



Petersfield News

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Autumn Term— Number 4 Wednesday 23rd September 2009

Church Services

Sunday 27th September

9.30 Eucharist—Arrington

11 am. Orwell Harvest—Methodist Church

3 pm Wimpole - Harvest Service

(Theme 1939-1945.)

6pm. Evening Prayer—Barrington



Macmillan Coffee Morning—Please come along and support our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan.

Date: Friday 25th September

Time: In the morning after assembly.

Donations of cakes gratefully received, thank you!

Treasure Hunt.

On Saturday afternoon nearly sixty intrepid explorers reported to school in the hope of discovering treasure.

We were very fortunate with the weather and sixteen teams set out using two different trails between them. After an hour and a half of trekking around Orwell they returned flushed with their efforts and ready to enjoy a cup of tea, a glass of squash and some delicious cakes that had been very kindly donated by friends and members of the PTA.

One team from each of the two routes finished one point away from a perfect score! (Note to self – make questions harder next time.) So an elimination question was asked. Mrs Titchmarsh was just pipped to the post by Mr Toombs and his team was awarded the “Treasure”.

Congratulations to the 16 teams as they all turned in very high scoring answer sheets and my thanks to all of them for taking part. I wish to say a special thank you to the bakers among you for the kind donation of cakes. They were delicious and rounded off the afternoon delightfully.

Over £80 was raised from this event.

John Walford, P.T.A. member



Please discourage your children from climbing Horse Chestnut trees. As you may be aware, at the moment they are suffering from a disease which is making them die back early. They are also very brittle JUST NOW and branches tend to come off very easily. We noticed this when a pupil fell off a branch of a tree on the recreation ground last week and hit his head.

NEWSPAPERS!

We would still be grateful for any spare newspapers you have as we are doing a lot of painting and clay work at the moment. Thank you.

Last Wordle answer— Built in wardrobe. This spot now ceases by popular demand.

Can you think up other puzzles and let us have them? Anything which will help to promote lateral thinking skills and keep pupils interested would be most welcome.

This space will be available for pupil work— YOUR chance to be published! All materials to the office, please.

Stranger Danger - Staying Safe

The LA and school tries to avoid raising unnecessary or routine security alerts in rural villages, and I know that these can raise concerns with parents who would like to feel that we are all safe and secure. Nevertheless, with apologies, this one needs to be brought to your attention.

It has been reported last week that three year 11 girls were followed over a significant period of time on their way home from school yesterday in a fairly lonely part of the Ely/Soham area. The man concerned apparently turned when the girls turned and then continued following.

The description we have is that he was about forty years old and 'scruffy', wearing jeans, trainers and a black top. He is also described as being slightly overweight.

The school concerned has reported the incident to the Police.

The purpose of this alert is to remind all parents, as always, to be vigilant and also to emphasise the need to report even minor suspicious incidents to the Police to enable them to identify any emerging patterns of behaviour.

We would advise parents to keep a close eye on their children when they are leaving school premises and to monitor their time in the recreation ground, as these places are, unfortunately, very attractive to those who also watch children.

Thank you for your constructive help and support as outlined in responses to the parents questionnaire last term.

We are in the process of collating the results and a document which outlines your comments and observations will go out to parents after the next meeting of the full governing body on 19th October 2009

Music Tuition. We have bought a second hand drum kit to ensure that we have a suitable set of drums to teach the instrument. Piano lessons with Mrs Lynn have started well and the pupils who are learning violin with Mrs Rigby are doing well. Drums and woodwind lessons are underway and the children taking part are also doing well and enjoying their lessons.



POSH has been successful in their bid for funds to start up a brand new Cookery Club in POSH called "Let's Get Cooking". Staff have been on training and they will now be asked to take a group of pupils to a fun cookery session locally to try out some wonderful new and healthy recipes. More details as we have them.

We are delighted to announce that our school cleaners, Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Presland have been nominated and won the Cambridge Cleaning Service 2009 School Cleaners of the Year Award. Many of you as parents have commented in the questionnaire responses that the school is being cleaned so much better right now. Jackie and Judy have worked in difficult conditions lately (with so much building dust and disarray), and have always been cheerful and helpful to us all. Mrs Tuck will be delighted to accompany them to a ceremony to award the certificate on Wednesday 30th September from 2.00-3.00p.m.

