



## Petersgate Post—28th March 2024

### Forthcoming Events

#### Thursday 28th

Last day of Spring term

#### April 2024

#### Monday 15th

Inset day— school closed

#### Tuesday 16th

School open at 8:40am

Admissions Sept 2024—Yr 3 & EY's notification date

#### Wednesday 17th

Year 2—Trip to Wilson Atkinson Farm

#### Thursday 18th

Early Years—Trip to Wilson Atkinson Farm

#### Friday 19th

Year 1—Trip to Wilson Atkinson Farm

#### Wednesday 24th

Turtle class assembly 2.30-3pm

#### May 2024

#### Thursday 2nd

Multiply Games Event for families—see poster

#### Monday 6th

Bank holiday—school closed

#### Tuesday 7th

Clownfish class assembly\*

#### Wednesday 8th

Jellyfish class assembly\*

#### Thursday 9th

Early Years Summer born—  
School Nurses—hearing/vision

Starfish class assembly\*

#### Monday 13th

Class Photos\*

#### Thursday 16th

Summer Census-Celebrate Lunches\*

#### w/b Monday 20th

Walk to School Week\*

#### Wednesday 22nd

Year 1 Trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens\*

#### Monday 27th—Friday 31st

Half term—school closed

*\*details to follow*

### Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

As we reach the end of another busy term, I want to thank you all for your on-going support and feedback for the school. It is very much appreciated and helps us to continue to develop and grow.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and can't wait to see you all next term. Lets all hope we get some improved weather!

### INSET Dates

for next academic year 2024/2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

### Attendance and Punctuality from 18th –28th March

Whole School Attendance: **93.2%**  
(National Average: 94.3%)

Best Attendance: **Octopus—95.52%**  
Best Timekeepers: **Jellyfish & Seahorse**

### Health & Wellbeing Tip

I have added as part of this newsletter some fun Easter activities you may want to take part in over the Easter break, especially if the weather is not very kind.

I have also included a game called 'Self-Care Bingo' which might be something fun for you to do as a family. Please share on Seesaw any of the fun Easter/holiday activities you may take part in.

It is a good time of year to also get out into your garden, if you have one or plant some seeds of bulbs in a window box.

The sense of achievement that you can feel when you have successfully grown a plant can be amazing – even for adults! Setting up opportunities to grow your own plants, flowers or vegetables is a perfect way to promote self-esteem and a sense of responsibility. This can be as simple as sowing cress seeds or planting a bulb in a pot, or it might lead to a full-scale vegetable patch!

### Staff Farewells

Today we said sad farewells to two valued members of the Petersgate Team.

**Mrs Becky Smith**, Whale Class Learning Support Assistant has worked here for over 5 years. Mrs Smith has been offered an exciting new opportunity to move on to.

**Ms Emma Ritchie**, Lobster Class 1:1 SEN Learning Support Assistant has worked with the team for 18 months. Ms Ritchie will be spending more time with her family.

I hope you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck for the future, they will be missed by all the staff and children.



## Create your own Easter Bonnet!



## Hard boil an egg and then decorate it!



## Explore what happens when you pour warm water onto skittles!



Place skittles on a plate (white is best)

Pour warm water into the middle

Watch what happens!

Try different patterns and shapes!

## Marble your own egg using shaving foam and food colouring!



Put the foam in a tray and add food colouring.

Swirl it using a fork.

Press your card egg shape into the foam.

Scrape off the foam using a car ice scraper.

## Create a chick by printing with paint and a fork!



## Create a laser grid to try to travel through, without touching the string!



## Bake an Easter creation!



## Go for a spring walk - Which spring flowers can you spot? How many shades of green can you collect?







## Outside Learning Environment Development Update

The outside environment is starting to be developed assisted by one of our parents. This week, year 2 have planted some bulbs in their year 2 outside space. We hope they grow over the coming months and is a wonderful memory of this lovely year group and a way of leaving their legacy.

We will be also looking into available grants to further develop our outside space. I am also in conversation with Hampshire Outdoors to book some professional development for all staff to enable them to plan and teach outdoor learning as part of the curriculum. Lots of exciting things going on!

