



Petersfield News

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Autumn Term— Number 9 Wednesday 4th November 2009

Church Services Sunday 8th November 2009 Remembrance



9.30 am. Eucharist in Orwell (Short Service)
10.50 a.m. Remembrance Service in St Andrew's Orwell
10.50 a.m. Remembrance service in Barrington
6.00 p.m. Evening Prayers in Arrington

We are selling poppies in school on behalf of The Royal British Legion. We have talked in our acts of worship about those people who have gone before us in battles and conflicts. We have worked to explain the significance of the poppy as a sign or symbol of remembrance.

Parent consultations will be held next week on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November after school and during early evenings. We look forward to talking to you then about the progress your child is making, and sharing some of their latest assessment results with you. Letters were sent home about this yesterday to each pupil. If you have not found them please have a look in book bags in order to fill in the response forms.



Home Challenge.

Many thanks to all pupils who have brought in their half term Home Challenges; their nativity stables. We have put them on display for all to admire. They are all demonstrating good use of structures, applying ideas all the pupils have been taught. Let's have the rest in for all to admire next week, please.

POSH Club Activities.

POSH is starting their exciting new film club next week. They will be showing "INKHEART" (PG). A film about a girl's father who can bring book characters to life by reading aloud. **This will be on Wednesday 11th November.**

POSH are hoping to make the FILM CLUB a regular feature—look out for the posters advertising these events around the school.

Cookery Club at POSH starts on **Tuesday 10th November**. If your child would like to attend these events, please talk to Brenda on c.207270 or talk to the ladies at POSH. Alternatively enquire at school office.

***Thanks— Something to think about....
Philosophical Ideas for Children
designed to be discussed with young
people....***

*Can air get wet?
Does the wind have a size?*

Please remember to fill in the parents' part of the Learning Link books. It helps us if we know that you have seen the things pupils are doing, and positive comments are always encouraging to all.

Katie Brown will be selling HAMA bead Christmas tree decorations at the Pannier Market on 7th November, in aid of Operation Smile, as part of the school's fundraising for children's charities this term.

Jessica Hothersall has lost her new fleece this week. It is named and we would be grateful if you could check that your child has their own fleeces. Thank you.

SNAIL RACING

Saturday 14th November at Bassingbourn Village College
See attached.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Jennifer Bell, our Bishop's visitor in to school on Thursday 12th November. She will help Mrs Tuck with the act of worship, and spend time in classes.

PARKING

Once again can we remind people to park carefully outside the school.
Please do not park on, or near the zig-zag lines at the entrance to school.
Coaches are finding it increasingly difficult to reverse into the car park because of inconsiderate parking. We ask parents/carers NOT to walk through the school car park. Please do use the footpath into school.
Thank you

HAS ANYBODY SEEN OUR BIN?

Our blue pencil shaped bin has gone missing. Do you know where it went?

We can only assume it has been stolen, but wonder if anybody remembers seeing it lying around somewhere. It is blue and looks like a giant pencil. The school council voted for them and if anybody can help us solve this mystery we would be really grateful.

PTA FIREWORKS NIGHT

Petersfield PTA Fireworks Night

Friday 6th November 2009

Gates open 6.00 pm.

Barbeque and refreshments from 6 pm.

Fireworks start at 6.30 pm.

Entrance: £3.00 for adults £2.00 for children, no charge for pre-school age children.

No own sparklers or fireworks

and what a jolly good show it always is!

SWINE FLU

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that swine flu continues to be a largely mild illness, and the Health Service has responded in a proportionate and timely fashion to the threat. There is no sign yet of any major change in the pattern or severity of the illness. On that basis, the CMO has confirmed that our advice to schools of 26 August remains: individual school closures are now of little benefit in stopping the spread of the disease. However, it is essential that adults or children with flu-like symptoms should stay away until they are free of those symptoms.

As is traditional at Petersfield, we will be asking Year 6 to attend the Annual Act of Remembrance in Orwell on the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month. Please ensure that pupils are all wearing their blue fleeces and looking smart so that we can show respect alongside the older members of our village community. School has traditionally done for many years. If it rains then they will wear coats, but it would be good to have a smart appearance on this formal occasion.

