



PATERNOSTER SCHOOL

'Learning Together'

Termly Tale

July 2016

Head Teachers News

The summer term is always a busy one and it is quite possibly the most jam packed with a whole array of exciting trips, activities, sporting events taking place. The term kicked off to a fabulous start with our Kids Day out trip to Lydiard Park supported by the Rotarians and the Jumbulance. It was a fantastic day as the rain held off and pupils were able to go for walks or play in the playground or big field. A BIG thank you to Chris from Rotarians and Richard from Jumbulance for enabling us to have an annual whole school trip.

We have also taken part in lots of sporting activities this term. Class 3 participated in two Panathlon Challenges, one held at Hartpury College but we were also invited by Panathlon Challenge to take part in the Wiltshire area sports event. Several pupils from different key stages also took part in Athletics at Prince of Wales Stadium.

A large group of pupils have been taking part in rehearsals for the special schools' singing event at the Bacon Theatre in Cheltenham. Those pupils that were able to attend the evening sang their hearts out and it they were very proud of their own performance. Many thanks to Kate Kinsey for arranging it and for Lucy Simms and Andrew Armond for all their hard work in making the evening a success for the pupils.

Sadly we have said goodbye to Emma Stuart who has been a teaching assistant at Paternoster for several years. We wish her well on the next stage of her career.

We have lots of new pupils starting in September and we welcome to the school Jacob Hutton who will be in class 2, Lewis Nash and Jason Hughes class 3, Kyle Howells and Rhyce Telling in class 4 and Louis Halpin who will be in Class 5.

Wishing you a lovely summer holiday and we will see you all in September

Julie Mantell, Jennie Walsh

Dates for your diary

Inset days 1st & 2nd September

Pupils return Monday 5th September

Term ends Wednesday 19th October

Friends of Paternoster

FOP's have had successful year and we have welcomed Michelle Chippendale and Natasha Scott as new members and Rachael Fletcher has taken over as secretary.

We held the Spring Fair (in the rain!) which raised £1200 and in November Vintage Heaven at The Organic Farm Shop raising over £2000. The amazing Poole family raised over £7000 "Doing the 92" for which we are incredibly grateful.

We also held the annual BBQ (in the rain!) and had a lovely afternoon under the canopy where Andrew Almond and Steve sang beautifully and Steve Fletcher bravely BBQ-d for us!

FOP have contributed £4000 towards music therapy, £1500 for the seniors residential, £2,200 for a new Race Running Bike, £250 for sensory boards plus funds for the sensory garden/rooms and also £100 for toys/equipment for each class.

Rachael has organised for Lloyds Bank "Day to Make a Difference" initiative to come in during the holidays to redecorate the dining hall and re stain all the garden sheds.

We are still working on the sensory garden and would welcome any help with weeding!

If any parents/staff would like to join FOP or has any fundraising ideas please contact Emma on indiabelle@icloud.com

School Meals

The price of school meals will remain the same in September at £2.65

Calvert Trust Residential



This term me and Ben, Tom, Kieran, Francesca, Ellie went to Calvert trust. We did horse riding and abseiling and went on the zip wire. The next day we did crate staking and bike riding. Ellie got stuck in a puddle and got very muddy. We also went into the forest and did canoeing. Reported by Michael



Maths Challenge day

Francesca, Georgia, Henry, Michael, Arthur and I went to Belmont School for a maths challenge day. There was Betteridge, Belmont, Milestones and Heart of the Forest students too. We did maths activities like throwing beanbags at a number target, big numicon, Skittles, shape bingo, dominoes and speed stacking. I think it was kind of fun, I enjoyed the speed stackers the most. We had our lunch there and came back to school in time for home. We all got a certificate and calculator for taking part. Reported by Ellie

Moving up day

Yesterday we all moved up to our classrooms and we met our new staff. In our new classes some people have new pupils. We went to assembly and the year 11s got give a bible by Open the Book. Reported by Georgia

Sports day

Paternoster held a very successful sports day this term with a variety of activities. Many parents joined their children and helped make the day fun. Thank you to pupils, parents, friends and staff for supporting sports day.

Fire engine visit

On Thursday we had the fireman and firewoman visit. They asked us to stand up in a line and count up to 8. I said 1, Matthew said 2, Henry said 3, Michael said 4, Kieran said 5, Nic said 6, Ben said 7 and Mrs Duncan shouted 8!

Then we had to stand to attention and we went outside and saw the fire engine. I got all the fire kit on and got the hose and squirted at class 2 and Miss P's car in the car park.

Reported by Ryan