## Young Governors

### **Congratulations to our new Young Governors!**

Young Governors are appointed from each class based on a class voting system. The children use democracy to be able to decide on who would be most suitable. The children will attend meetings with Mrs Atkinson and some of the school Governors. They will need to work as a team to make sure that everyone's voice is heard, ideas are shared and decisions are made to make sure that the school can be the best it can be.



## Library Development



Last week we had our library audit and the School Library Service have shared their feedback. Unfortunately, there has been a lot of damaged books, some of which are down to water. Please can I ask that water bottles are not put into bookbags, as they can leak. We will continue to assess where we store our books in the classroom, so that the books are well cared for and looked after. During the summer term, we will start to order books and furniture for the library to take shape. We will keep you posted of the development in the coming months. Thank you to PoPS for their support and to all families for their fundraising support with this venture.

**PoPS—Dates Coming Up 2024!**

- Friday 17th May—Adult Bingo Night\*
- May half term—Clanfield Village Trail\*
- Thursday 13th June—Year 2 Leavers Party\*
- Friday 28th June—Non Uniform Day & Donations for Summer Festival\*
- Sunday 30th June—Summer Festival\*

*\*details to follow*



**SAVE**  
*the*  
**DATE**

**Petersgate  
Summer  
Festival**

**SUNDAY 30TH JUNE**

**11AM - 3PM**

**@ PETERSGATE INFANT  
SCHOOL FIELD**



**We are looking for stall holders, please  
email**

**[meg\\_ngo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:meg_ngo@yahoo.co.uk)**

**for more information if you are interested!**



Please scan our QR  
code for our event  
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# PARENTS EVENING POSITIVES

Every teacher has been so nurturing and accommodating of his needs, and we think they've created a classroom environment where all the pupils are supportive of each other.

Lovely to be able to view the work, nice relaxed atmosphere

Teachers are always happy & friendly.

Amazing school & brilliant staff.

The learning is excellent & my child is exceeding

This has been the best school for our son.

The teachers are very supportive and our children love learning with them.

Staff always listen, lovely environment, helpful, safe

My daughter is so happy to come to school everyday & all the staff are so kind & helpful.

# Self-Care Bingo

Had fun doing some exercise	Went outside	Ate a healthy snack	Brushed my teeth every day	Put on some nice clothes
Ate healthy food	Tried something new	Was helpful to someone	Drank water everyday	Talked to a friend
Thought about how my body feels	Was kind to someone	Had a wash	Took a break	Said three things I am grateful for
Thought about how I feel	Played a game	Ate a piece of fruit	Asked for help	Did a good deed
Gave myself a pat on the back	Did something fun	Did a hobby	Did some breathing exercises	Had a good laugh





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# Free Games Event



## Games Event for Families

**Thursday, 2nd May 2024**

**15.20-17.20 hours**

Imagine...no phones, no screens, just having fun as a family. Take a break and share dedicated time with your children to play games.

The Multiply team know that games are a fantastic opportunity to encourage mathematical thinking in so many ways. We are providing a FREE games event to give you that special time with your family whilst enhancing your inner mathematician!

## How to Book

Book a place now using the link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/mP3WBBaxcx>



Hampshire  
County Council

[multiply@hants.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@hants.gov.uk)



# Clanfield Cricket Club

## Junior Cricket 2024

Junior teams catering for ages 8-13 years

Weekly training sessions & matches against other local teams!

Not ready to play in a junior team? Why not try our All Stars & Dynamos programmes starting in May!

Join us for another fun, action packed summer of Cricket!



Sessions Run by Qualified Coaches - Open to all abilities

Junior Training = Tuesday Evenings  
All Stars/Dynamos = Friday Evenings  
Matches throughout the Summer

**NEW FRIENDS - NEW SKILLS - NEW FITNESS**

Contact: [clanfieldcc@gmail.com](mailto:clanfieldcc@gmail.com) for more information.

### Hampshire Library Information

**New Parents Meet and Connect**—These new sessions are perfect for new babies and first-time parents/carers in the early days. You will be supported to explore a range of sensory equipment with your baby and have a chance to connect with other new and first-time parents. These sessions are free, there is no need to book, but places are limited. Sessions start in April, to find your closest session please [click here](#) for the link.

