



Petersgate Post—29th April 2024

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

Welcome back to you all and I hope you are all safe and well and had a restful Easter break.

I cannot believe that we have reached the summer term already and that I have nearly completed an academic year here at Petersgate. I am thoroughly enjoying my time here at Petersgate and I am so proud of the children and all of their achievements, so far. I cannot wait to see the learning to come over this term.

This time of year is busy in any school with lots of events. Please keep an eye on our [school website](#) and [our newsletter](#) regarding key events for your child/children, we aim to give as much notice as possible. We will share learning and updates of events on Seesaw and in our newsletter.

Attendance and Punctuality from 16th—26th April

Whole School Attendance: **97.41%**
(National Average: 94.3%)

Best Attendance: **Clownfish class—99.05%**
Best Timekeepers: **Seahorse class**

Facebook

Don't forget you can follow us on Facebook, we share assemblies, useful information, events & much more [click here](#)

Warmer Weather

Hopefully the weather will start to get warmer soon! It is really important that your child has in school every day the following:

- water bottle
- sun hat/cap
- sunscreen protection (please apply before coming into school)

Please ensure all items have your child's name on. Please also note your child must wear suitable footwear **NO** flip flops/sliders or open toe shoes, this is for health and safety reasons to keep them safe. Please also note this applies to non-uniform days—thank you!



Health & Wellbeing Tip—Make your own bird nest

The desire to lay eggs and raise young is innate for every bird. Despite this need, not all birds build a nest from scratch – some take advantage of existing holes in trees, some create simple scrapes in the ground and some birds, like the Cuckoo, lay their eggs in other birds nests to save them the job of looking after their young!

However, most birds work tirelessly each spring to build a nest using only their beaks. Take some time to consider these amazing structures – the importance of their design and construction for the job they do, the various sizes, shapes and locations chosen. Create your own using natural materials - harder than you think!

Forthcoming Events

May 2024

Thursday 2nd

Multiply Games Event for families—see poster

Monday 6th

Bank holiday—school closed

Tuesday 7th

Clownfish class assembly 2:30pm*

Wednesday 8th

Jellyfish class assembly 2:30pm*

Thursday 9th

Early Years Summer born—
School Nurses—hearing/vision
Starfish class assembly 2:30pm*

Monday 13th

Class Photos*

Thursday 16th

Summer Census-Celebrate Lunches*

Monday 20th—Friday 24th

Walk to School Week*

Wednesday 22nd

Year 1 Trip to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens*

Monday 27th—Friday 31st

Half term—school closed

June 2024

Thursday 6th

Sports Day*

Tuesday 11th

Early Years—Trip to Alice Holt*

Thursday 13th

Year 2—PoPS Leavers Party*
Parent Forum 2-3pm*

Friday 21st

Inset Day—School Closed

Tuesday 25th

Year 2—Trip to Marwell Zoo*

Friday 28th

PoPS Non Uniform—donations for Summer Festival*

Sunday 30th

PoPS Summer Festival*

**details to follow*

Ofsted Celebrations

Last week the children embarked on an exciting adventure to Wilson Atkinson Farm. The trip was an incredible opportunity for the children to learn about sustainable farming practices and interact with lambs, cows and goats. The children travelled on mini buses provided by 'Community First' as a celebration for our Ofsted rating being 'Good'. All of the children were respectful, engaged and asked lots of interesting questions.



Everyone got a chance to meet adorable new born lambs and learn about their lifecycle including a group of triplets with their mummy that were just hours old!

During the visit, the children got to see first-hand how cows are cared for and the essential role they play in sustainable agriculture. They learned about meat production and how these animals contribute to our food supply.



The trip wouldn't be complete without meeting the friendly goats! The children were fascinated by the goat's curious nature and enjoyed learning facts about their life on the farm.

Hopefully this immersive trip has been one that creates memorable experiences and interests children into where their food comes from.

We would like to say a huge thank you to **East Hants District Council** for providing us with a grant to enable the whole school to take part on this trip. Thank you to **Wilson Atkinson Farm** for being accommodating to the school and providing essential knowledge. Thank you to **Community First** for providing mini buses across the three mornings including one volunteer driver! Lastly, thank you to all of the **parent helpers** who supported and attended the trip, we could not have visited without you.



Many thanks
Isabella Atkinson



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General Reminders

Contact Details

It is vital we have up to date information for your child.

For your information you are able to update details i.e. telephone/mobile no's, email addresses, any other contacts, doctors surgery & more etc on Arbor, this will be subject to approval from our admin team. Please do take a look at your child's Arbor account and make any necessary changes.

If you are unable to make changes please let the school office know as soon as possible by email so we can update your child's records accordingly. Thank you.

Absences/Medical Appointments – Absence Line

If your child is unwell please ensure you leave a message on the absence line, stating your child's name, class and reason for absence **by 9am**.

We do require you to leave a message on the absence line **everyday** your child is absent. We check for absences daily and if we have not received a message by 9am, we have to assume your child is missing and a telephone call will be made to enquire the reason for their absence. You can leave a message at anytime as the absence line is available 24hrs a day.

If your child has a medical appointment and will not be in for registration, you can also leave a message on the absence line. Please also include whether your child will be bringing a packed lunch or would need a school dinner ordered. If a school dinner is required, please state their choice of red or green.

We also require evidence of all medical appointments i.e. an appointment card, medical letter, email or a screenshot of a text message, for our records. Thank you.

