



## February 2016 **Termly Tale**

### Head teacher's news

We say goodbye today to Poppy Gough who will be transferring to the new Communication and Interaction Centre at Chesterton School after the holiday. Goodbye and good luck Poppy.

James Devine, TA, left at the beginning of January in order to work closer to home. We thank him for all his hard work during the short time he was with us and wish him well in his new post. Lisa Tripp has returned from maternity leave and has picked up three of James' days and Nikki Sanders, new casual TA, is covering the other two days on a temporary basis. We have appointed four new 'casual' TAs this term to cover absence - welcome to Nikki Sanders, Deborah Farrant, Clare Lock and Sian Taylor. They have visited classes as part of their induction and have been working in school already and getting to know the classes. Jess Turner, a midday supervisor since last September, left last week as she too found it difficult travelling in for an hour a day, alongside her other job. She will continue to do casual TA work. Margaret Wright, cleaner/caretaker, will be starting as a midday supervisor as well after the holiday. We are currently advertising the post of parent support worker as a permanent two day post. The role will be a different one to previously and will include some safeguarding work.

With regard to building developments, archaeological and geological digs will be carried out across the site during the Easter holiday to further inform the planning for development. We currently have £2.8 million for developments and we are keen to establish how far this will go, as we had hoped for further funding from this year but were informed this week that this is unlikely at present.

Governors were also informed that a Post 16 unit for Paternoster is not currently viable. They have asked the local authority to look again at partners for us and will not give up this important fight, as we know that many of you would prefer your child to be able to stay on at Paternoster when the time comes.

Just prior to Christmas Emma Sutton, chair of the Friends, and I attended the presentation of the cheque from the '92' fundraising event at The Club at Cricklade. We were presented with a cheque for an amazing total of £7738! The friends are planning how this will be spent. A huge thank you to all our supporters at The Club.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the parents' questionnaire so far. Your time completing this is really appreciated as it is so helpful to have your views to help us with future planning. It is also good to hear the views of those parents we don't get to see very often. Please keep them coming in and I will analyse them all after the holiday.

I hope you all have a good holiday week and the weather is kind!

Julie Mantell

# Art Week and Brewery Arts Exhibition

The week beginning January 18<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Rebecca Kimberley to school as our artist in residence. She worked in all classes with as many pupils as possible to create a beautiful wall-hanging which formed the centre piece for a display at Paternoster's art exhibition at Brewery Arts on the week of 1<sup>st</sup> February. Key Stage 4 pupils were involved in presenting pieces of art for the exhibition and putting them up on the walls at the pop-up gallery. Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends who went to view the work and left feedback in our visitors' book.

Georgia writes: It was art week last week. The whole school did different things. Beck did art with us. We did Indian printing, we stuck gold sequins on to the printing. We did wet felting and needle felting. We made flowers.

Connor reported that: A lady called Becky came to do art with us. I liked making felt. Becky was nice, she was here all week.

Francesca explained what happened next: Ellie, Dominic, Ryan, Georgia, Mrs Duncan and I went to the art exhibition. We put up art with needles (hammer and nails). Before we went we got the art work ready and put it on coloured paper. We took a visitors' book with us so people could sign. We had a look at our work afterwards.



## Wiggly Worm cooking

The **Wiggly Worm** is a charity that exists to improve health, well-being and self-esteem amongst the vulnerable, disadvantaged or seldom heard. Through hands-on courses, parents and pupils were able to prepare and cook a variety of dishes which can easily be reproduced in the home. They got to taste new flavours and experiment with ingredients which they may not have previously tried, gaining knowledge and skills along the way. As well as practical skills, they received information on the importance of healthy eating and were strongly encouraged to cook according to what is available seasonally. The sessions also built confidence and teamwork skills.

Ellie reported on the project run by Wiggly Worm this term: On four Wednesdays Francesca, Nic, Kieran, Dillon and I went to the DT room to see either our mums or dads and Kirsty and the Wiggly Worm people and they were here to do some cooking with us. On day one we made soda bread and soup, day two we made fruit crumble and meatballs. Day three we made sausage casserole and popcorn and day four, the last day, we made another kind of soup (vegetarian chilli) and beetroot chocolate cakes. After that we went to the small hall to serve the food to thirty people and I tried the beetroot chocolate cake and I liked it. 2 minutes later I took 4 cakes home with my daddy. I said thank you to Kirsty and went home. The end - Ellie

## School Council

The new school council meet on 25<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the findings of the pupil questionnaire and playground equipment. The next meeting is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> March. Michael reported: Last Monday in Ms Mantell's office there was Ben, Sophie, George, Sonny, Mrs Duncan, Nic and me in school council. We talked about the school playground and visiting other schools.

## Dates for your diary

22<sup>nd</sup> February - Term begins  
23<sup>rd</sup> February - Swimming begins  
29<sup>th</sup> February - Book Week  
18<sup>th</sup> March - Sports Relief

23<sup>rd</sup> March - Last day of term for pupils - 1.30pm Egg Hunt and Parents' Coffee afternoon  
24<sup>th</sup> March - Inset day  
11<sup>th</sup> April - Term begins



# French Week

