



Petersfield News

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Autumn Term — Number 1 Wednesday September 3rd 2008



Services this Sunday 7th September 2008

6.00p.m. Evening Prayers
St. Andrew, Orwell

8.15 Eucharist (CW)
All Saints, Barrington

9.30 Eucharist (CW)
Wimpole Service

11.00a.m. Eucharist with Baptism
Croydon

Diary Dates- Just to keep you in the loop!

A full list of diary dates for the term and information about clubs will be published next week when we have confirmed one or two dates with local clergy and others. Meanwhile the following may be useful:

Eco Buddies will be on TUESDAYS and we will start next week on Tuesday 9th September.

CLUBS will start Monday 15th September

Curriculum Evenings:

Wednesday September 10th

Year 1 Mrs. Watkins 6.00p.m.

Y2 Mrs. Gwynn 6.30p.m.

Thursday September 11th

Year 3/4 Miss Cavender 6.00p.m.,

Year 4/5 Miss Richardson 6.30p.m.

Year 5/6 Mr. Timms 7.00 p.m.

FRIDAY September 12th

Reception Mrs Hardy at 12.45 as you collect.

Parent Consultations (incl. National Curriculum levels pupils gained) will follow pupil assessments just before half term. Consultations arranged for: Wed 12th November 3.30-5.30 and Thursday 13th November 5.00-8.00p.m.

INSET day-Friday 24th October for those who need cover

Our responses to Annual Anonymous Questionnaire comments and discussion points which you raised.

Your comments are in italics and my responses are not!

Have been really impressed by the way the older children relate to the younger ones, e.g. in Eco-Buddy Groups.

So have we. Thanks for saying it.

Could be more extra-curricular activities for girls...

We are currently working with Barrington to set up a choir based here which, like all the other clubs, will be open to all. Past experience suggests that this may appeal to girls and we would encourage them to take an active part and make a commitment to join. Letter soon.

Staff do not always explain how to help children at home...

That's what the curriculum evenings are designed for! See opposite for dates and times – more very soon.

A warm Petersfield welcome to our new teaching staff:

Mr Mark Timms who is teaching in Eagles-Year 5/6

Miss Ruth Cavender who is teaching in Kingfisher- Year 3/4

Mrs Claire Watkins who is teaching in Woodpeckers Year 1.

WORDLES

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Last answer-Home is where the heart is.

Curriculum Evenings- For new parents these meetings are a valuable chance to meet your child's teacher along with other parents and to find out about classroom routines and the areas which will be studied this term. If you need to make individual arrangements to speak to them privately about matters which concern you please do so then.

Wake and Shake!

Wake and Shake exercises will start again next week first thing in the morning on the school playground. The idea is that the pupils are energised by moving to music before they go into the classroom first thing, and they enjoy the synchronised movement to music too. All this is healthy and good for coordination .

Don't forget that any and all parents can join in too!

POSH

Yesterday's letter home explained that we are working hard to ensure that the infrastructure of POSH is put on a secure footing. There should be no change to the daily activities, personnel and experiences at the sharp end for the young customers!

POSH toast will be as scrumptious as ever!

LOST PROPERTY!

We have three bin bags of unnamed clothing by the front door ready to be sent to a charity or put into the bin. Please **NAME** your child's coats, fleeces and such otherwise we have no way of knowing who to return them to when they are inevitably left around the place. The three bags of unclaimed clothing will be disposed of next Monday.

On July 18th, just before the end of the long summer term our school had its Church School Inspection by a member of the National Society. The report came out during our summer break and a copy is going home today for you to read.

Our school has come a long way since September 2007, and we can feel affirmed by the report which we think reflects our ethos well.

Many thanks to Mrs Penrose, Rev Julie Norris and to the Daw family for representing our school at the Service in the Tent after the Horticultural Show. We told them about our Eco-Buddy work and I hear it went down very well with many people from our villages.

Dinner Monies and other payments.

The cost of "full time" school lunches this half-term is £72.20, but please check with the office for any outstanding credits. Dinners must be paid for in advance.

Please send money in named envelopes, correct money only if cash.

On Monday teaching staff, TAs, some midday supervisors and governors had the opportunity to learn about SEAL training. This is an acronym for the Social, Emotional Aspect of Learning. It's a government initiative and is designed to help us to help young people relate well to one another and to express their feelings when they need to. An extension of the PSHE idea, it's based on the simple premise that pupils do not learn well if they are upset and anxious. You may hear about a puppet called SEALIA who is around too!

The first phase we are working on is called, not surprisingly.

New beginnings...

The SEAL themes will be themes for our assemblies and we will be working on them in class too.