



# Petersfield News

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Summer Term — Number 1—Wednesday April 9th 2008

Services this Sunday 13th April 2008



**St. Andrew, Orwell**  
9.30.a.m. Eucharist  
**All Saints, Barrington**  
11.15 Lets Worship  
**St. Nicholas Arrington**  
6.00.p.m. Evening Prayers.

**St. Andrew Orwell,**  
**Monday 14th.—Little Fish, 2.00.p.m. Service.**

Staff and governors had a very successful In –Service training day on Monday. We discussed strategic plans for developing the school and were very impressed by the ways in which the pupil’s view of the “**BIG IDEAS**” which underpin our school ethos worked well with the overarching strategic adult view. More about this to come.

**School dinners for this half term will be £61.05. Meals should be paid for in advance. Cheques payable to Petersfield Primary School now we are bank account, please.**

Diary date: Kingswood meeting for year 5/6 parents and pupils will be Thursday May 1st at 3.30p.m, please.

#### **School Security.**

Governors and staff will meet on Tuesday 15th April at 5.00p.m. to discuss all aspects of school security.

You will have noticed the more substantial green fence by the Eagles class. We continue to have unwelcome visitors messing about on the school roof during weekends, and this is a continuing worry for us. The down-pipe in the playground has been smashed over the holidays and there is a lot of bottle glass shattered around the place.

Please let us know if there are suggestions **you** would like to make about this. We do not wish to turn our rural school into a fortress, but we need to ensure that vandalism and theft are not commonplace, either. We must tighten up on parents wandering into school and think carefully about all aspects of this matter.

We hope that you all enjoyed your Easter holiday!

Welcome back to what will be a busy and exciting summer term.

#### **GOOD NEWS!**

Mr Holland’s son, David, who runs the Stamford music shop (and who used to be a pupil at our school), has offered us a brand new beautiful piano for school! We are delighted by this generous gift and look forward to the presentation of the instrument on the 23rd April, St George’s Day. We hope to have a service of dedication at 2.00p.m. and would like to ask some of the pupils who play the piano to “do a turn” if at all possible. Year 2 will do English country dance. All will be most welcome to attend.

ECO-Buddies sessions will be happening tomorrow with 2/3 of the school out and about. One group will be working in the village with Mrs Adams and her team, and another will be going by coach over to Wimpole Hall with Mrs Tuck and Ms Richardson to plant potatoes. Letters tonight. Over the next few weeks all our pupils will be visiting Wimpole Home Farm, who are our much valued partners in the National Trust Educational Projects. Tomorrow and for the next few weeks we will be seeing shire horses plough, planting seed potatoes and working with Heather Polge, the Wimpole education officer. Exciting times for all.

**WORDLES**

**BA NK**

Last answer – Bags under the eyes!

## **PTA– Auction of Promises**

Friday 25th April-A Fun Evening for All..  
Don't be shy about volunteering a promise.  
Gardening, cooking, ironing-all needed!  
The last one was a great success and raised a lot of funds for the school. With the huge investment in computers-ICT we need your support to raise funds to make a real difference to our pupils' learning. Lots of equipment is still needed.

We look forward to the Homerton trainee teachers starting work with us on Monday. One will be in Year 1 and one in Year 3/4.

Mrs Tuck will be presenting at a conference for NRIC the Cambridge university maths group on Monday 14th April at Newnham College. She will be talking about a collaborative Maths project which the local cluster worked on together.

### **Skipping Workshop.**

There will be skipping workshop in school on Tuesday 15th April. All pupils will need their PE kit in school on that day. This event, organised in line with our Health Promoting Schools work, is being paid for by a generous contribution from the PTA. The pupils will be able to purchase ropes, £4.00 if you wish.

**P.E. Kit. Please may we remind parents to ensure that PE Kit is always named and that plimsolls/trainers are the correct size. Thank you.**

Many thanks to Mr John Walford for his work in sorting out our hall curtains. They really were in need of attention and they have now been cleaned, repaired and are about to be re-hung in the hall. It has taken a lot of your time, John and we appreciate this work on our behalf.

Sue Dawson-Coltman ( Mum of Erin in Yr 5) is running the London Marathon on Sunday 13th April for Macmillan Cancer Support. If anyone would be kind enough to sponsor her, she has a website at :[www.justgiving.com/suedawsoncoltman](http://www.justgiving.com/suedawsoncoltman) or she can be found in the playground everyday! Many thanks.

Weren't the Easter Hats on display on the last day of term really wonderful? It was a delight to see the many and varied ways in which the pupils expressed their thoughts about Easter, and communicated the important messages. Congratulations to all the school, but especially to Holly Kimberley, Jack Chilton, Richie Flack, Joel Gallery, Matthew Gwynn, Emma Lindsay, and Katie Longcroft. It was a hugely difficult decision to make the choices of the winners in each area, but their work was outstanding. Well done everyone!

We will shortly be sending out permission slips to request your consent to allow your child's photograph and name to be published in the media. This will involve local (and possibly national) press, and by extension some articles may be published on the web. We have to be careful nowadays about using images of pupils, and wherever possible we try **not** to link names and faces within articles here. However, there are still some papers who will not publish images without names.

Our school web site also needs some pretty pictures of our pupils learning in action, and although we can and will control the images on our site, and will **not** publish names with images, we do need to have your consent before we consider this as a matter of safety and child protection. It's a tricky area. We **do** want to tell the world about the good things we do, but we certainly do **not** want to expose anyone.

### **Tennis Tuition. -**

#### **KS2 Monday lunchtime.**

If you would like your child to take part on a Monday lunchtime please ask for a permission letter from the school office.

Limited space so please ask and complete a form by return. Starting on Monday 14th April. Coach will be Dan Valentine.



Ipswich—Tuesday and Friday— after school football. Letters sent home yesterday. If you wish your child to take part please send in completed forms as requested by 17th April. If you have not received a letter home please contact the school office.

Cambridge United—Tuesday Lunchtime football. Letters sent home yesterday. If you wish your child to take part please send in forms and payments by Friday 11th April. If you have not received a letter home please contact the school office.

**Monkeynastix.** Will start on 23rd April

Course will be for 12 weeks. Please ask in the office for a form.

We look forward to welcoming the Director of Education for the Diocese, Canon Tim Elbourn who will make a social visit to school on Friday 11th April.



