



December 2016

Termly Tale

At long last, we are delighted to be able to report there have been significant developments since the summer break in relation to the proposed building. Those of you who have been into school recently, will have noticed various contractors on site at different times undertaking numerous surveys in preparation for the work.

We have been working with the contractors since the summer to agree the accommodation needs and finalise the plans (within the constraints of the £2.8 million budget). The plans are almost complete and we shall be able to share them with you at a consultation event in late January/February - the date is to be confirmed.

The new accommodation will consist of four classrooms with group rooms and direct access to outdoor space. This will be achieved with refurbishment of the area where Classes 4 and 5 are at present and demolition of the existing therapy and meetings rooms with an extension over part of the garden area. There will be a second storey to provide office accommodation, meeting rooms, resource storage space and staffroom. The existing staffroom will be converted into a therapy room and sensory room. Following completion of the work we may be able to remove one temporary building (the current Classes 1 and 2 building) but this is still to be decided.

Of course, we would have liked all new classrooms and a complete new building but have to accept that the available funding will only go so far. We will continue to push for further funding in the future to enable us to replace the temporary classrooms entirely. Being situated on the site of a Scheduled Ancient Monument means that surprises can occur which may at any stage lead to a hold up or change of plan. However at present it is anticipated the work will start during the summer term with a completion date of summer 2018!

Thank you for all the support you have given to all of us throughout the year. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - we hope the holiday goes well for you.

Julie Mantell and Jennie Walsh

FOPS News

The Friends of Paternoster now has a Facebook page ... please "like" and "share". We also have a Just Giving Page so if you know anybody who would like to donate or fundraise for us then please pass this on. Justgiving.com/friendsofpaternosterschool

We had a successful Vintage Heaven again in November and thank you to Hilary Chestermaster at The Organic Farm Shop and her amazing team for donating £2000 from her profits on that day. We hope to have some good results from charity application forms we have submitted for state of the art sensory equipment and music therapy. We have welcomed Emma Bradbury onto the committee.

The next FOPS meeting is on 7th February 2017 at 7 pm at Paternoster School -all are welcome to join us. Hopefully we will be putting on some fundraising events in 2017 so watch this space! Emma Sutton, Chair of FOPS

Archery

An outstanding result for Class 3 at the Archery Competition on Wednesday 16th November, at Heart of the Forest School. They were competing against Shrubberies, Milestones, Bettridge and Heart of the Forest Schools. Paternoster's teams took the gold and silver medals! The gold medal winning team were Jason, Chrissy, Sophie, Sonny and George; whilst Lewis, Luke, Zinzi, Dennis and Ben took silver. They had a fantastic time and showed lots of patience and perseverance during the event.



Dates for your diary

3rd January School term begins

10th January Swimming starts

16th January Feel Good Week

6th February French Week

7th February Last swim this term

10th February End of term Parent's
Assembly 2pm

Classes 1 and 2 Nativity

The nativity play took place on 6th December on the theme of birds. Thank you to Kate Kinsey, Jane Adams and Rosy Laslett for all their hard work and to all families and friends who came to watch.



Class 6 Community and Art Project

This term pupils from class 6 visited residents at Paternoster House and talked with them about their favourite things. Pupils then worked on planning, designing and creating a themed shoe box, which they presented to the residents at the end of the term. This work will go towards their qualification in art and community.



Classes 3, 4, 5, 6 Pantomime

The school play took place on 9th December (Oh yes it did!) This year was the story of Cinderella, with Macy as Cinderella and Ryan as Prince Charming. Thank you to Miss Moore for putting the production together and to all families and friends who came to watch.



Christmas activities

This term has also seen the performance of the Pantomime Pinocchio, Carol Service with Father Izzy, school Christmas lunch made by Mrs Barnes, a school disco and a visit from Santa to end the year.

Change of Date – please note

Please be advised that the inset day on the 10th February has been moved to the 20th February. School will be closed to pupils on the 20th February. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause our families.