



PETERCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2008

Hello everyone, and welcome back. Also, a warm welcome to the new children joining our School. I hope you all had a very enjoyable Summer Holiday and are now ready to face the new academic year.

SWIMMING

Swimming at the school will commence the week beginning **Monday 8 September**. Children will require a one-piece swimming costume, hat and towel. Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office for £1.00 each.

The swimming timetable is:-

Class 1	Tuesday 1.00pm
	Thursday 1.00pm
Class 2	Monday 1.00pm
	Thursday 10.45am
Class 3/4	Thursday 9.30am
Class 5	Friday 9.00am

We are in need of helpers for all Classes. Could any parents interested in helping us out please see Class Teachers. Thank you. Please see reply slip below.

IMPORTANCE OF NOTIFYING SCHOOL OF ABSENCE.

In order to ensure the safety of your child, it is imperative that all parents telephone the school when their child is absent in order that the office staff do not waste their time following up unreported absences when your child is, in fact, safe at home.

Jump Rope for Heart



On **Monday 8th September** the Blue and White Skippers will, once again, be paying the School a visit to demonstrate their skipping skills to the children. The Skippers will be performing a display of their skills at the School from 2.45pm onwards and parents are invited to come along to watch the display with the children and staff. At the end of the school day parents will have the opportunity to purchase skipping ropes from the Blue and White Skippers. If parents are unable to attend the display or are not collecting children from School, we suggest that you ensure children are sent into school with sufficient monies to purchase a skipping rope on the day **as they will not be available to purchase from the School**. The cost of a skipping rope is approximately £4.50.

PTA

The Annual General Meeting for the PTA will take place on 11th September at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome so please come along and attend. We do need new Committee Members but we also need to know of anyone who could help at events but may not wish to serve on the Committee, so we look forward to seeing as many of you as we possibly can.

TOPICS

Lesson topics for this half-term will be:-



Classes 1 and 2: The Family



Class 3/4: Ancient Egypt



Class 5: Ancient Greece

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform for Autumn is:

Grey pinafore, skirt or trousers.

White or Light Blue Blouse/Shirt or Polo Neck Shirt.

School Sweatshirt or Navy Jumper or Cardigan.

Navy, White or Grey Socks/Tights

Shoes should be black or brown with heels no higher than 3 cm (1_”)

measured from the back of the heel.

Trainers are not acceptable footwear for school shoes. Children wearing shoes with heels higher than 3 cm will have to wear daps in school.

HOLIDAYS

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. **PLEASE NOTE:** *No* holiday will be authorised for the month of May in any year as this is the time that SATS and QCA tests take place in schools.

HEADLICE

It is still of high importance to constantly keep checking children's hair and keep long hair tied up at all times.

C. A. Garlick