



Paternoster School - Termly Tale

March 2016

Head Teacher's News

It has been a very short but, as ever, busy term with lots of different activities for pupils to take part in. Many pupils and staff have been quite poorly, so let's hope the spring weather helps us to say goodbye to all the bugs! As mentioned in my separate letter, I am delighted to welcome Katherine Goatley as our new permanent parent support worker and feel she will be a real asset to the school.

The governors met this week. We welcomed Marcel Devall as a new parent governor and Fiona Davis as a community governor (Fiona was previously a governor and has returned). Peter Wiggin has resigned from the governing body due to work commitments and we thank him for all his work, particularly on the Personnel Committee. Peter hopes to return as a volunteer at a later date. The governors discussed the findings of the recent parents' questionnaire - we will feedback to you next term on this and on actions planned as a result.

An archaeological survey of the site will be carried out during the holiday - we will then know where we are in terms of where we can build. The governors' Building Project Group will meet again in May to establish what can be done and how far the funding will go. Naturally I am keen to have definite information as soon as possible and want to be able to share this with you.

Tomorrow's inset day will include medical training, first aid training for some staff and manual handling training for new staff.

I am looking forward to job sharing the headship of Paternoster with Jennie Walsh from next term. I hope this will be a smooth transition from the perspective of parents - please feed back to us with any queries, comments or suggestions - as ever, we shall be keen to have your views.

I hope you all have a good Easter break.

Julie Mantell

Dates for your diary

11th April

2nd May

Week beginning 23rd May

26th May

27th May

Term begins

Bank holiday

Maths Week

End of term, Parents' assembly 2pm

Inset Day



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Book Week

Book Week was enjoyed by all and focused on traditional tales. It saw a host of different characters (pupils and staff) in school on the Friday. Thanks to Jennie Walsh for organising this.

Swimming Gala

Some pupils took part in the annual Special Schools' Swimming Gala at Gloucester. The pupils swam brilliantly and managed to achieve Gold, Silver and Bronze medals against some very stiff opposition.

Donkey Service



Pupils from Classes 1, 2 and 3 attended the Donkey Service at the Parish Church. All the pupils enjoyed seeing the animals and Eva made a lovely Mary.

@Bristol



Class 3 enjoyed their visit to @Bristol as space explorers. They saw the stars at the planetarium.



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Hare Trail workshop



Class 3 enjoyed building a Bug Hotel at Watermoor Corner as part of the Hare Trail launch. They mixed concrete, smashed stones with a hammer and used a drill. Dillon liked the drilling best! The Bug Hotel is now in place there and is very impressive.

Research Project

Jon Roberts, whose Mum Mandy is headteacher at Bettridge School in Cheltenham, is looking for families to take part in his research project. Jon is a genetic councillor currently undertaking some research into communicating with families about genetics.

He writes: My research is looking at how families talk about topics of inheritance, DNA, and genetics. I am exploring how stories can be used to help families engage with these subjects. An important part of my project is drawing on the knowledge and interests people already have. As such it is vital that I know what these are! If you would like to help with this research please do take the time to complete the survey, which can be found here:

<http://www.characterofdna.com/#!/project-and-survey/ajj9o>

The second part of this research project will be focus groups. This will involve being asked your thoughts about some clips of film and TV. If you would like to take part in a focus group please provide your contact details when completing the survey.

A full version of the information sheet for the project can be found here. Please read this before completing the survey. More information about the project can be found on:

<http://www.characterofdna.com/>

Many thanks

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Sport Relief



Sport Relief was a great success on Friday and raised £116 - thank you to all who supported it. There was a Sport Relief 'Bake Off' between the classes - pupils really enjoyed the competitive nature of the competition (as did the staff!) The winners were Class 3 with their mountain cake. Mrs Walsh was Mary Berry and Mr Armond was Paul Hollywood! Marie Louise Flaxen, dance instructor, led workshops for pupils and a performance took place at the end of the day.