



Petersgate Post: 31st January 2025

Mrs Mitchell's 'Message of the Week'

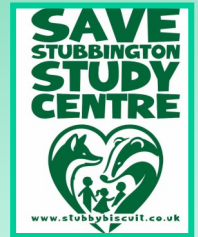
It feels that we are in the full throws of the spring term and I cannot believe the amazing learning I have seen from all of the children. I love when they come tapping at my door or approach me around school to share their learning. All the children are making huge progress from their starting points and we can't wait to share this with you on our upcoming parent consultations in February.

Details for booking these will be out shortly.

We have had some wonderful support from parents and families with the Ruby Robin Award, please see page 3 for more details. Thank you to the parent who shared this information, the children have loved learning about birds over this month. You will have also noticed the development of our outdoor classroom. Despite the awful weather, the classroom has been constructed within the agreed timeframe and we can't wait to show the children when it is finished and to start learning in it. More details of its progress can also be found on page 3. Thank you to all the families for all of your co-operation with this build.

Health & Wellbeing Tips—Please save Stubbington Study Centre

It is with huge dismay and great disappointment that Stubbington Study Centre in Fareham could be closed. This centre provides residential and day centre activities for primary children where they can grow and develop their love of nature, wildlife and the great outdoors. As part of their packages, these residential also provide enrichment opportunities for all areas of the curriculum, as well as giving the children the opportunity to develop teamwork, problem solving skills and critical thinking skills. Whilst this centre is based in Fareham, children from across Hampshire attend this centre as part of their curriculum and enrichment. It was the one trip where I grew my own love for nature and wildlife and still lives with me now over 35 years later. It may be a trip you went on whilst at school or plan to send your children on. Please help to save this vital resource!



Please can I urge parents/families to share their views by Monday 10th February using the consultation link [click here](#) or copy and paste this link into your web browser <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/stubbington-study-centre> and then click on 'give us your views'. [Click here](#) or copy and paste this link into your web browser <https://stubbybiscuit.co.uk/> for more information. Thank you.

Job Vacancies

Lunch Leader : Do you enjoy working with children, are you caring, enthusiastic & well organised? We need you to join our team of 'super' lunch leaders. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.



Pick-up time

Please can I remind all parents/carers and families to refrain from coming up to the windows at pick up time and waving to their children. Some of the windows do not have blinds to pull down to avoid distractions. This is distracting for the children whilst they are trying to focus and listen to the learning. Thank you.

Parking

We have received yet another complaint about parking by the back gate.

Residents have reported that parents/carers are using the residents' spaces for dropping their child to school which leaves them unavailable for when they return home at this time. It is also causing congestion for residents trying to leave for work and their own school runs.

Parking by the back gate is for **residents only** and is clearly signposted.

Residents have been informed to contact the council and the police to report parking in a residents only area.

Please can I ask that you are considerate where you park and do not use residents spaces and/or block their driveways.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Attendance and Punctuality for 20th—31st January

Whole School Attendance = **96.8%**

(National Average = 94.5%)

Best Attendance: **Deer class = 97.74%**

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

Safeguarding



With NSPCC Number Day 2025 around the corner (next week), I thought it was important to highlight the importance of the cause that this day raises awareness of. NSPCC Number Day is a fun-filled maths day, where all children will have the opportunity to learn new maths games and work together. We can't wait for you to join us on Friday 7th February between 14:00-15:00 to join in the fun.

Funds raised from NSPCC Number Day will help to support vital NSPCC services like Speak out Stay safe, which visits primary schools across the UK to teach children about the dangers of abuse and what they can do if they need help. There will be a bucket on the gate on NSPCC Number Day to gather any donations, any will be gratefully received. This, is of course, voluntary but we appreciate any donation you share. Thank you.



Working Together to achieve the Best...

PoPS

This years Summer Festival is on **Sunday 6th July**.
PoPS are already organising outside companies to attend our Summer Festival.

If you would like a stall then please contact Beth by email
popstogether@outlook.com

If you want to find out more about PoPS or join the PoPS team of volunteers please contact Beth using the above email address.



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 this week. Further information was sent out to all families which included a letter outlining key information, parent presentation and link for a short video.

You can now sign up for the free parent app, which will help 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.

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

Outdoor Learning update

Our Outdoor Classroom has really started to take shape this week and is on schedule to be completed by next week, despite the awful weather we have had.

This classroom has been developed to support our outdoor curriculum and our children's learning and understanding about the natural world and climate change. This is in line with the DfE's Climate and Sustainability Strategy for Education. [Click here](#) for more details or copy and paste this link into your web browser <https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/our-school/sustainability-and-climate-change>

Please also see our section about Outdoor Learning on our website [click here](#) or copy and paste this link into your web browser <https://www.petersgateinfantschool.co.uk/learning/outdoor-learning>

I truly believe that learning about the natural world and being outside in nature benefits all children in terms of their learning but also their emotional and mental health. The use of the classroom will really support this drive. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sovereign for installing the classroom and PoPS for supporting with some of the funding.

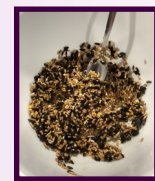
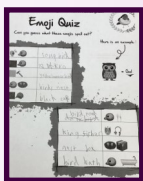


Ruby Robin Award

In our last newsletter I informed you that the children will be joining Mrs Wright to get involved with completing 4 different challenges. This will enable the school to receive a Ruby Award Certificate and Badge for supporting the songbirds in our area. For more information [click here](https://www.songbird-survival.org.uk/) or copy and paste this link into your web browser <https://www.songbird-survival.org.uk/> and the Ruby Robin Award website [click here](https://www.songbird-survival.org.uk/what-we-do/campaigns/rra/ruby-robin-award) or copy and paste this link into your web browser on <https://www.songbird-survival.org.uk/what-we-do/campaigns/rra/ruby-robin-award>.



Thank you for those who have taken part. The money boxes have started to arrive and the children have worked with Mrs Wright to complete some of the other challenges. Thank you to all of those who have taken part. Here are some photos of the completed money boxes.



I would like to say a very big thank you to all the children who have supported the Song Bird Campaign. We have made bird feeders, researched different birds, enjoyed some word searches and completed emoji quizzes.

Finally, the children created their own designs on money boxes and returned them with a donation.

We have raised **£173.23**, which is on its way to the Dawn Chorus Song Bird Campaign in Norfolk for them to put towards research and vital support for these birds.

Well done everyone and thank you again for your support.

Mrs Wright

Wellbeing and Life Skills Lead / ELSA

