



Petersfield News

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Autumn Term — Number 6 Wednesday October 8th 2008

Services this Sunday 12th October 2008

8.30 a.m. Tadlow Parish Communion

9.30 a.m. Eucharist Orwell with Baptism

11.15 Harvest Thanksgiving at Barrington

6.00p.m. Songs of Praise in Arrington



Next week will be assessment week when teachers will all be grading pupil's work carefully against national norms.

We will not necessarily be confining our judgements to the tests done this week alone, but they will inform the snapshot of progress which we will have as a pupil progress profile.

This area was judged outstanding in our work by our OFSTED inspector.

Fri. Nov 7th is the PTA Fireworks Display, not 8th as in diary dates. Also **Friday cakes** for the 24th October need to come on the 23rd as 24th INSET.

CLUBS this term are:

Mondays:- Lunchtime Tennis & French

Tuesdays:- 3.30-4.30 Dance & Lunchtime football with Cambridge United.

Wednesdays:- Lunchtime Trigolf Choir @ 3.30 in hall

Thursdays-

Fridays 3.30- 4.30 Key Stage 2 Football

Curriculum-Wise Sessions

After half term we will have parent consultations Wed 12th November and Thursday 13th November. We will be talking about national curriculum levels. If you wish to find out more about what these mean and how we assess them please join us on Tuesday 4th Nov @ 3.30-4.30 or on Thursday 13th 7.30-8.30 to find out more.

Learners of last week:

Robins- Rebecca Smith

Woodpeckers- Holly Kimberley

Swallows- Charlotte Matthews

Kingfisher- Danny Drury

Owls-Adam Fleming

Eagles- Matthew Gwynn

Carers of last week:

Luke Page

Louis Chadwick

Grace Anderson

Scarlet Healy

Emily Newberry

Amara Wright

Saskia Daw



WORDLES

Good

Last week's answer-In the soup

Eco-Visit to RSPB at Fowlmere

On Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th October the whole school will be visiting Fowlmere Nature Reserve over three days in school time. Letters already sent out to parents. Please ensure that all pupils have packed lunch, drinks and warm waterproof coats and footwear. We **will** go even if the weather is poor!

We welcomed the Venerable John Beer into school yesterday. He is the Archdeacon of Cambridge and was keen to see our school and share what we have to offer. He joined us for lunch and for an act of worship in the afternoon before seeing what Eco-Buddies are all about.

During this week's **Walk to School week**, Mrs Hardy will be meeting children at The Chequers in Orwell at 8.40a.m. ready for the walk to school. The children who normally travel in by bus can do laps of the school field or the playground on arrival. Certificates will be given to all the children who participate. We look forward to as many children as possible doing their bit during walk to school week.

SCHOOL UNIFORM.

We are investigating the possibility of using an on-line supplier for our school uniform to enable you to order items direct from the company. The idea would be that items would be sent to your address, although we would also hold samples in the school office for you to try on. Prices should remain the same.

More information as and when we have it.

Preliminary school placement visits for Homerton trainees to be placed in years 2 and 4/5 will take place on Thursday 23rd October.

Dinner Monies and other payments.

Reminders:

Cheques should be payable to Petersfield School. Please don't leave blank!

Any outstanding Music Tuition fees and outstanding Dinner Money, need to be paid as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help.

There will be a special Thank You assembly for those members of staff who are leaving us on Wednesday 22nd October. Details in the letter going home today.

The Book Fair will arrive today -8th October and will run after school until 15th . Start thinking of Christmas presents which you may need for all your younger family and friends. See book leaflet.

Key Stage 1 and 2 Achievement Assembly will be on Friday 10th October. If your child has been asked to share their achievements there should be a letter home asking you to attend to share our pride in their achievements.

International School Award.

Mrs Gwynn will collect our International School award on Wednesday 8th October in London at the British Council in Trafalgar Square.

Mrs Gwynn is taking the year 2 pupils to Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge on Thursday 9th October to do a two hour workshop and see an exhibition on the theme of Pinocchio by an illustrator called Sarah Fanelli.

There will be a meeting of the full governing body on Monday 13th October. It is proposed that on Tuesday 2nd December we hold an Open Forum to allow parents who wish to do so to talk directly to the governors about matters which might concern them from 7.15-7.30p.m.

