

# Petersfield News

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## Church Services

**Sunday 5th July 2009**

8.15 am Eucharist in Barrington

9.30 am Eucharist in Wimpole

11.00 am Eucharist in Croydon

6.00 pm Evening Prayers in Orwell



**SPORTS DAY** 1.15 pm on Friday 26th June, was memorable, to say the least!

Thunder— torrential rain, power cut, new parent visiting, all the fun of the storm...

What a storm it was, too!

Many thanks to all the parents and friends who rallied round and made the occasion of the school fayre possible in such a good humoured way. Thanks, too, to BVC for allowing us to have the JSLAs to help out, as it happened during the drama. We are just sorry we couldn't have had the simple and fun event as we imagined it...These things are sent to try us!!!

**We are going to reschedule for Friday 3rd July at 1.15p.m.** We hear that simple showers are predicted for that day now, not the thunderstorms which were forecast earlier.

We will marshal some "OLD BOYS" and "OLD GIRLS" (from universities and colleges!) who are around to help and support us, as the JSLAs would have done, and endeavour to rerun what was a soggy event.

*Reports will go out this Friday, 3rd July. The Key stage 1 and 2 SATs results will be included, as will some information about level descriptors to help you make sense of what is meant by "a level 2". There will be a letter from me telling you about the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss this report yet further if you should deem it necessary, and I will outline which classes we think your children should be in as we will have split year group classes in most of the school next academic year.*

*Please try to respond to your child's report by making a comment. I know that it does take many, many hours for staff to compile these detailed documents, and it is good for them to know that they are in dialogue with you.*

## CONGRATULATIONS OWLS!

Owls class films have been shortlisted in the Cambridgeshire Schools' Film Festival. They have been invited to the Corn Exchange next Thursday to attend a film OSCAR and presentation event. They have been asked to wear something glitzy (!) for the event. Great excitement, and much eager anticipation as we look forward to the event.

**HEAD LICE!** Please do check your child's hair regularly, and treat with conditioner and combs or products from the pharmacy if necessary. Head lice do tend to spread through the school very quickly if children's heads are not checked on a regular basis.

## **WORDLES**

## **INLIT**

*Last answer—Broad in the beam*

**You have probably heard on the news that we are expecting a 'heatwave' this week.**

As a result we will be:

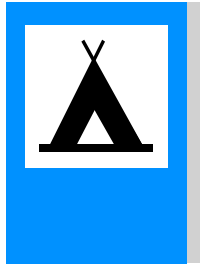
- reminding the pupils to drink water regularly
- Asking you to supply your child with a water bottle with their name on it
- reminding the pupils to wrap, splat and hat for sun safety
- reducing the amount of outdoor play time at the hottest times of the day

You can help by :

- encouraging your child(ren) to drink water regularly
  - refilling water bottles each evening and bring them to school
- splating on some suncream before school and bringing a hat to school.

**Please note that we have had to make adjustments to the rescheduled Friday 3rd July Sports Day arrangements**

- all children must have a sunhat and water bottle
- children will need to stay in shaded areas when not involved in activities
- We need to ask anyone with a **spare gazebo** to come along and erect it if you possibly can, to provide some shelter to help pupils stay cool.



**GAZEBOS WANTED FOR FRIDAY,  
PLEASE!!!!**

The PTA wishes to convey their thanks for the way that everyone pulled together with such good spirit on Friday when the weather decided that we were not going to enjoy a Sports Day and Summer Fete.

I am sure that the children were as disappointed, as we were for them, when the Sports Day had to be called off. But they did not let this squash their enthusiasm and they set to erecting their games in the school hall. Their good natured acceptance of the circumstances was a credit to them, and the school.

Please pass our thanks on to all concerned with turning the day, which could have been a total wash-out, into a fun-filled afternoon with games and tea and cakes.

Yours sincerely,

John Walford.

For and on behalf of the Petersfield School PTA.

