



Petersgate Post: 12th September 2025

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

What a wonderful week or so we have had here at Petersgate. It has been an absolute joy to welcome the children back to school and they all look so smart in their uniforms. All of the children have settled well into their new classes and year groups and they are busy making new friendships and building relationships with the adults who are supporting them. The children have already shown their hard work and resilience and I know the posts on Seesaw demonstrates the learning the children have completed over this last week or so.

All the home visits and short visits into school are now complete for the new Year R and they have started some longer visits. They too have settled into life at school and I can't wait to spend more time with them, getting to know them and their families in the coming weeks.

I want to thank you all for your warm welcome back and all the many smiles, acts of kindness and warm wishes you have expressed to me since being back, it is much appreciated.



Attendance and Punctuality for 4th to 12th September

Whole School Attendance = **97.05%**
(National Average = 95.4%)

Best Attendance: **Fox & Hedgehog class = 98%**

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

**We have attached our Attendance leaflet
with this newsletter**

GOODBYE!

A fond farewell

It is with sadness that we said goodbye to Mr Bath over the summer. Mr Bath has really supported the school keeping it safe and tidy in his role as Caretaker. All of us here at Petersgate infant School wish him well.

We have now appointed a new member of staff for the role and look forward to them working with us soon.

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



Safeguarding



Contact details

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we require up to date information regarding contact details. We require more than one contact information for all children. Please can we ask you to keep your details on Arbor up to date, especially telephone numbers, so we can reach you. We may need to call if your child is unwell or has hurt themselves. We have made a number of phone calls this term and we have been unable to reach parents as contact details have been incorrect.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

During the academic year, we will continue to practise a range of emergency evacuation procedures i.e fire evacuation procedure. This is to enable the children to know and understand how to evacuate the school building in the event of an emergency. Following each practise, the school reviews and adapts any procedures to ensure they are as effective as possible.

During this academic year, we will be practising a lockdown procedure. The school will be following guidance around this. This is nothing to worry about, but enables the school and children to be as prepared as possible for any emergency. More details regarding this procedure will be shared with parents in advance, so you will know what to expect. At this time, we will also share with the children, in a child-friendly way what to expect.

Smartphone free child hood

Following our newsletter in July, schools across the Havant and Waterlooville area are joining forces to address this important issue around smartphone use and the impact on mental health. We will keep you updated with information and parent workshops coming up this term.



Health & Well-being

As we move into autumn, make the most of this wonderful season by going on an autumn nature walk with your family. This could involve activities like leaf collecting for art projects, such as rubbings and collages, or using found items like stones and sticks to build temporary nature art. Other ideas include searching for specific "signs of autumn" with a scavenger hunt, observing wildlife with binoculars, or simply enjoying the sensory experience of crunchy leaves and puddles.



Tesco Stronger Starts program

As you know we were chosen for the Tesco "Stronger Starts" initiative and we are pleased to let you know that we have been donated the sum of **£500**.

We applied for funding to improve our outdoor space. This will enable us to link aspects of the school curriculum with learning outdoors. Thank you Tesco!





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.

www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/parents/mental-health-and-well-being-for-parents



WOW Challenge

See today's communication regarding this year's WOW Challenge! Walk, scooter, ride, 'Park and Stride' to earn badges each month.

