



# Paternoster School - Termly Tale

## Head Teacher's News

October 2015

We have had a very positive start to the new school year - new pupils and new staff have settled in well and quickly. It has been healthy for the school to have a number of new staff who bring different skills. Andrew Armond has joined the seniors as a TA2 this month.

Congratulations to Owen Cusack who left the school in July and has moved on to Swindon College. Owen gained Entry Level qualifications in English, maths and PE and an extended certificate in life and living skills. This is the first time a Paternoster pupil has gained a PE qualification.

We continue to have a number of pupils who are late from time to time - please try to ensure your child arrives at school on time.

If your child has a behaviour plan (PIP) and you are now receiving more school letters about use of positive intervention, please do not be alarmed - it is simply that we are reporting all types of positive intervention to parents from this term. Please speak to the class teacher or me if you have any queries or concerns.

We have taken the decision not to run a parents' evening this year, as last year's event was only attended by four families.

George Poole's grandparents (from The Club at Cricklade), his uncle and godfather, spent a weekend driving non-stop around all 92 football league clubs to raise money for the Friends of Paternoster. A huge thank you and well done to them! Paternoster pupils named a large teddy bear mascot 'Paterson' (a cross between Paternoster and Paddington!) and the bear travelled with the team as they were photographed at every football stadium.

Some staff have been busy after school this month updating their water safety training and Team Teach positive intervention training. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November staff will be updating their manual handling training. Thank you and congratulations to Tina Brunton, TA, who has recently qualified as a manual handling trainer.

Things are moving forward with plans for the development of the building. A structural engineer has been appointed and further surveys are currently taking place. We hope to have new plans by the end of the year and to be able to share these with you in the spring.

I hope the extended October break goes well for all our families.

Julie Mantell





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## Kim Jones 25 years' service award



This term we celebrated with Mrs Jones. Connor writes: Mrs Jones has worked at Paternoster School for 25 years. We gave her a certificate in assembly to say well done. Mrs Jones said it had been fun! Thank you and very well done Kim!

## Music for Autism

A group of pupils were invited to attend a Music for Autism concert with Derek Paravicini this term. Ellie writes: On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, we got on the mini bus to the Malmesbury Abbey. We took our snack and lunch with us in case we got hungry at lunch time. We sat on our seats and listened to the songs and the music. I began to conduct like a conductor after the songs had finished and we had our snack. We ate our lunch before we got back on the mini bus. As a special treat we went to the park and after that we went home on our transport and taxis.



