









Petersgate Post—10th May 2024

Health & Wellbeing Tip

Why not make a self-soothe box with your child? It can be taken out in times of need, or when they might need a moment to calm down or relax.

All you need is a box or container and then a range of sensory things to pop inside that will focus their minds. Here are some instructions as to how:

These could be:

- * Something to touch (something soft, cuddly with a comforting texture)
- * Something to look at (photos of special people/ things/pets)
- * Something that the child likes to smell
- * Something to hear (a wind-up toy or something with a comforting sound)

Happy relaxing!

Class Photos

REMINDER: Yellow photographers will be in school on **Monday 13th May** to take class photos.

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

We finally got a glimpse of some sunshine over the weekend, which feels a long time coming. I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend with your family and loved ones.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for attending the Maths Multiply event last Thursday, it was really well attended and there was a real buzz for learning in the hall (see photos on page 2). **Thank you to Miss Lindsell** for organising and leading the event. There are lots of events coming up this term, so please check out the dates section of the newsletter and website.

Warmer Weather

It is really important that your child has in school every day the following:

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

Please ensure all items have your child's name on. Please also note your child must wear suitable footwear <u>NO</u> 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!

Forthcoming Events May 2024

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*

July 2024

w/b 1st July

Transition Week* Thursday 4th

Reserve Sports Day*

Monday 8th Rocksteady 'End of Year Concert'-postponed

Tuesday 9th Seahorse—Leavers Show 2pm-2:30pm*

Wednesday 10th Whale—Leavers Show 2pm-2:30pm*

Thursday 11th

Lobster—Leavers Show 2pm-2:30pm* Friday 12th

Reports sent home*

Tuesday 17th Parent Forum 2-3pm*

Optional Parents Evening

(following reports being sent home)* Tuesday 22nd

> Year 2 Parent 'Goodbyes'* Last day of term **details to follow*



Multiply Games Event

Thank you to all that attended our maths multiply games event. It was wonderful to see all the children trying new games and enjoying a range of different board games including othello, battleships and many more!







Tech Camp

Coming soon is a TechTastic Camp to Petergate during half term from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May

Our unique camp offers a broad range of tech activities for children of all skill levels. Whether they are new to STEM and coding, or a tech-savvy genius they'll fit right into our Tech camp.

Tech camp introduces advanced coding concepts of coding through playful projects and puzzles. Exploring Engineering, Circuitry, Gamified Learning, Coding and so much more! As one of the few technology camp providers in England, our teachers develop interactive courses for students, teaching key computer science and coding skills, whilst allowing them to explore their creativity.

Please note that the camp is available to **children aged between 5 and 11 years old only**. Spaces are limited on all camps. Don't let your child miss out on a unique learning experience this May half term!

> Different activities each day, to find your camp specific activities please check out our website! All staff are DBS Checked and qualified to run the greatest sessions in the safest environment.

Take a look at what the Tech Camp is all about in these videos:

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MAY HALF TERM 2024

28TH - 31ST MAY

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

We are in <u>your</u> area! 🔘

Weather Appropriate Clothing

<u>What to bring to camp?</u> Packed Lunch and Snacks NUT-FREE

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY **Tech** Fun Circuitry & Electronics

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

<u>www.nextthing.education</u>

Robotics & Coding



Racket Skills Event Tennis Club, Warblington

We had an opportunity for a small group of Year 1 children to take part in a Racket Skills event at Tennis Club in Warblington run by Havant School Games. The morning was filled with fun activities and games including eye hand coordination, balance and hitting the object. The focus was based on 'Physical Me' and will support to improve movement competence.

They all had lots of fun and were all given a wristband for taking part and it was noted we were the only school that thanked them for their wrist bands.



Mrs Mitchell continues to work with the School Library Service (SLS) following the audit of the school books.

A wish list has been set up with Peters and in the coming weeks, the school will be looking at which books to order through them and they will also be increasing the allocation of books with SLS.

A library management system is being looked into to ensure that books can be checked out and returned, this enables us to track who is borrowing books. Jill from SLS will be working with Mrs Mitchell at the beginning of the summer holidays in putting the library plans into action ready for a grand opening in September.



Outside Learning Environment Development Update

Mrs Mitchell has been in contact with Hampshire Outdoors and an exciting staff development opportunity will be taking place at the beginning of September for all staff to have outdoor learning training. This will enable us to link aspects of the school curriculum with learning outdoors.

Early Years Bikeability will also be taking place next academic year, with the date currently being finalised to support all children in Early Years with riding a bike.

We are, of course continuing to develop our grounds and the Young Governors have worked with Mrs Atkinson regarding outdoor developments and this is supporting some grant applications that Mrs Glover is working on with one of our parents. We will keep you posted with these exciting developments as the term goes on.



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.



Attendance and Punctuality from 29th April—10th May Whole School Attendance: 96.37% (National Average: 94.3%)

Best Attendance: Seahorse—98.93%% Best Timekeepers: Clownfish

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!

Complete board games Complete Puzzles Dolls Small world i.e. animals/dinosaurs etc. Cars and car mats Train sets



Petersgate Infant School's



Spring Steps Adventure Trail

During May half term, can you help us crack the code and take part in our **Spring Steps Adventure Trail** around Clanfield?



Adventure Packs (including trail map and code breaker) cost £2.50 and will be available to buy from the stall on the school drive on Thursday 23rd May and Friday 24th May

Can you solve the mystery and win the Spring Steps Adventure prize hamper?

Posters for the trail will be in position from Mon 27th May

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PoPS—Dates Coming Up 2024!

Friday 17th May—Adult Bingo Night **CANCELLED** May half term—Spring Steps Adventure Trail (*packs on sale Friday 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





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