



December 2017 **Termly Tale**

Heads' news

It has been a very busy and fun term with Friendship Week, Children in Need, the Dick Whittington pantomime in school and all the Christmas activities and performances.

We said a sad goodbye this week to Chris Botham who has left to take up a full time teaching post in Gloucester. Emma Tapley has been appointed as the new part-time teacher in Class 3 (Mondays and Tuesdays).

Sue Arnold stood down after eleven years as chair of governors. She was thanked for all her hard work for the school during that time. Sue will remain as a governor. Richard Crooks is acting chair until a permanent chair is found.

Crystal and Henry, school president and vice president, have begun carrying out duties in welcoming visitors and giving thanks and presentations - both of them doing a great job.

We have been given our very own Cirencester hare by Florence Beetlestone, the hare festival organiser - you may have seen it in the atrium!

Our new website is under construction - more news to follow next term. We shall be able to update it ourselves and thereby keep it more up to date and with a greater range of information.

Heather Garner, speech and language therapist, is gradually getting around all the children she needs to see. We shall be meeting in January to draw up a plan for the rest of the academic year, with the aim of keeping parents better informed of what is happening and when (an action in our school development plan this year).

We wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year and hope the holiday goes well for you. We will see you on the 3rd January!

Julie Mantell and Jennie Walsh

Nativity Play

Paternoster Nativity play was held on the 4th December. We were joined by parents who enjoyed watching their children act and sing. Mrs Kinsey wrote the script this year. The title was "On The Road To Bethlehem". The cast were:

Mary - Imogen

Joseph - Corby

Trusty, the donkey - William

Angel Gabriel - Xena

Shepherds/sheep - Eva, Will

Magi - Heidi, Joshua, Jacob, Codie

Camels - Sarah-Jane, Braxton, Jack

Thank you to all the parents and friends who came.



Paternoster Panto!

This year's school panto was Aladdin. Jason from Class 3 was a brilliant Aladdin, Henry was fantastic as Widow Twankey, Crystal was our beautiful Princess Jasmine and Oscar got the audience hissing and booing as evil Abanazer. The magic was created by India and Macy as the Genies. Our set was designed by Rhyce and Kyle from and props were organised by Michael. The panto played to a packed house of very appreciative parents and the pupils all rose to the occasion to give an exuberant performance. Miss Moore wrote the script and directed the production.

Carol Service

This year's carol service was postponed to Thursday due to the snow. The theme was "The Sounds Of Christmas". Carols sung included Away in a Manger, While Shepherds Watched and In the Bleak Midwinter. Each class thought about sounds related to Christmas. We held a collection for Achieve Africa Project.



Values day

This term the value was Enthusiasm. We held a special assembly to start the term. Mr Armond organised the display in the hall and all classes contributed examples to illustrate enthusiasm in each subject. Enthusiasm has been shown by all throughout the term!



Building works update

The building works remain on schedule. The concrete slab has been laid and the crane is on site and the steel frames are going up. The brickwork will soon be commencing. Pupils have watched various stages of the building work as it progresses.



Friends of Paternoster update

Just to let everyone know what Friends of Paternoster have been up to this year and what we have been able to fund for the school.

We had the summer fair in June and raised £1300. Thank you to everyone who supported this and had stalls. It was extremely hot!! We enjoyed music from Bea Kinsey, Andrew Armond and the Ukey Dukes.

We also had Vintage Heaven in November (our 5th year) and raised approximately £2000. We won't be able to have the fair next year because of the building works. We would welcome any suggestions or ideas on how to raise funds next year or if anyone would like to become involved in the committee. New members always welcome!!!

These are a few of the things that we funded for the school this year:-

- 2 Race Running bikes
- Music therapy
- Lee Chaos group music sessions
- Pantomime at school
- Circus Skills workshop
- School Xmas presents
- Sensory room servicing
- Skoogs!

We have reached the finals for the Aviva Community Fund so thank you to everyone who took the time to vote as it seemed sometimes problematic! We hope to get this funding for more music therapy.

Next year we are hoping to help fund repairs and renovations to the Hydro Pool changing rooms, plus helping with plans for an accessible playground. We are also trying to get funding to supply a new minibus which has been facilitated by Lords Taverner.

Happy Xmas to everyone.

Emma Sutton, Chair of The Friends of Paternoster School