



PETERCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL Newsletter

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School Website

www.peterchurch.hereford.sch.uk

Whilst we were all on holiday Mr Usher was busily working on the school website bringing it up to date. Please do have a look at the website which is excellent and a credit to the school. Thank you Mr Usher.

Cycle Training



Year 6 took part in Cycle training with Margaret Price and we are pleased to say that all of them passed their Cycling Proficiency test.

Mini pots of Care

We are taking part in fundraising for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Your child will receive their very own daffodil bulb to plant at school and, supported by their teacher, they will monitor and care for their growing bulb until it blossoms in the spring. As part of the planting activity, your child will have an envelope on 21st October to raise money for cancer care. Any money raised will go directly to provide more hours of home nursing care for people with terminal cancer. Envelopes and money should be returned by 15th November. Once your child's mini pot of care is in bloom, they will join pupils all across the country by decorating their creation on 'Paint your pot day' for the launch of Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal on 1st March.

Maths Day



All Year 5 and 6 pupils at this school and other Pyramid schools took part in Maths sessions with Mr Paul Godding. The children enjoyed the activities and problem solving.

School Council

The following children will be on the School Council this term – Nathan Stephens (Y2), Georgia Betambeau (Y3), Alice Rees (Y4), Eleanor Dovey (Y5), Stacy Camden (Y6) and teacher voted Dougie Scott (Y6). At a recent meeting Dougie was elected as Chairman, Eleanor as Secretary and Stacy as Treasurer.

Eco Committee

The following children will be on the Eco Committee this term – Lucy Coventry (Y1), Caitlin Powell (Y2), Emily-Louise Sear (Y3), Alice Rees (Y4), Lauren Dovey & Charlotte Lloyd (Y5), Kelly Wilcox and Adam DeBell (Y6).

Parents Evenings

The last Newsletter informed you of the change of format of Parents Evening. An appointment can be made between 1.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 10th November and teachers would like to see all parents. Parents of Key Stage 2 pupils are encouraged to see teachers with their child. If you wish to make an afternoon appointment your child will be released from lessons.

Christmas Card Competition

Once again we would like to produce a school Christmas Card to help raise funds for the school. Children should submit entries by Friday 21st October. The picture should be completed on a piece of A5 paper using felt pens, or crayon. Ten cards will be chosen from the entries and printed by the school. Packs of cards will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre or they can be obtained from the School Office. All entries must be handed into the School Office by the morning of Friday 21st October.

Recording Project 2005

For some weeks our KS2 children have been working on a music project with the aim of producing a CD. It is a chance to learn the 'ups and downs' of the music industry from the 'grass roots' level to performance in the Courtyard Theatre. They have already submitted their designs for a CD sleeve, and practised their chosen song. On Monday 10th October, the recording company will be at Peterchurch to record their song and the other Pyramid schools the following day. The technical side of recording and performance will be explained to the children. On 11th November the children will have the opportunity to join other schools for a Gala Performance in the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford at 7.30 p.m. The CD will be available for purchase over the counter in Virgin Record Stores and at school. A small profit from the sales will be made to school funds from the proceeds. This promises to be an exciting learning experience and one which will provide a lot of fun for all concerned.

Would you please complete the attached slip if your child will be able to attend the Gala Performance. If there are sufficient numbers we will arrange for a coach from school.

A small number of tickets have been allocated to the school for parents and therefore tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. A limited amount of tickets are also available from the Box office at the Courtyard Theatre and Credit/Debit Card payments can be made over the telephone or by visit.

Price Increases

School Book Bags – Now £3.50
Replacement Locker Keys - £4.00

Collection of Children from School

Once again can I ask that all parents meeting their children at the end of the day wait in the playground. You can then escort your children safely through the car park. The only exception to this rule is if you have a dog and you are then asked to wait outside just away from the school gate and your children will be escorted to you as staff become available.

School Open Day

Wednesday 19th October

Everyone welcome

See children at work 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

Children performing at 1.30

Chocoholics

We have a number of catalogues which will be circulated for anyone wishing to place orders. Please ask at the office if you would like to see one and pass it on to another parent. Order forms and money to be handed in at the office. If anyone particularly wants items for Halloween we will send an early order, otherwise an order will be sent at the end of this half term to arrive in November.

Operation Christmas Child



Once again we will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child. We ask as many of you as possible to find a shoebox, cover it with Christmas paper and fill it with items for a needy child in Eastern Europe. Your child will bring home a leaflet giving instructions what to send and what not to send, how to wrap your box, attach sticker and enclose £2 to help pay for sending your box. Please could we have all boxes in school by Friday 11th November.

Urgently required - Lunchtime Supervisor

It is imperative that we find another Lunchtime Supervisor to assist with lunchtime duties. If you yourself, or anyone you know, might be interested please ask for an application form at the School Office. If you are able to do 2 or 3 days a week this would be helpful.

Headlice

Once again there is a problem with headlice. I must ask you therefore to check your child's hair and to treat if necessary before sending your child to school. Children with long hair must have their hair tied up.

Mug Designs

Each pupil has had the opportunity to design their own individual mug and these mugs will be on display at the Open Day on Wednesday 19th October.

The mugs will be on sale for £5.50 each and should you wish to purchase your child's design. payment should be made to Mrs Jenkins or Mrs Jones. I would ask that the mugs are not removed from the display but can be collected after the Open Day.

C.A. Garlick

Term Dates

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3-7 October	Walk to School Week
5 th October	Harvest Celebration
13 October	Parents Sharing Assembly 2.40 p.m.
17 October	Class 5 Trip to Llancaiach Fawr Manor, Cardiff
19 October	School Open Day
24 Oct – 1 Nov	Half Term
20 th September	P. T. A. Annual General Meeting 7.00 p.m.
24 Oct – 2 November	Half Term
21 November	Nurse Perkins Drop-in session 8.30 – 9.00 a.m.
1st December	Christmas Fayre 2.00 p.m.
8 th December	Parents Walkabout Assembly
15 th December	Christmas Celebration
20 th December	End of term

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4th January	Spring Term starts
9 th February	Parents Sharing Assembly 2.40 p.m.
13 – 17 February	Half Term
30 th March	Parents Walkabout Assembly 2.40 p.m.
25 th May	Parents Walkabout Assembly 2.40 p.m.
29 th June	Parents Sharing Assembly 2.40 p.m.
7 th April	End of term

My child will take part in the Gala Performance at the Courtyard.

I would like the following tickets for the Gala Performance at the Courtyard Theatre on 11th November 2005 at 6.30 p.m.

Adult tickets (£8) No of tickets
 Concessions OAPetc (£6) No of tickets
 Family Ticket (2 Adults 2Children) £20 No of tickets

I enclose payment for £.....

Signature Date