In the meantime if any parent wishes to make representations or complaints there are very well tried procedures. Your parent governor representatives would be pleased to have a discussion with you if you would like them to do so.

Nominations for the parent governor position have now closed and Mr John Easy has been nominated to work on your behalf. Following Monday's meeting of the governing body we expect that he will be voted onto the board unopposed.

**Petersfield P.T.A.
Fireworks Display
Friday 7th November**

FIREWORKS tickets are now on sale at the school office. Adults (16+) £2.50 Child £1.50. Pre school free. BBQ and refreshments. Gates open 6.00.p.m. Fireworks at 6.30.p.m.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. No own fireworks please.

Cakes- Friday Cake Sales for the PTA- Some Thoughts. We all enjoy the treat but:

NO nuts in Friday cakes, please. (We cannot guarantee no nut traces if home made cakes are being made but can and do often provide alternatives for those 6 pupils already identified with allergies)

10 x10 pences can be brought in to school in labelled envelopes for children (and kept in class teacher's drawer for Fridays) if you like.

If parents are providing cakes and happen to know that there is a child in the class with a potential problem we could ask for them to provide penguin biscuits as an alternative for each class ONLY for those named children with allergic reactions.

We would not like to deny children cakes but there is a need to make money here and the money should come in from those whose parents like their to take part in the cake scheme

The question arises about what happens when there are not enough cakes to go round...as sometimes parents do not provide enough-and some disapprove of the idea of cakes at all on health grounds.

1/3 of a small cup cake is not really worth 10p! Perhaps we need a trip to Bookers to have reserves from there and PTA foot the bill out of some of the profits???

**The Light Party
No Tricks but lots of Treats!**

**A Positive alternative to Halloween
Supported by Churches Together**

**At Melbourn Baptist Church
Friday 31st October 5.30.—7.30.p.m.
For 4-11 year olds. All the Family Welcome**

**Fun—Food—Games—Bouncy Castle—Disco.
Wear something bright. To reserve a space call
Margie 261650 or see Alison Smith—01223 208157**

After School Arrangements

Please if your children are going home at the end of the day not by their normal route, i.e. parent collecting, bus etc. Can you send in a note to the class teacher. It is difficult sometimes when children say they are going home to tea with another child to know if the arrangements have been made with their parents knowledge and this takes the T.A.'s time out of class to check. Thank you.

Red Fleece's Free to good home. If you would like a spare, Sizes 5/6, 9/10 and 9/11. Call in the office.

**Wednesday November 5th
Cracking Bonfire Special
Bangers or Guy Fawkes Pizza
Moon Wedges, Explosive baked beans, Cannon ball peas**

**Chocolate Cracknell and apple juice
Spiced apple cake and custard**

Salad bar and fresh fruit is also available on this day. If your child doesn't normally have a school dinner, please book now to avoid disappointment. Last orders by Monday 3rd November.

Shopping Evening at Petersfield—Friday 21st November 8—10.00.p.m.

Please mark this date in your diaries, It should be a fantastic Christmas shopping event. We already have a wide range of stalls booked, but there is still room for more!

If you would like to have a table or you know somebody who might like to have a stall at this event please either contact Alison Smith on 01223 208157 or Jackie Curtis on 01223 20790905. There is a £10.00 booking fee and then you could join Usborne Books, Busy Fingers, Virgin Vie, Phoenix Trading, as well as stalls of handmade cards, jewellery, wooden toys, scarves, candles, glassware .. And more!



**HALLOWEEN PARTY
Whaddon Village Hall
2nd November—3.00.—5.00.p.m.
Entry £3.50
No spending money required!**

Tickets Anne Newberry C.207555 or Carolyn Gallery C.208796.

**Christmas Ball—Mother Goose Pre-School
Saturday 6th December 2008**

Bluntswood Hall, Throcking.—Black Tie. £40.00 per person

Tickets includes a complimentary glass of Bucks Fizz and canapés, a three-course meal, Coffee and Mints, a live band, a raffle and an auction of promises proceeds from which all go to Mother goose Pre-School.

Contact Amy 01223 207063 or Trudie 01223 207767