Harvest Festival

You are very welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival celebration on MONDAY 28th September in the Methodist Church at 9.30 a.m. The Rev Chris White, (who succeeds Ian Smart), will be welcoming us. Pupils will be doing parts of the service but this is an act of worship, not a performance.

Pupils walk up to the church in class partners and are asked to bring along either TINS or PACKETS of preserved foods which can be used for WINTER COMFORT for the homeless people in and around the area. Alternatively they might like to bring a monetary in an envelope contribution towards a collection we plan to have for both

Addenbrooke's Hospital parents' accommodation for sick children, and Rev Smart's collection to help build a school for his link group in Nepal. We are thinking about food and shelter as we move onwards into the colder season of the year.

BOOKFAIR—Advance notice.

The Scholastic Bookfair will arrive on Wednesday 7th October until 13th October. Books will be available to buy at the end of the school day on these dates.

Enrichment Afternoons

As you know we have been making money boxes for the last week or two and they should be ready to go home on Friday.

The idea is that these money boxes should be discussed—"Why do we need money boxes?" "What is special about money that it has to be kept in a different place from everything else?" They should then be used to contain pennies which your child starts collecting to help and support various charities who in turn help and support needy children all over the world. We are saying that the pupils may like to make small items to sell, or hold a stall at the Christmas fayre to sell items they have made, or they may be sponsored to do something under adults' supervision. Even a home-based bob a job would be good, perhaps. By the end of this school term it would be great for each pupil to be able to bring in a collection of pennies so that we can congratulate them on helping to raise funds for a special cause as we move towards Christmas.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENTS and DATA COLLECTION SHEETS.

Thank you to everybody who has returned their Home School and Data Collection Sheets.

It is very important that these are returned to school as soon as possible. If you haven't yet returned yours, or you have mislaid either of them please contact the office for another copy.

Please do remember to sign the Home School Agreements. (Parent and child).

Up to date information is vital if we're going to keep your details current on our systems. Thank you for sparing the time to check the data sheets for us, it's a great help.

TIMES TOKENS

Once again we are collecting The Times Books for Schools tokens, so if you could ask all your relatives to start reading The Times, we'd be extremely grateful for the tokens.

Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS will be taken on Tuesday 29th September 2009
Individual photos this time.
Photographer: Paul Williams.

Community Apple Press

Saturday 3rd October 10 am to 12 noon

Methodist Church Garden, Town Green Road, Orwell—alongside the Pannier Market.
Refreshments available.

Come and turn your apples into juice!

1. Bring 5 to 15lbs of apples, and some bottles. If you want to freeze your apples bring plastic bottles and leave room for expansion.
2. There will be facilities to quarter them and remove bad bits.
3. You'll then pulp your apples
4. And turn them into juice!
5. You'll be asked to make a small donation to a local good cause.
6. Take your pulp home with you to feed your chickens or pigs, or to put on your compost heap

Rough guide: 5lb of apples will make about 3/4 litre of apple juice.

Information: Pauline Aslin 01223 208035 treesandbees@tiscali.co.uk

ORWELL

Mobile Library Service

Alternate Thursdays
From 1st October 2009

Orwell, Lordship Close 2.15-2.45 pm.
Orwell, Meadowcroft Way 2.50-3.15 pm.
Orwell, Hurdleditch Road 3.20-3.45 pm.

Free to join and use, ALL WELCOME.

POSH—Themed nights.

Monday 28th September—FIRST AID SKILLS

Thursday 1st October—KARAOKE NIGHT

Talk to the POSH staff if you would like your child to join in on these evenings.

Or ring Brenda C. 207270

PETERSFIELD SCHOOL TERM DATES 2009/2010

Autumn Term opens	Thursday 3 rd September 2009 (Wednesday 2 nd September is a training day)
Half Term	Friday 23 rd October – Friday 30 th October (Friday 23 rd October is a training day)
Autumn Term ends	Friday 18 th December 2009
Christmas Holiday	19 th December – 4 th January (Monday 4 th January is a training day)
Spring Term opens	Tuesday 5 th January 2010 (Monday 4 th January is a training day)
Half Term	Friday 12 th – Friday 19 th February (Friday 12 th February is a training day)
Spring Term ends	Thursday 1 st April 2010
Easter Holiday	Friday 2 nd April – Friday 16 th April inclusive
Summer Term opens	Monday 19 th April 2010
May Day	Monday 3 rd May
Half Term	Friday 28 th May – Friday 4 th June (Friday 28 th May is a training day)
Summer Term ends	Thursday 22 nd July 2010