



Petersfield News

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Spring Term— Number 5—Wednesday February 6th 2008



Sunday 10th February 2008
Church Services:
9.30a.m. Eucharist in Orwell
11.15 Benefice Service Barrington
6.00p.m. Songs of Praise, Arrington

Key Stage 2 Achievement Assembly will be on Friday this week. Please feel free to join us on this occasion for our act of Worship. We are delighted to celebrate our pupils' Learning Achievements together,

Eco-Buddies Tomorrow!
Thursday 7th February
Wellies and waterproofs will CERTAINLY be needed by 2/3 of the school as groups will be going out into school grounds. Many thanks to Wimpole They will continue to learn French, work on practical science activities, explore Healthy Schools work, visit the Clunch Pit, and Chapel Orchard. They will also meet exciting ICT challenges, including accessing the Cambs STARZ website. Pupils may be accessing some of this at home later on. Details to follow.

We are finally about to EXchange our outdated and inefficient telephone system for a long awaited improved version! HOWEVER on Thursday this week, (tomorrow, the 7th Feb.) it is possible that the changeover will mean that we are less accessible than usual. We will be able to phone out at all times in case of emergency using our mobiles and such, but for a short while there **may** be problems if you are phoning in. Please bear with us on this one.

Hockey coaching-for years 5 & 6 **bassingbourn village college** on Tuesdays-from now until easter! From 5-6.00 p.m..£2.00 a head Astroturf, sticks provided. A great opportunity to learn!

PTA News
Beetle Drive - Saturday 8th March 5-7pm - Fun for all the family! Watch this space for further details.

Auction of Promises - Friday 25th April - The last one was a huge success with a whole range of items to bid for. We will need offers of lots to auction and people on the night to bid - get your thinking caps on!.

The year 5/6 pupils had a brilliant time at Bassingbourn when they joined other local schools for a dance performance . On Tuesday the Year 6's also went to Gamlingay to do basketball. Thanks to Mrs James for taking them, and a big thank you to the kind group of parents who helped with transport.

HALF TERM WEEK NEXT WEEK! SCHOOL REOPENS FOR BUSINESS ON MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY. (Dinner money for this next half term will be £51.80)

Don't forget the Orwell Village players are presenting **Cinderella** in the village hall on Thursday 28th Feb., Friday 29th Feb. and Saturday 1st March. Tickets for this family fun event featuring your favourite cast, sweets, slapstick and mayhem are available from Orwell Post Office. If there are any business who would like to advertise at the Cinderella performances in return for a donation. Contact: Caroleg@moncraft.co.uk

Key Stage 2 SATs tests for Year 6 will be held week beginning Monday 12th May. Please do not book family holidays during this week as they will not be authorised. Key Stage 1 (Year 2)tests will be taking place during the first half of the summer term and will involve teacher assessment and some written papers.

WORDLES
...Beyond

Last answer- Live it up!

ADVANCE NOTICE- PARENTS'
CONSULTATIONS
WENESDAY MARCH 5TH AND THURSDAY
MARCH 6TH 3.30-7.00P.M.

LUNCHTIMES

As you know we have changed lunchtime arrangements to help PUPILS manage their time together. This seems to have caused quite a reaction from some; (some of the things said by pupils in adults' hearing **unprintable!**) Within 24 hours of the first session I had 6 complaints from parents about the fact that their children were not having free choice of friends to eat their meal with; and of course some were eating lunch a little later than others. I take those points, but we need to work together on this to improve things **for everyone**. We will review this when we have completed a two week cycle. In spite of some small scale negative reactions there have been many positive outcomes for the whole school.

1. The amount of wasted food in the dinner hall has halved– that's Eco-friendly!
2. The number of pupils who are showing good manners in the dining hall has noticeably increased, That's very good.
3. The number of accidents to pupils on the playground due to rough play has decreased. This has to be good.
4. The younger pupils are very pleased to be working for the first 20 minutes with their friends in other year groups. The sort of positive play activities which years 5 and 6 have been trained by CAB-MAG to lead help active lunchtimes for those who find lunchtimes difficult..

If pupils would like to talk about things which worry them writing rude things in chalk is not the way forward! ***That sort of communication only illustrates the problem we are dealing with, really.*** We all need to learn from this.
We will continue to monitor it all carefully.

Seminars for Parents–
TUESDAY 4TH March– Priory Centre,
Priory Way, St Neots PE 19 2BH
I ncluding refreshments £5.00
Topics to be covered:
Bullying-Racist Bullying, Homophobic
Bullying, Cyber Bullying

Although many pupils show that they wish to play football at lunchtime there has ironically been little interest from key Stage 2 in the Cambridge United Football Club lunchtime club on offer to date. This is an excellent opportunity here for some *focussed* training to improve skills rather than just hammer a ball past your mates on the playground! Please talk to the office staff if you would like to join the Club and really upgrade skills.

Unfortunately we have head lice alive and well in our pupils' hair again! Please check your child's hair and use the combs we have given you to help us beat this problem once and for all.

We are currently investigating the possibility of a model making club at school for Key Stage 2 and have asked one or two villagers to help with planning, designing and making simple model aeroplanes. We would like this to be a summer term activity but will be asking the pupils to indicate their interest prior to ordering the actual kits which will be used. The cost of each kit will be approximately £7.00 and we would like to ensure that the numbers and kits roughly match! Talk to your children about this and we will do a poll of interest next week.

TEAM project– South Cambridgeshire is still offering Healthy lifestyle Saturday courses for Key Stage 2 pupils who may be overweight. If you are interested please contact Lynne Potter– Project coordinator 01954 212042

Monkeynastix taster sessions are due to start after half term for Key Stage 1! Cost will be £17.50 for 5 weeks. It will take place on Wednesdays after school. The first session for Woodpeckers Class and Reception will take place on Wednesday 20th February.

"No Ordinary Quiz Night"

Due to popular request the quiz to beat all others is returning on Saturday 16th Feb. at Petersfield Primary School, Orwell, BUT IS SOLD OUT!!!!

Many thanks to the Parish Council for their support of our School Travel Plan. The report, which will be disseminated soon, contains a number of useful ideas and comments about our travel needs in the community.

Congratulations to Mrs Penrose for being awarded a grant from the Gatsby/St John's College Foundation for her work in Science and ICT. The grant will pay for some supply cover as she researches aspects of our ICT /SCIENCE development programme.

**PETERSFIELD SCHOOL TERM DATES
FOR YEAR 2008**

2008

Spring Term Opens

January 3rd

Half Term

February 11th – 15th

Easter Holiday

March 21st – 7th April inclusive

Summer Term Opens

8th April

May Day

5th May

half Term

26th May – 2nd June inclusive

Summer Term Closes

Friday 18th July

Autumn Term Opens

2nd September – 24th October

Half Term

27th October – 31st

Autumn Term Closes

19th December

2009

Spring Term Opens

6th January – 13th February

Half Term

16th – 20th February

Easter Holiday

4th April - 19th April