**First words together**—Babies communicate long before they start to talk, through gestures, showing and giving objects, pointing, and vocalising. Sharing books and interacting through books from when babies are very young supports communication and language development. If you would like support to build your confidence to support your baby's communication, please contact ChatHealth to request a place on the new First words together courses for parents and carers or [click here](#).

In addition, libraries in Hampshire offer other support and social activities for new parents and babies during their first twelve months and beyond. Find out how we can help your new family feel at home in the library.

**Join the library**— Anyone who lives, works, or studies in Hampshire to join our library and it's free! We have lots of books and resources to support you as a parent as well as some fantastic books for children and it's never too early to start sharing books. You can join online or in your local library - find out more about the benefits of joining [click here](#).

**Baby stay and play**—Free and fun play session for babies up to 12 months old. These sessions offer a great chance to bond with your baby and make new friends. Find your closest session [click here](#).

**Baby Rhymetime**—Join these sessions to learn action songs and rhymes with your own baby with other parents and carers. Some libraries run sessions just for babies under 12 months. Find your closest session [click here](#).

**Storytime**—Learn how to share stories and make them special at our free storytime sessions for pre-school children. Find your closest session [click here](#).

**When a book might help**—Sharing stories about situations can help put a child's make transitions and new experiences easier more understandable and easier to cope with. These story books can make it easier to explain new situations to small children. Find out more [click here](#).

**Rhyme and story of the month**—Repeating the same rhymes and stories, with actions too, will help to build a connection with your new baby and support their own listening and communication too.

Each month our libraries share the same rhyme and story in our rhymetime and storytime sessions to help you and your baby become familiar with sharing rhymes and stories at home. Find out more [click here](#).





# WHAT'S ON THIS EASTER



John Jenkins Stadium, Moneyfields Avenue, Portsmouth PO3 6LA

Mixed	Tue 2 - Fri 5 April 2024	Age 5-12	£22 per day	9:00-3:00
Mixed	Mon 8 - Fri 12 April 2024	Age 5-12	£22 per day	9:00-3:00
Girls Only	Thu 4 - Fri 5 April 2024	Age 7-13	£22 per day	9:00-3:00
Girls Only	Thu 11 - Fri 12 April 2024	Age 7-13	£22 per day	9:00-3:00
Goalkeeping	Wed 3 - Fri 5 April 2024	Age 8-10	£24 per course	10:00-12:00
Goalkeeping	Wed 3 - Fri 5 April 2024	Age 11-13	£24 per course	12:30-2:30

## Bay House School, Gomer Lane, Gosport PO12 2QP

Mixed	Tue 2 - Wed 3 April 2024	Age 5-12	£22 per day	9:00-3:00
Mixed	Mon 8 - Wed 10 April 2024	Age 5-12	£22 per day	9:00-3:00
Goalkeeping	Tue 2 April 2024	Age 8-10	£8 per session	10:00-12:00
Goalkeeping	Tue 2 April 2024	Age 11-13	£8 per session	12:30-2:30
Goalkeeping	Mon 8 April 2024	Age 8-10	£8 per session	10:00-12:00
Goalkeeping	Mon 8 April 2024	Age 11-13	£8 per session	12:30-2:30

## Chichester College, Westgate Fields, Chichester PO19 1SB

Mixed	Tue 2 - Wed 3 April 2024	Age 5-12	£22 per day	9:00-3:00
Mixed	Wed 10 - Fri 12 April 2024	Age 5-12	£22 per day	9:00-3:00

### Also on this Easter

**PAN Disability Football and Multisports**

Mayfield School, PO2 0RH  
Mon 8 April 2024  
9:30-1:30  
Age 6-16  
FREE



**Cooking at Pompey Study Centre**

PompeyITC, PO4 8TN  
2, 4, 9 & 11 April 2024  
9:30-1:30  
Age 9-15  
£25

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# EASTER

## HOLIDAY COURSES

Supported by **HARNESSES.COM**  
3 venues across Easter

**BAY HOUSE SCHOOL,**  
PO12 2QP

**JOHN JENKINS STADIUM,**  
PO3 6LA

**CHICHESTER COLLEGE,**  
PO19 1SB

9am to 3pm | £22 per day

Mixed



Girls only



Goalkeeping\*



\*Times vary

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