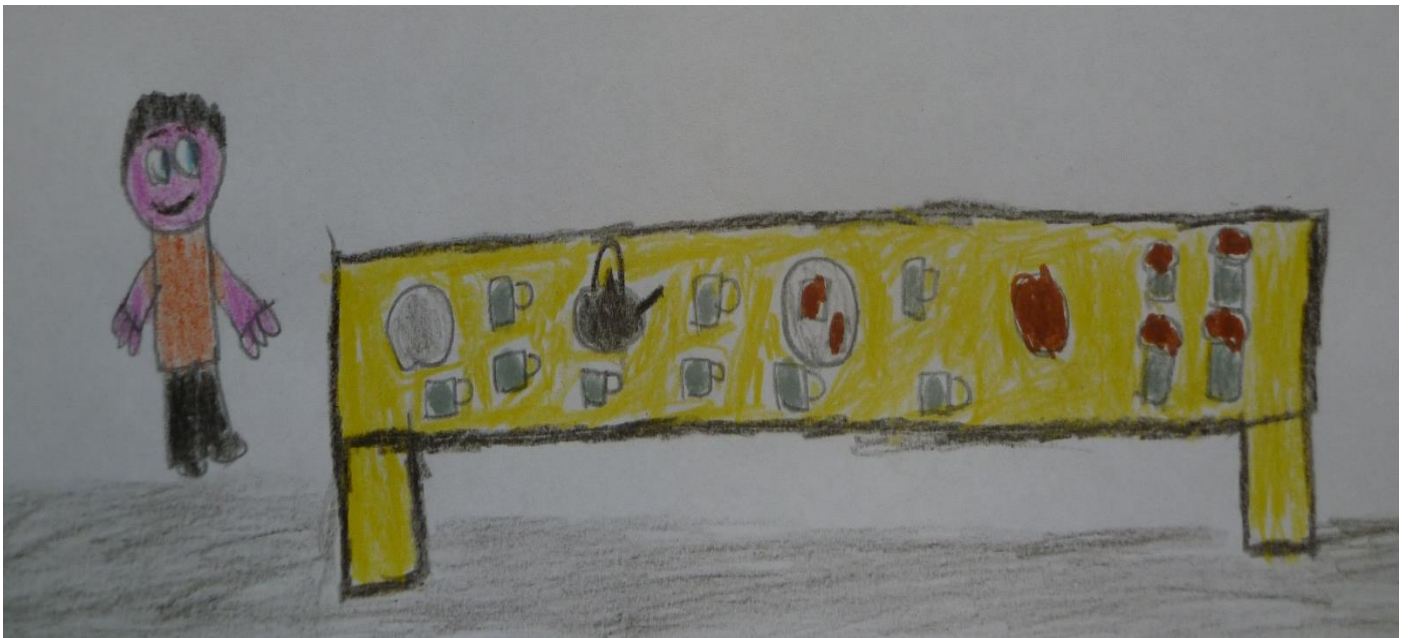


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## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Paternoster held a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer, where we raised £82. Ryan writes: On Macmillan Coffee morning Ms Mantell asked me to help with the Macmillan coffee morning. I said Yes. I went to the dinner hall and there were cakes and tea and coffee. The mums and dads came to the coffee morning and chatted. There was a box that had money for cancer.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Macmillan coffee morning and to Clare Duncan for organising it.



## The sensory garden

A big thank you to everyone who sent in bulbs or money for the garden. We now have about a thousand bulbs! All classes have been busy planting them this week! The cash was used to buy a bird feeding station. Spring 2016 will definitely be bright and breezy.

A big thank you to Dobbies garden centre for the recent donation of plants for the sensory garden and to the parents who planted them all for us.







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## Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October Paternoster celebrated Harvest Festival. Francesca writes: We brought food in for Harvest Festival and put it on the table in the atrium. The food goes to people who don't have enough food and need it. I stood up and said a prayer in the Harvest Festival assembly. We sang songs and listened to a story.



Thank you also to all who attended and contributed to Harvest Festival. The collection for CAFOD raised £15. Thank you to Kate Kinsey for organising harvest festival and to Rev Penny Light for joining us.

## House of mirrors

We were very lucky to have some sound dishes for three weeks this term. Luke Turner, from Drake Music, came to make music with a variety of pupils. They composed and explored music using the dishes. Paternoster is the first school to have been offered this experience, and it was a great success. Thanks to Drake Music and Rob Olins, the designer/artist. Drake Music has an interesting website if you are interested to find out more - [www.drakemusic.org](http://www.drakemusic.org)

## Dates for your diary

### November

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Inset Day                      | 2nd              |
| Pupils return                  | 3rd              |
| Photographer                   | 5th              |
| Parents' coffee morning 9.30am | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Children in Need               | 13th             |
| Friendship/Anti bullying week  | 16th - 20th      |
| Friends' AGM 7pm               | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Road Safety Day                | 23rd             |
| Pantomime in school            | 30 <sup>th</sup> |

### December

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| Lower School Christmas Play 2pm      | 8th  |
| Upper School Christmas Play 1.30pm   | 11th |
| Carol Service 2pm                    | 14th |
| Christmas lunch                      | 16th |
| Father Christmas/                    |      |
| Last day of term school closes 2pm   | 18th |
| Friends' collection in Bishop's Walk | 19th |