Late into School

Classroom doors are open from 08:40-08:50, if the doors to the classrooms have closed, please bring your child to the school office. We will ask the reason why your child is late and we will sign them in on the Late Register. Thank you.



Outside Learning

Environment Development Update

In the coming weeks, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Carter and Mrs Atkinson will be meeting to agree the focus for the Sports Premium for this year. This will include developing the outdoor learning environment, so authentic outdoor learning can take place. All staff will be trained in delivering the outdoor learning, which will formally begin in September. Work is already happening to develop our grounds further through the support of one of our parents. One of our governors is also looking to seek further grants to further develop our grounds too. We will keep you posted!



Library Development

Mrs Mitchell has met, again, with the School Library Service (SLS) following the audit. She has also met with PoPS regarding next steps for the library. The school is about to begin ordering the items of furniture, putting together book collections with Peters and the school are increasing their allocation with SLS to ensure there is a wide range of books for the children. Towards the end of the summer term, Jill from SLS will come to school and help to set the library up with Mrs Mitchell and the team. We cannot wait to show you photos and have an opening ceremony to launch our new library. Thank you to the parent volunteers regarding signs and murals, we will meet soon to agree what we will have in our library. More details to follow.....

Year 1 Trip—Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

An email was sent to you on 17th April.

Please give consent/make payment on Arbor and complete the online form to submit your child's lunch option—thank you.



Early Years Trip—Alice Holt

An email was sent to you on 25th April. Please give consent/make payment on Arbor and complete the online form to submit your child's lunch option—thank you.



Donation Request!

If anyone is having a clear out and you would be willing to donate any of the following items, we would be extremely grateful for our breakfast/after school clubs and/or Early Years areas—thank you!

Board games (complete)
Puzzles (complete)
Dolls
Cars and car mats
Train sets
Small world i.e. animals/dinosaurs etc

Year 2 Tag Rugby Event

Mrs Atkinson & Mrs Robb took a small group of Year 2 children to take part in a Rugby Festival at Oaklands Catholic School yesterday.

The children took part in rugby activities and they won the trophy for trying hard in the games, listening carefully and being polite.



Well done!



PoPS—Dates Coming Up 2024!

- Friday 17th May—Adult Bingo Night*
- May half term—Scarecrow Trail (*packs on sale 24th May*)*
- Thursday 13th June—Year 2 Leavers Party*
- Friday 28th June—Non Uniform Day for donations for Summer Festival*
- Sunday 30th June—Summer Festival*

*details to follow

PETERSGATE INFANT SCHOOL'S Summer Festival

£1 entry for adults children go free!

TO-DO

- Games
- Pimms Tent
- Trade Stalls
- Food & Refreshments
- Sand Art
- Free Craft
- Princess the Unicorn and Friends
- Bouncy Castle
- Reptiles
- Princess & Superhero meet & greet
- Inflatables Fun Run
- Children's rides
- & much more!!

Sunday 30th June
at Petergate Infant School field
11am to 3pm

Live entertainment from local talent!

Grand Raffle £1 a ticket
WINNER

For more information contact:
meg_ngo@yahoo.co.uk

Please scan the QR code to find more info on our Facebook page

Kindly sponsored by Steve Grantham Bespoke

Please note: no dogs & no smoking / vaping



MAY HALF TERM 2024

28TH - 31ST MAY

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!



LEGO ANIMATION

MINECRAFT CODING



SMART ROBOTICS



VR

ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTS



Robotics & Coding



Circuitry & Electronics

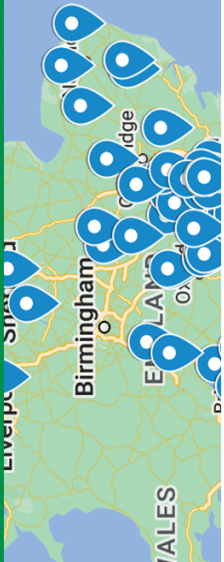


Tech Fun

What to bring to camp?



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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>

NEW FRIENDS NEW SKILLS NEW FITNESS



Girls Cricket Taster Session

Cricket is the fastest growing female sport in the UK and there are loads of formats to try. Why not come along to our taster session & give cricket a go?

Open to all abilities

Tuesday 14th May 2024

5-6pm, South Lane Meadow

Open to Girls aged 8 years & older



Contact: clanfieldcc@gmail.com to book or for more information.



Free Courses for Parents This Summer Term!

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>



Course Title:	Location:	Dates:	Times:
Get Ready for School	Online	23 April – 21 May	7pm – 8:30pm
Paediatric First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	4 May – 11 May	9:30am – 4:30pm
Paediatric First Aid	Fleet Library	1 June – 8 June	9:45am – 4:45pm
Makaton Signing with Babies and Families	Bridgemary Library	3 June – 8 July	12:45pm – 1:45pm
Time Out for Parents	Alton Library	4 June – 9 July	9:30am – 11:30am
Positive Parenting	Online	10 June – 8 July	6:30pm – 8pm
Paediatric First Aid	Alton Library	15 June – 22 June	9:30am – 4:30pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	5 July	9:15am – 4:30pm

These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.

Participants will be required to use Zoom. No account is required, but sure how to use Zoom? Check out these helpful videos: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806>



Clanfield and Catherington Scarecrow Festival 2024



Design and build your own scarecrow, display it outside your home.

Get the whole family involved!

Entry £4.

eMail, scan the QR code or collect an application form from Charlie's Trade Centre to register!

29th June - 6th July 2024



Proceeds to the Infant and Junior schools of Clanfield and Rowan's Hospice.

