



Petersgate Post: 22nd July 2025

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

Wow I cannot believe we have reached the final newsletter for this academic year. I would like to thank all parents and families for your on-going support and kind comments following my previous communication. I want to take this opportunity to say how proud I am in leading Petersgate Infant School. The school is a really special place to be and all children have achieved great things this year and have made huge progress. It is an absolute joy to meet and greet you all at the beginning and end of the day and to hear about your days, weekends or special events.

It has been a real special year with lots of different events and special occasions and it has been wonderful to be part of all of this. I hope you all have a safe and restful summer holiday and I cannot wait to see you all in your return in September. I would like to especially thank all the year 2 children for their hard work and support and I wish you all well for the future as you head off for your new adventure.

Thank you to all of the families who completed the parent survey. The results are currently being examined and analysed and we will update you in the new academic year.

Finally, a massive thank you for all of the best wishes, cards, kind words and gifts today. I really appreciate it and am grateful to everyone who has taken the time to wish me well.



Attendance and Punctuality for 14th June to 22nd July

Whole School Attendance = **95.8%**
(National Average = 94.5%)

Best Attendance: **Deer class = 94.18%**

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

Health & Well-being

Staying with the theme of being outside and enjoying the environment, please follow the link for some fun things to do outside. Some of these activities can be done at home or easily adapted if the weather is not on your side.

'50 things to do before you're 11 3/4 '

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things>

WHAT THE POPS?!

What your generous donations at PoPS fundraising events, has gone towards this year.

£1098.33 Minibus maintenance and yearly costs

SCARF subscription £750

£1429.99 Music provision

New year intake supplies **£1500**

£1961.95 Class trips

and more!

WE NEED YOU!

Please join the PoPS team.

Whether its on the committee, planning and organising or just volunteering time at events, every bit helps. Everyone is welcome.

Any questions or to sign up, contact:
popstogether@outlook.com



PoPS have also raised £505.83 from the 5p Challenge

and £436.59 from the Easter Fayre.



Safeguarding

In response to growing concerns around smartphone use and its impact on mental health, schools across the Havant and Waterlooville area are joining forces to address this important issue. More details will follow in September, including parent workshops—please keep an eye out for updates in the new academic year.

I know that some parents may be concerned that we are bringing mixed messages in suggesting delaying a child's access to smartphone devices/with this new approach, whilst at the same time using devices to capture children's work in school and asking you to read with your child on an e-book. Although there is some cross over with screens in general, the major issues of concern are unique to a smartphone device with internet access not reliant on WiFi, and the portability and privacy of a smartphone device.

It has been shown that a larger screen family device, or laptop/computer, used in a family space (not a bedroom) is inherently safer. We would therefore recommend that you continue to be present with your child whilst they are using a device to read an e-book to prevent accidental viewing of inappropriate content from the internet. Your WiFi provider is able to block access to certain websites at a router level by request. In school it is important to us that we continuing to prepare children for the tech world by showing them how to use technology to our advantage. We are modelling to them that we can be in control of the technology as a productivity tool and differentiating this from the endless stream of content on social media.

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.org/schools-network>—use the link to find out more.



The Log Pile House

The outdoor classroom finally has it's sign and its official name! Welcome to The Log Pile House. We ran a competition earlier on this year with the children, with the winner having the sign made for the outdoor classroom. Mrs Wright also very kindly developed the area to the right of the Log Pile House and it has been developed to entice wildlife into the area.



Green Award Ceremony

The school has been working with Rosemary from the Parish Council to develop a 'Green Award' for the school. The teachers nominated children who showed a passion, interest or enthusiasm for the natural world, both in school and outside of school. These nominations were sent to the Parish Council, who judged the nominated children and we hosted our first Green Award ceremony last week. The Parish Council provided wooden medals for all nominated children. The winner was presented with a wooden trophy, which has been engraved and will stay in school and take pride of place in the office. We would like to thank all the children for their hard work during their outdoor learning, as well as, their cooking and gardening sessions.