



Petersfield News

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Autumn Term— Number 1 Friday 4th September 2009

Church Services

Sunday 6th September 2009

8.15 a.m. Eucharist in Arrington

9.30 Eucharist in Wimpole

11.00 Eucharist in Croydon

2.30 p.m. Treasure Hunt Arrington

**6.00 Medieval Banquet Arrington
phone 207352**

6.00p.m. Evening Prayers in Orwell



WELCOME BACK!

As you will have noticed we have had a huge amount of work done in school over the summer. This has been funded partly by building funds sourced through the Diocese of Ely and partly by our pledging our DCSF capital building monies.

A lot of effort has gone into preparing our school for the new term. Many thanks to all staff who have done so much work over and above what is expected to enable us to move forward together.

We are delighted by these changes and improvements, and yet more are in the pipeline.

This promises to be a busy and eventful term, and we have lots of exciting changes and innovations to share with you. Please try to attend our Curriculum Evenings so that we can share class routines and procedures with you.

Key Stage 1 -15th September :

Reception on Collection at Lunchtime

Year 1 and 2 at 6.00p.m.

Key Stage 2 16th September

Year 3/4 at 6.00p.m.

Year 4/5 at 6.30 and Year 6 at 7.00p.m.

Many thanks to all those parents and pupils who have filled in the parent questionnaires organised by the governing body. We are told that in the revised OFSTED framework for short inspections, (September 2009) parent and pupil views count a great deal. We hope that close parent partnerships which we have worked hard to establish with you will develop over the years.

We are working hard to communicate with you in so many ways, for example personally, via this extra weekly newsletter, via our website and so on. It is, of course, a two way street and we are pleased to have your responses to annual reports, and to read comments about the pupils' overall progress to date.

This year we plan to issue three shorter reports each year, one at the end of each term, rather than a lengthy summer one.

Please try to ensure that your child's clothes and lunchboxes are marked with their names. Without this we are unable to return them to their proper owner, and since they remain unclaimed they have to be thrown away.

Last chance to claim lost property Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th during our Curriculum evenings.

This is just an extra newsletter to keep you in the loop –usual Wednesday Newsletter out next week.

Swine Flu

Since the last week of July, there has been a consistent decline in the number of cases across the UK. However, the exponential growth seen previously may resume when schools reopen. It is unclear whether the pandemic will unfold as a single extended wave or multiple waves. Transmission may also increase when the country enters the normal flu season

Last week the Secretary of State wrote to schools stating that the latest scientific advice is that individual school closures are of limited benefit in stopping the spread of the disease. There is therefore no good reason for schools to remain closed after the summer holiday and schools are expected to reopen as planned at the start of term.

Matt Clements will be in school on Monday to talk to pupils about the clubs we plan to run with their firm, Soccer All Stars, this term. We have opted for football, dance and fencing to start with, and look forward to those activities starting week beginning 21st September. <http://www.soccerallstars.co.uk/>

Monday Football Club, Thursday Dance and Friday Fencing, all after school for Key stage 1 & 2

Monday September 7th at 9am - School assembly to promote the sports clubs

Clubs will run for 10 weeks and will commence week beginning 21st September.

Don't forget to save your clothes and linen for the **PTA BAGS 2 School scheme!** We will be running another scheme shortly. You may bring your bags into school between Wednesday 16th September, and Saturday 4th October—during school hours. (See posters at school). An additional day of Saturday 26th September between 10 and 12 is also being offered.

PETERSFIELD SCHOOL TERM DATES

2009/10

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 3 rd 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

PTA Committee Meeting Monday 7th September in School at 8.00p.m.

POSH Committee meeting on Wednesday 9th September at 6.30p.m.

We are asking that if Key Stage 2 pupils walk home on their own, that you let us know by writing us a formal letter which we can keep on file authorising this. As we are legally responsible for the pupils. We don't want them leaving school unsupervised to meet parents and friends at the recreation ground, for example, without our knowing that they are in a safe and responsible adult's care and control.

Full termly calendar of events out with next Wednesday's Newsletter.

We will be starting what we are calling **Curriculum Enrichment afternoons** next week and are planning to make money boxes with all of the pupils as part of a Design Technology project— This will be leading onto some economic awareness home-school work.

If people have examples of money boxes at home which they would be willing to allow us to look at to draw and study that would help us a great deal. Mrs Williams would love to have them.

In coming weeks we are not only going to be studying all sorts of structures and forces but will be encouraging pupils to use familiar materials and resources to make their own money containers/ boxes.

BOOKS!

We are keen to maintain our lovely Guided Reading books in full sets and are short of copies of the following titles.

Please could you have a look to see if any of the following books are being enjoyed at home and now need to be returned to our shelves. Thank you.

Silly Stories

Snow White and the Seven Aliens
Daft Jack and the Beanstalk
Eco Wolf and the Three Little Pigs
Billy Beast
Fried Piper of Hamstring,
Shampoozel

Fox in Socks—Dr. Seuss
The Puppy Present—J. Ure
The Shooting Star—R.Impey
Captain Midnight and the Granny Bag—A. Matthews
Utterly Me.—C. Bean
How to Trick a Tiger—R. Brown
Mr. Majeika on the Internet—H. Carpenter
The Snowmaze—J. Mark

And.....anything by Jacqueline Wilson.

Many thanks to those who have signed up to our music provision with peripatetic teachers. We are delighted to have Mrs Rachel Rigby teaching Violin, Mrs Claire Lynn teaching piano, Mr Martyn Robinson teaching Woodwind and Ms. Jessica Ryckewaert teaching drums.

Drums will start on 18th September, woodwind will begin on 8th September. Piano will start the week after next, letters will be sent out shortly.

Regular hand washing and trapping germs in handkerchiefs help us all to stay healthy.



BYFC Soccer Fun

For the 2009-10 season Bassingbourn Youth FC are running teams from U7 (year 2) to U13 (year 8) and a new Under 11 Girls team (years 5&6). A Saturday soccer club for year 1 will start shortly. New players are very welcome particularly for our younger teams. Visit the website www.byfc.org.uk or contact Tom Timms (01763 853148) for more details.

- Buffet Crampon Paris B12 Clarinet

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- Comes with neck strap, cleaning cloth, cork grease
- All in hard case, velvet lined
- Various Clarinet music books for Grade 1-3 including Scales.
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Please feel free to ring if you have any questions.
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