



Petersfield News

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Spring Term — Number 1 Wednesday January 7th 2009

Church Services

Sunday 11th January
The Baptism of Christ
11.00 a.m. Benefice Eucharist in
Barrington—A chance to say
“farewell” to Dr Julie Norris.
6.00p.m. Evening Prayer in Arrington (BCP)



Welcome to the PTA AGM on
Tuesday 13th January at 7.45
for 8.00 p.m start. This is your
chance to join the group for
wine/juice/nibbles and a chat.
It's your opportunity to make a
difference- so please join us. All
ideas and offers of help are wel-
come- it's fun and a way of mak-
ing lots more new friends.

SCHOOL UNIFORM—at last we're pleased to say the school uniform website is up and running. www.YourSchoolUniform.com. (See attached sheet.) School will now only stock bookbags/PE bags. All uniform should now be bought direct from the above company; hopefully this will give parents more control. If this causes any problems, please feel free to talk to the office, we'll be happy to help.

Violin Lessons—if any child would like to learn violin, there is currently a vacancy we would like to fill. Please contact the office if you are interested.

POSH is considering the return of the holiday playschemes. In order to gauge the need for February half-term, we need your cooperation. We need to know as soon as possible which families would be interested in using the half-term Playscheme in order that a decision can be made as to it's viability as soon as possible. Please contact The school office, or speak to the POSH girls.

KINGSWOOD—Year 4 and 5, for any children who have received letters about the Kingswood trip in September, could we remind parents to send in their deposits as soon as possible should they wish their child to participate. Thank you

Illness. If your child is suffering from sickness and diarrhoea we ask that (as with NHS guidelines), you keep them off school until they have been clear of the bug for 48 hours.

You can imagine that as with the winter vomiting bug it is almost impossible for us to prevent widespread infection if this is not managed carefully.

Parent Partnership Service (PPS) Training.

PPS Road Shows

Seminars on:

- SEN Code of Practice & Inclusion, School Action, School Action Plus and Individual Education Plans
- Helping children with SEN transfer to secondary school
- Siblings
- What is Connexions?

The Road Shows will be on

- Tuesday 10.3.09 at Wood Green Animal Shelter, Godmanchester
 - Thursday 2.7.09 at Trinity Hall, March
- Conciliations Skills for parents
- Tuesday 24.2.09 at Wood Green
 - Thursday 21.5.09 at OASIS centre, Wisbech

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- Wednesday 29.4.09 at OASIS centre, Wisbech

Dinners for spring half term 29x£1.90 =£55.10. Cheques made payable to Petersfield School, please.

WORDLES

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Last answer-jumping to conclusions

As a Sports Partnership School teaching staff were invited to attend Bassingbourn Primary yesterday for some in service training on the teaching of Gymnastics.

I am sure that you would wish me to pass on to the Rev Julie Norris all our thanks and good wishes for her new parish in Great and Little Abington and Hildersham. Julie has been a source of huge help and support to us all in school and we all wish her well in her new deanery. Julie's final Sunday with us will be on Sunday 11th Jan at 11.00a.m. when she will be in Barrington Church for her farewell service, the Benefice Eucharist. Please join us then if you can. There will be a simple buffet lunch afterwards too.

May we remind parents that there is no entitlement to holidays in term time. OFSTED are keen that pupils should attend school consistently and scrutinise pupil absences regularly and carefully. If you have no alternative but to take a holiday in term time this should be notified well in advance. A form is available from the office which must be completed and authorised by the Headteacher.

Eco Buddies Start next week on Tuesday afternoons.

Pupils may be asked to work outside in the school grounds or to visit our church for some focussed history and environmental work.

We would ask that pupils have their coats with them and some sensible footwear, please. It is difficult for us when children come out of cars and into school without coats.

It was -7 degrees on Tuesday morning- and coats make good sense in this sort of weather!

KEEP FIT!

Don't just sit; come and get fit! Come and join us in the school hall on Tuesday evenings, 7.45 to 9 pm. Beginners and lapsed keep-fitters welcome. £4.00 per session for aerobics, fitness circuit and relaxation. (Just come along, no need to book.)

Many thanks to Mrs Presland and Mrs Rolfe for all their work over the holidays. They have worked hard to clean our school and have made a real difference.

Let's try to keep it as clean and tidy as possible now, please.

This half term's SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) topic is called "Going for Goals". We are thinking about ways in which we can aim for our targets and achieve more than we had thought possible by working hard and trying to do those things we find challenging by working towards them with some persistence..

As usual we will be exploring this topic during teacher led and class assemblies and thinking about this in many of our PSHCE lessons.

There may be some homework tasks set within this topic. Since all parents would wish children to achieve even more effectively by reflecting on their learning and relationships; this topic should not be controversial.

Happy New Year to All!

This promises to be a busy year and we are planning all sorts of initiatives to help to enrich the learning opportunities for our pupils. Our school development plan comes under review at about this time of year and we have much to celebrate in terms of achievement in the last year, and many further projects yet to complete. *You may have seen the new equipment by the reception outside play area which has made a real difference to the younger children.*

This year's key priorities will be:

- raising standards,
- tracking pupil progress,
- finances
- relationships with parents
- promoting school in local community
- refurbishment- of school building
- environmental education,
- school administrative and information systems
- extended schools provision in POSH

THE TIMES/SUNDAY TIMES

We will be collecting The Times, "Books for Schools" Tokens. We would be grateful for any tokens you can collect. Thank you.