

Petersfield News

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Autumn Term — Number 7 Wednesday October 15th 2008


Services Sunday 19th October 2008
 8.30 a.m. Tadlow Parish Communion
 9.30 a.m. Sunday three service Orwell
 9.30 a.m. Eucharist in Barrington
 5.00p.m. Eucharist at Croydon
 11.00a.m. Morning Prayer Wimpole
 (BCP) 8.15 Eucharist in
Arrington (BCP)



PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION. It is important that we are able to talk to you or someone you nominate as a contact in case of an emergency.

Curriculum-Wise Sessions

After half term we will have parent consultations Wed 12th November and Thursday 13th November. We will be talking about targets and national curriculum levels. If you wish to find out more about what these mean and how we assess them please join us on Tuesday 4th Nov @ 3.30-4.30 or on Thursday 13th 7.00-8.00 .

 Warmest congratulations to Mr and Mrs. Penrose on the safe delivery of their daughter, Elizabeth Joyce May Penrose. She arrived at 7.00a.m. last Sunday morning at 7lbs and 12 ounces. All is well and they are home now.

There was a Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Achievement Assembly last Friday. Thanks go to those parents who attended to celebrate their children's successes.



At the Governing Body meeting on Monday two new governors were welcomed. Mr John Easy and Mrs Ann Lynn have volunteered to help in this very important role.

The full results of the parent and child questionnaires will be published soon. They show significant improvements in key areas during the last 12 months.

WORDLES
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Last week's answer—just good enough

Eco-Visit to RSPB at Fowlmere

On Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th October the whole school is visiting Fowlmere Nature Reserve. Please ensure that all pupils have packed lunch, drinks and warm waterproof coats and footwear. We will go even if the weather is poor!

Many thanks to all those who supported our Book Fair. Proceeds will be used to buy extra books for pupils.

The governing body would like to hold parent forums for a quarter of an hour before the main meeting starts to allow parents to talk to them directly. **From 7.15-7.30 p.m. on the 2nd December** they will be available for parents who would like to talk to them as a group directly. They may need time to respond to matters raised.

Many congratulations to our football team on their win last week. Match report attached.
We were also delighted to welcome Bassingbourn VC students and SSCO to school for an afternoon of Key Stage 2 games led by Year 10 sports leaders yesterday.

Dinner Monies and other payments.

Reminders:

Cheques should be payable to Petersfield School. Please don't leave them blank!

Any outstanding Music Tuition fees and outstanding Dinner Money, need to be paid as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help.

POSH– There will be no play scheme this half term week. We are hoping that soon we may be in a position to re-establish these fun weeks when increased numbers use the excellent POSH facility.

Look out for the University of Cambridge Festival of ideas brochures. Some in the foyer. Lots of things to do and see over half term.

This is Black History Month. We are learning about significant black figureheads in each of the classes and during assemblies at the moment.

PLEASE SIGN THE LATE REGISTER IF YOU BRING YOUR CHILD IN TO SCHOOL AFTER THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER IS CLOSED. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY.

SCHOOL UNIFORM.

We are investigating the possibility of using an on-line supplier for our school uniform to enable you to order items direct from the company. The idea would be that items would be sent to your address, although we would also hold samples in the school office for you to try on. Prices should remain the same.

There will be a special Thank You assembly for those members of staff who are leaving us on Wednesday 22nd October. 1.10-2.00p.m.

Would you like to join a working party to make a difference?

Mrs Tuck is looking for helpers for a community cohesion group to discuss ideas. Mrs Gwynn is also looking for volunteers for our Healthy Schools Committee.

Don't be shy!!!

We look forward to welcoming Miss Randle to Mrs Gwynn's class and Miss Underhill to Miss Richardson's class as trainees. They will start with us in November after half term.

**Petersfield P.T.A.
Fireworks Display
Friday 7th November**

FIREWORKS tickets are now on sale at the school office. Adults (16+) £2.50 Child £1.50. Pre school free. BBQ and refreshments. Gates open 6.00.p.m. Fireworks at 6.30.p.m.

All children **must** be accompanied by an adult. No own fireworks please.

Mrs Tuck will be visiting St John's College in Cambridge this afternoon to talk about the school's bird project "Inside Out" and to thank the college and the Gatsby Foundation for their support. She will be presenting some of the pupils' work to the assembled group and talking about future developments in this project. We hope to have bird boxes with web cameras installed in school and in Wimpole Hall farm in the spring.

Thanks to the Colbatch and Hooper charity, Years 5 and 6 will be going to Ely Cathedral for Cathedral Day on Thursday October 23rd. Leaving school about 9.30a.m. and returning within the normal school day, all pupils will all need a packed lunch. They will be learning with other church schools in the Diocese. The day has the theme of Restoration and Renewal.- The Victorians.

Cakes- Friday Cake Sales for the PTA- Some Thoughts. We all enjoy the treat but:

NO nuts in Friday cakes, please. (We cannot guarantee no nut traces if home made cakes are being made but can and do often provide alternatives for those 6 pupils already identified with allergies)

10 x10 pences can be brought in to school in labelled envelopes for children (and kept in class teacher's drawer for Fridays) if you like.

If parents are providing cakes and happen to know that there is a child in the class with a potential problem we could ask for them to provide penguin biscuits as an alternative for each class ONLY for those named children with allergic reactions.

We would not like to deny children cakes but there is a need to make money here and the money should come in from those whose parents like their to take part in the cake scheme

The question arises about what happens when there are not enough cakes to go round...as sometimes parents do not provide enough-and some disapprove of the idea of cakes at all on health grounds.

1/3 of a small cup cake is not really worth 10p! Perhaps we need a trip to Bookers to have reserves from there and PTA foot the bill out of some of the profits???

**The Light Party
No Tricks but lots of Treats!**

**A Positive alternative to Halloween
Supported by Churches Together**

**At Melbourn Baptist Church
Friday 31st October 5.30.—7.30.p.m.
For 4-11 year olds. All the Family Welcome**

**Fun—Food—Games—Bouncy Castle—Disco.
Wear something bright. To reserve a space call
Margie 261650 or see Alison Smith—01223 208157**

After School Arrangements

If your children are going home to someone else's house at the end of the day, can you please send in a note to tell the afternoon class teacher?

It is difficult when children say they are going home to tea with another child to know if the arrangements have been made **with** their parents' knowledge. We like to confirm this for the safety of the young children and this takes time out of class to double check.

Red Fleeces Free to good home. If you would like a spare, Sizes 5/6, 9/10 and 9/11. Call in the office.