



# Petersfield News

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## Services Sunday 30th November

Advent 1

9.30 Benefice Eucharist in Orwell

9.15 Advent Sunday Holy Communion.

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REMEMBER- YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR OUR FRIDAY ACTS OF WORSHIP WHICH START AT 9.10 A.M. IN THE SCHOOL HALL.

## Residential Visit for years 5 & 6 2009-10

Staff and governors have been looking into the possibilities of residential visits for our older pupils. We are keen to keep costs reasonable but wish to ensure that our pupils have exciting and stimulating activities which they would not otherwise have at home. We need to book in advance, of course, so we have decided to book a visit to Kingswood for AUTUMN-September 2009 instead of the much more expensive summer 2010.

We have negotiated a special deal for the 21st to 25th September (Sunday to Friday) for £219 + vat. Let us know if this is something about which you have strong views. We have looked at all sorts of alternatives and decided that an autumn visit would be a great way of starting the year, and of course in the following summer there will still be other less major visits on offer too.

Thanks to the PTA's generosity our pupils were treated to a puppet theatre performance of "Rapunzel" by a local group called "Widdershins" this afternoon. Miss Richardson's class interviewed them about this too. We look forward to reading their article about this exciting event.

## UNWANTED VISITORS IN SCHOOL!

Please check your child's head for head lice, as we are beginning to see evidence of our little friends putting in an appearance yet again. Many older girls are asking for hair ties to tie their hair back for PE so we think perhaps this might be a good idea more generally ... Please try to remember to provide hair ties.

Many thanks to Tracey, Iona and Clare for their wonderful donation of £300 for school funds. It will be used to buy digital cameras to enable each class to have its own camera permanently. They have sent this kind message:

*"70s/80s Disco Sat 22nd November  
We would like to thank all who supported our fabulous night. With Madonna, Marie Oswald, Magnum and the Incredible Hulk all under one roof, it was bound to be a success!!  
Everyone had a fantastic night and best of all we managed to raise £300 for Petersfield!  
Photographic evidence will be on show in the coming week at the Orwell Stores.  
Thanks again  
Tracey, Iona and Clare. X"*

## WORDLES

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Last week's answer—Break Even

### **Keeping Up with our Busy Schedule!**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December (a.m.) we will welcome any parents to the school for a Christmas decoration- practical maths session. We will also be using creative maths and plan to decorate a real Christmas tree with recycled decorations in preparation for the Methodist Church Tree festival.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our Christingle Service in St Andrew's Church at 9.30 a.m. All very welcome to come to this, as are all parents and friends to each of our Friday acts of Worship.

The PTA Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 6th December in the afternoon.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00p.m. and 6.00p.m. we will have our key stage 1 nativity-based play, **The Forgetful Old Camel** . Same again on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.00p.m..when we hope to invite older members of our communities to join us for a cuppa afterwards. Please help by suggesting names and bringing along older local people who might like to be our guests on this occasion.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will have school Christmas lunch at 12.00 noon with crackers!

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will be going up to Wimpole Stable block at 6.00p.m. for our carol service in the open air. This is a magical time and we are lucky to be allowed to do this as a special favour to the school as a partner in education. Pupils must be supervised well for their safety in the dark, please.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30 a.m. the last day of our term, we will be going to St Andrew's for the traditional nativity, inviting Mother Goose and sharing a lovely end of term service.

Please join us for any or all of these occasions.

### **OPEN FORUM FOR PARENTS**

**There will be a Full Governing Body Meeting on Tuesday 2nd December from 7.30 p.m. in Mr Timm's classroom.**

**Prior to this we plan to hold an open forum from 7.15 to 7.30p.m.– an opportunity for parents who would like to raise matters with the governing body to do so directly.**

**All parents will be very welcome to attend in person. Alternatively, if you wish to let the school have written items for discussion and response during this time please write to the clerk of the GB in advance.**

*The Royston Crow have been invited to take photographs to celebrate our British Council International School reaccreditation. Look out for them in the newspaper.*

Healthy Schools Committee– If you are interested in joining this important group please come along to its first meeting on Thursday 4th December after school. Please let Mrs Gwynn know and she will give you an agenda of matters to be discussed.

### **LEARNER OF THE WEEK week ending 21.11.08**

<b>Robins</b>	Daniel Ladbrook
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	The Whole Class!
<b>Swallows</b>	Jack Oughton
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Scarlet Healy
<b>Owls</b>	Matthew Sutton
<b>Eagles</b>	Rebecca Clark

Many thanks to all the hard working PTA for the hugely successful Christmas shopping evening last Friday. It was a great idea and raised £500.00!



### Christmas Lunch– Thursday 11th December

We have traditionally enjoyed a very happy atmosphere at Petersfield’s Christmas lunch.

The special lunch, with invited guests, will take place on Thursday 11th December and we look forward to the whole school sitting down to eat turkey or roasted vegetable lasagne together..

Please let the office know by filling in the form overleaf only **if your child does not usually have school lunch and would like to join us for this special occasion.**



We have received a card to thank us for our donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

This year we raised £11.22 Many thanks to those who supported this special charity and bought a poppy from school.

We will shortly be collecting the TIMES Books for Schools tokens and have registered on the website as a participating school.

Many thanks to Mr Wayne Talbot who has been doing some great work with our pupils on Tuesday afternoons in the hall on aspects of ecology. He has asked the pupils to think about how living things relate to their environment and asked them to think about the interdependence of creatures and their surroundings. The third session with Mr Talbot will be next Tuesday. We had hoped to visit the Clunch Pit with him but it’s been too wet to do so.

### Petersfield Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 6th December 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. here at school.

Please help support the event so the children can have a fun afternoon and we can raise funds to enhance the facilities here at school for the children.



If you can help on a stall for 40 minutes please let Carol Bowen (01223 208275) or Karen Tobin (01767 650012) know. Than k you

We hope you have all received the "Christmas Bazaar" bag. Please help and fill the pint pot, bake for the cake stall and sell as many raffle tickets as you can. It will be greatly appreciated.

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Don't forget Mrs Hardy's Secrets room. If your child would like to make a "surprise", crafty Christmas present, please could they remember to bring in £1.00 per present, and come along any lunchtime next week (from Monday 31st November) to Mrs Hardy's Reception Class Room.

## **1st Orwell Cub Pack - "Majority Rules Gameshow Night"**

1st Orwell Cubs are hosting a gameshow night on Wednesday 3rd December from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Cost is £5 per team (of up to 6 people) and first prize is a Christmas hamper.

Please call Karl Lattion on 01223 208904 to book your place. Please note teams need to be registered latest by tomorrow, Thursday 27th November, so hurry!

It will be a night to remember!