**ART EXHIBITION**

On Friday 10th July at 2.45, we will be holding an art exhibition of Swallows and some Woodpecker work. Please come along, drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Work on the two classes which were flooded is proceeding well. You will have noticed that we have taken advantage of the fact that they have had to be cleared to redecorate and smarten them up considerably. The funds to pay for this work come out of our ring fenced capital grant allocation which can only be used on the building, not for staffing costs or anything to do with resources. Much of the work being done, of course, is the consequence of the flood damage which will be claimed from the insurance company via the county.

We have moved the information library into the Learning Hub and are working to make that room into something much more inviting, and more directly concerned with a centre to FIND things OUT! With the laptops, Interactive whiteboard and library in there, we see it as a room for enquiry, rather than as a repository for spare resources as hitherto. This rethink has meant a huge amount of planning and thought about the ways we use this building, but we are confident that after the sorting out (which will inevitably have to happen!), we will be much better placed to do our jobs without too much clutter around.

We will be hoping to have help from willing people to support this unglamorous but essential process of clearing up and throwing out, rearranging, and rationalising. It's so important, and somewhat overdue! If you can help, please let us know..

The Full Governing Body met on Monday this week. There were no parents at the 7.15 p.m. forum, and no questions were received in advance of the meeting. We hope that this indicates that you are all content with the way things are going.

Mrs Tuck met with Matt Clements from Soccer All Stars this week in order to discuss sports club provision for next term. SPORTS EXTRA have not been as reliable or consistent as we would like, and we very much hope to be in a position to offer Dance (with Amy), Football & Fencing, next term. We are in negotiation about the dates and days but will keep you in the loop.

POSH committee will meet tonight in the staffroom. We will be discussing exciting innovations like the "Let's Get Cooking" club which will be run by POSH and the aspirations for the renovation of what was Woodpeckers classroom and its transformation into a POSH centre and a cookery area for school. This multi-purpose area will be a great boon to the school. The mobile classroom will ultimately go, to make room for a really great outside play area. We have all sorts of plans afoot which we outlined at the School Development meeting for parents a fortnight ago.

### Questionnaires

The annual school parent questionnaire will be sent home this week. We would be grateful if you could take the time to fill these in as they help us to plan for the future, taking your views into account. Please return them by the end of term. If you do not receive your copies (one per child) or would like additional copies, please contact the school office. Pupils will also receive their own questionnaire, which may be completed in class. If it comes home, feel free to help your child complete it. Many thanks.

We have been asked to include the following request in the newsletter:-

"Mills & Reeve, are supporting the **Teenage Cancer Trust charity** this year and are holding a 2nd hand book sale in the office next Wednesday, 8 July to raise funds. If anyone has any books (fiction, non-fiction, thrillers, romance, sci-fi, any age range etc all welcome) in good condition that they would be happy to donate to a good cause could you please pass them on me by Tues 7 July at the latest. Please call me on 01223 207241 if you would like me to collect from you. Many thanks. Lindsey Charlesworth"

## **SCHOOL BOOKS**

It's that time of year again when we ask parents to have a look at home to see if there are any books belonging to school.

We would ask that if you have any junior fiction books, Junior Steps books, Guided Reading books from both Key Stages, or Book Band books, will you try to remember to return them to school before the end of the school term. Thank you

## END OF TERM PICNIC

Friday 17th July 2009

Gammon Roll,  
Sausage, Pizza and Cheese Whirl  
Carrot and Cucumber Sticks  
Flapjack and Ice Cream  
Fruit

Apple Juice

Bookings in by 7.7.09 see separate sheet.`

Beth and Erin ran a 3 mile Pink Ribbon run/walk in the hot weather on Sunday. They managed it in an amazing 35 minutes! Well done!

They ran for Marie Curie Cancer Care. If you kindly sponsored them, please could you bring the money in as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## SPORT IN THE PARK

A free event for the whole family as part of the London 2012 Open Weekend.

MILTON COUNTRY PARK  
SUNDAY 26TH July 11 am to 4pm

- Bouncy Castle
- Live Music
- Picnic area, BBQ and refreshments to purchase throughout the day.
- Displays & demonstrations from a variety of sports, musicians and the Cambourne Bloco throughout the day.
- Adult & Junior photography exhibition.
- Visit the Change4life tent and pick up useful tips to eat healthily.
- Try new activities, climbing, trampolining, golf, archery, cricket, athletics and lots more.

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