Class Assemblies

Eagles Class will lead our – Act of Worship on Friday 13th November—9.10 a.m.

Kingfisher class—lead our Act Of Worship on Friday 20th November—9.10 a.m.

Owls Class will lead our Act of Worship on Friday 27th November—9.10 a.m.

Mrs Dawn Carter is currently on jury service. She may be away from school next week also. Those pupils who went to see the magistrate's court in the summer might like to discuss with their parents what part the jury plays in a court of law.

Our hall lights were replaced over half term and the new illumination is very much improved. The gradual but steady transformation of our building is very much to be encouraged.

You may also have noticed the addition of vision panels in many of the more solid doors on site, in the music room, staff room and in the head's office. This is designed to help and support our safeguarding procedures.

The idea is that if pupils are closeted in a room with adults all should be easily visible from the outside as a deterrent to any harm.

The PTA met on Monday to discuss arrangements for Bonfire Night celebrations and other plans in the run up to Christmas. They would still welcome any help and support in sorting out various stalls and activities. If you can help please contact Judith Smith, John Walford or any of the committee who would be delighted to welcome your support.

Mrs Tuck will attend the Basic Skills Quality Mark presentation ceremony in Shire Hall in Cambridge today in order to receive the award for the school for the first time. It is good to be able to celebrate our successes in this way.

We are delighted that this phase of the building work is finally drawing to a close. There will be a "snagging" meeting on Wednesday and we will tackle those bits of the project which really need some additional attention. The school is now warm and comfortable and we are delighted with the improvements in the staff toilets which were truly GRIM, but are now much pleasanter. It has to be said that the addition of heating helps in there!

The Governing Body had training on Monday evening to enable them to understand and discharge their responsibilities in respect of the new OFSTED framework which came into force in September 2009.

We will shortly be sending out a standard county letter to all pupils who regularly travel by school bus. There have been some unfortunate incidents recently which have meant that the bus driver has had to stop because of poor behaviour on the part of a small number of pupils. Clearly this is not acceptable, and we need to ensure that our bus escorts, who are willing helpers and not teachers, are not being put into an impossible position by pupils who are not abiding by some simple rules designed to help and support everyone.

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK

Week beginning Monday 9th November is National School Meals week.

If any children want to join us and have school meals next week, please contact the school office. Price = £2.00 per meal.

See Week 2 of the School dinner menu attached.

Packed lunches—can we remind parents not to include sweets in their children's packed lunches.

MOTHER GOOSE PRE-SCHOOL

Table Top Sale
Wimpole Village Hall
Saturday 21st November 2009
2pm—4 pm
(1pm for sellers) Pre-book at £7.00 a Table.)

To book a table or for more information
Please ring 01223 208527

If you have any donations for the Mother Goose stall we would be very grateful. Items can be brought to Mother Goose or contact us on the number above and we will be happy to arrange to collect from you.
Thank you.



Boots, Wellies, Footwear!!!

As the weather is now deteriorating fast it would be very helpful if the pupils have a change of footwear so that when the field is muddy they can still go out on the field and play at lunchtimes. We really do not want the whole school caked in mud when we have spent so long making it cleaner. If pupils do not have a pair of boots or a complete change of shoes we will have to keep them on the patio area or confined to the back playground; which is much more cramped.

Please try to help us by ensuring that your child has a change of shoes or a pair of wellington boots **which are clearly named and placed in a substantial named carrier bag on their peg** if they would like to be able to go out onto the field at lunch play. Otherwise we will have to restrict them to the patio area only, which would be a shame as they should be able to run around and have fun on the grass if at all possible.

A message from Rev. Neil Brice:

“Over the past seventeen and a half years Petersfield has given me so much—I am so grateful to you all—past and present.

With my thanks to everyone at Petersfield who has sent—and given me best wishes, I would like to say a huge thank you. The book tokens will be great to indulge myself with too— so thanks so much.

Neil”