


Petersfield News

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Autumn Term— Number 5 Wednesday 30th September 2009

Church Services
Sunday 4th October




8.15 a.m. Eucharist in Barrington
9.30 a.m. Eucharist in Wimpole (BCP)
11.00 Eucharist in Croydon
6.00p.m. Evening Prayers in Orwell.

Macmillan Coffee Morning-last Friday. Many thanks to those who contributed cakes and to all those who attended. The PTA and year 6 were most helpful and we were lucky to be able to hold the event in the autumn sunshine. We raised £47.60 for this very worthwhile cause.

A Gentle Reminder
 As outlined in the welcome pack produced for parents and given out at the curriculum evenings, we now have clear procedures for the end of the school day. These ensure your child's safety. Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils are asked to enter the playground under supervision. If parents are not visible on the playground the child should always return to the wall and wait there with a member of staff until the parent arrives. POSH collect from the shelter near the friendship stop. Sports clubs meet to change either in Miss Cavender's class (dance) or Miss Richardson's class (fencing/archery and football). Pupils who are left at the end of the day must **always** make their way back inside the building if they find they are not collected at the end of the school day. We will check in the office and always make the necessary phone calls. No child should wander off aimlessly.

Many people in the village were saddened to hear at the joint Harvest Festival service on Sunday that our vicar, Rev Neil Brice, will be leaving us in late November to go and live on the Shetland Isles. We at Petersfield have much to thank Rev Brice for as he has worked tirelessly as a vicar, as a parent and as a governor to ensure that our school has the best possible deal. We will be arranging a very special farewell for him in due course, but we thought you would like to know about this as soon as possible.

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 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 recently and hit his head.



NEWSPAPERS!
 We would still be grateful for any spare newspapers you have as we are doing a lot of practical Design Technology enrichment project work on Shelters at the moment. Thank you.

Suggestions about brain teasers and/or interesting items designed to appeal to our younger pupils have not yet come in. It would be good to have your suggestions about what to put here to replace the Wordles, and improve this corner, please.

DINNER MONEY.

Can we remind parents that the cost of a school meal is now £2.00 per day, and that dinners must be paid for in advance. Thank you.

School Uniform—2nd hand. Small donations appreciated, please ask in the school office.
We have lots of 2nd hand uniform we'd like to find new homes for.

Reversible Jackets: Age 5-6, 7-8 (one of each)
Sweatshirts 11/12, 32" and 28" Red, one of each.
Fleeces 9/11 (2), 9/10 (1), 7/8 (4), 11/12 (2)
PE. T-shirts: Green 22/24, 26" and 28", Blue 26" (2), Yellow 28" (2), 22/24"

General:

Long sleeved white shirt 5/6
Grey Skirt 5/6 (2), Age 8
Grey Pinafore Age 6
Grey shorts Age 4/5
Red girls polo shirt Age 4/5

POSH theme nights

Monday 5th October— Film Club
Wednesday 7th October Team Games

Everybody welcome, for further details contact
Brenda on C. 207270 or talk to the POSH
staff.

NON SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

We would like to collect information on different sports clubs that pupils attend, those which are not connected with school and not taking place on our school premises, and that can be recommended to other families.

We think it would be nice to share details of these external clubs.

Bags to School

Please remember to bring in your "Bags to School" as soon as possible. If you need spare bags, you can collect them from the school office. There must be lots more bags still to come, could we all have a look around and see what else we can find. Thank you.

BOOKFAIR—Don't forget the Scholastic Bookfair arrives next Wednesday, please come in after school and have a browse with your children. Any commission raised from the sale of books is spent on replenishing our own book supply and is of great benefit to the children in our school.

Orwell Mobile Library Service

Alternate Thursdays
From 1st October 2009

Orwell, Lordship Close 2.15 to 2.45
Orwell, Meadowcroft Way 2.50 to 3.15
Orwell, Hurdleditch Road 3.20 to 3.45
Free to join and use, ALL welcome.

Money Boxes

As you know we have been making money boxes for the last week or two and they should all 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 suggesting 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.

Kingswood 2009

You may have noticed that the years 5 and 6 who went on the educational visit to Kingswood came back to school looking a little less perky than they had been earlier in the week. They will tell you in their own words what they got up to while they were away in next week's newsletter.

Life Sciences

Advance notice that on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October, we will be visited by the Life Sciences Bus will be here as part of our PSHCE curriculum. There is a cost involved and we have to ask for voluntary contribution towards this. More details will follow.

Eco School Council request.

We now have an eco-school council and they want to improve our school grounds. They are asking for donations of any plants that could be put outside the classrooms. Many thanks.

School Harvest Festival took place on Monday in the Methodist Church here in Orwell. It was a chance to say "Thank you" to God for all the good things he gives us. We were also able as a school to meet Rev Christopher White and share in a very meaningful act of worship. Many thanks to all those parents who kindly contributed tins and packets of preserved food which we were able to add to the superb display in the church. The food will now go to Winter Comfort, which will feed the homeless in the cold dark winter time. Many thanks, too, for the £30 collection we were able to take to help and support the families of sick children in Addenbrookes Hospital. As we all know when misfortune strikes families the ability to stay close to sick children is very much appreciated by worried parents. We will pass on the money we have here together with a letter from us all wishing them well.



Many parents have said how useful it is to find out more about CCS School lunches and to discover just how they are sourced, prepared and cooked. We are offering you a chance to visit The Cambridge Catering Centre on Wednesday 21st October between 9.30-10.30 or 1.30-2.30p.m. and would be delighted to send representatives from Petersfield. The centre is in Huntingdon and we need to fill in and return a slip to them to book places. If you are interested, please get in touch with the office as soon as possible.

St. Bede's Inter-Church School

There is an open evening at St. Bede's school on 20th October. We have a small number of letters about the evening in the school office. If you would like a copy, please ask at the office.

SNAIL RACING!

Bassingbourn Village College PTA presents a family fun evening of Snail Racing. Saturday 10th October—Doors open 7pm. First race 7.45 pm.

£6.00 Entrance fee includes Barbecue

Please contact Bassingbourn village college for further details. 01763 242344

ROAD SAFETY

- Always look both ways before you cross the road.
- Always try to cross the road at a pedestrian crossing; this is where it is safest to cross the road.
- Never walk on to the road when there are cars coming.
- Never walk out onto the road behind vehicles as other cars will not see you.
- Always wear bright clothing or high visibility clothing so you stand out, especially at night.
- Never run across the road, as you may trip and fall.

CYCLING SAFETY

- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- You must make sure that you have working lights on your bicycle to use when it is dark, white at the front and red at the back.
- Use cycle lanes when they are available.
- Make sure your clothes do not get caught in your chain, use a chain guard or ankle clips.
- Always make sure your bike is safe, make sure your tyres are pumped up and both brakes work well. Make sure that your saddle is at the right height for you.
- You are not supposed to cycle on the footpath, but if it is too dangerous to cycle on the road then be aware of pedestrians, it is best to get off and walk with your bicycle on the path.

STRANGER DANGER

- Be aware of people you do not know.
- Never go anywhere with a stranger, even if they say they know your family.
- Never take anything from a stranger unless you are sure it is safe or an adult you know says it is ok.

SAFE ROUTES TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

- Always stay with your parents unless you are old enough to walk on your own.
- Always take a route you know well.
- Always keep to the path whenever possible.