



PETERCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

January 2010

Happy New Year to you all. Better late than never! Let's hope the new school year can now continue uninterrupted by 'snow days' so that we can settle down to enjoy all of the upcoming events:

CHRISTMAS GIFTS – THANKS

All Staff would like to thank children and parents for the Christmas gifts they received. We are all extremely touched at the thoughts behind such gifts.

The kind notes and cards which we receive expressing your support and appreciation are especially moving and help us all no end in carrying out our roles. So thank you for taking the time and trouble to help us feel we are doing ok!

Christmas Celebration

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend "Nearly No Nativity". The children really enjoyed themselves and I am sure you will agree with me that they performed and entertained us superbly. Well done to everyone, and a huge thank you to all staff and volunteers who work behind the scenes to make the event such a success. Last, but not least, I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Martyn – it is her tireless efforts that make the quality of our musical productions second to none.

INDIAN DANCING

Class 1/2 spent a lovely morning with Guv Singh learning Indian Dancing as part of their topic.



WE WON!

We are delighted to tell you that Peterchurch Primary School were winners in the **British Food Fortnight Cook for Life Challenge 2009** sponsored by Kenwood. You may recall that, in October 2009 our Cookery Club Teacher, Mrs Goring, entered the School into this competition and, under her expert guidance and supervision, children gathered vegetables from our own gardens and proceeded to make soup, breads and muffins from this produce, documenting the whole procedure for presentation to the competition. We have recently been notified that we were winners and have been the lucky recipients of some cooking equipment. Thank you to Mrs Goring for all of her hard work and to all of the children involved too!



SNOW/FLOODS

In the event of heavy snowfall or localised flooding occurring at this unpredictable time of year, may we remind you to ensure that you listen to BBC Hereford and Worcester (104, 104.6, & 94.7fm) and/or Radio Wyevern (96.7, 97.6 or 102.8fm) radio stations in order to check whether or not the School will be closed. Details can also be found on the Herefordshire Council web-site.

UNICEF Day for Change – Friday 5th February 2010. A Wear What you Like Day in aid of Haiti

This year UNICEF day is fundraising for Mozambique but, in the light of the recent disaster in Haiti, a School Council pupil has suggested that we use the day to raise money for this cause. **CHILDREN WHO DONATE £1.00** will be able to wear what they like to school and the money will go towards this worthwhile charity.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day this year takes place on **Thursday 4th March**. As you will recall, this is the day that all staff and pupils come to school dressed as a character from a book, poem or nursery rhyme, bringing the appropriate book with them. Parents are invited to join us for our 'World Book Day' Assembly commencing at 9.00am. We look forward to this event with enthusiasm and trepidation! A book fair will be taking place at the school to coincide with World Book Day running for a week commencing Monday 1st March.

SATS Tests – No Holiday Authorised
QCA and SATS Tests take place during the month of May. No Holiday will be authorised during this time or the weeks leading up to these tests, when revision is taking place.

If, when planning your family holidays, parts or all of your family breaks are to take place during term time, the school needs 6 weeks' notice of the intended absence. Parents contemplating holidays or other absences during school time should first discuss the implications with Mrs Garlick before making any commitments. Pupils are not normally granted more than two weeks (10 school days) leave of absence in any school year. Parents have no automatic right for their children to be absent from school. A holiday form should be completed by the parent or guardian and forwarded to the Headteacher not less than 6 weeks before the planned absence is due to begin.

Head Lice

The problem still remains with regard to headlice. It is important that all hair is checked daily and treated, if necessary. Long hair must be tied up at all times.

STAFF

Sadly, I have to inform you that Mrs Curley will be leaving the School at the end of the Spring Term in April. She is moving to a post nearer to her home. Mrs Curley has been with us for 4 years and her care and kindness towards pupils, parents and staff has, during that time, been much appreciated and she will be sorely missed. However, I am sure you all join with me in wishing her the best for the future.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**Friday 5th February 2010**

UNICEF Day for Change

Tuesday 9th February 2010

Parents Sharing Assembly

HALF TERM**Monday 15th February – Friday 19th
February 2009****Monday 1st March 2010**

Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics, Kingstone

Thursday 4th March 2010World Book Day
(Book Fair – 1st-8th March 2010)**Thursday 1st April 2010**

Helping Ourselves & Others Day

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