



Paternoster School - Termly Tale

December 2015

Head Teacher's News

It has been really lovely to see so many families and friends at the plays and the carol service during the last two weeks.

We welcomed back Michael Blick to the Seniors this term. Lisa Tripp returned from maternity leave this week. Sadly we shall be losing Maggie Grady, music therapist, after approximately eight years, as she moves to part-time working. Our new therapist, Rosie Blackwood, visited school last week for a handover with Maggie.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need and provided cakes - we raised £186.42.

Following the successful performance of *Charlotte's Web* by the M and M Theatre Company at the end of the summer term, we welcomed them back to perform 'Cinderella'. Once again almost all pupils were able to enjoy the show. Pupils from the new Communication and Interaction Centre at Chesterton School joined us for the performance. Donations from Cirencester Athletics Club and the Friends funded the visit. The Friends also provided ice creams for pupils.

Following various surveys and meetings with archaeologists, we have new plans for the development of the existing Paternoster site. The aim is now for the whole school to remain on the current site. We shall put out a revised plan for consultation with pupils, parents and staff during the spring term.

Emma Sutton, India's mum, once again organised the hugely successful 'Vintage Heaven' event at the Organic Farm during November. Profits from the stallholders and café were shared between Paternoster and a Diabetes charity, with the school receiving an amazing £2011. This will go towards funding music therapy. A very big thank you and well done to Emma.

The school car park has become very congested at the beginning and end of day with some taxis struggling to get into the car park, making some pupils late on occasion. Please would all parents with blue badges park on the road from January (setting the time of arrival), unless your child's physical or behavioural needs make it difficult to walk across to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Following advice and guidance from the school nursing service, I shall be changing our medication policy to state that we will no longer administer non-prescription medicines (such as paracetamol or antihistamines) from January. The only exception will be paracetamol for female pupils with period pains. In this case, the policy will state that we shall ring parents to check on the time of any previous dose and seek agreement for administration. If your child routinely needs non-prescription medication, please ask your doctor if you can have it on prescription.

Wishing all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope the holiday goes well for you.
Julie Mantell



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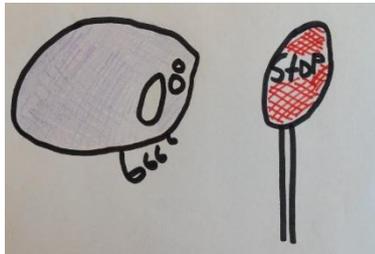
Friendship Week



Kyle reports: I did some artwork and played with my friends at lunch time.

Michael reports: It was my first week back at Paternoster School and it was Friendship Week. We made posters

about anti bullying. We made paper chains with our friends' names on. We looked at a book called Topsy and Tim, it was about bullying.



Road Safety Day

Connor reports: We learnt about road safety. In English we did phonics work on road safety words. In the afternoon we learnt about road signs.

Archery

Ryan reports: On Thursday morning we got our PE kits ready for archery. We got on the mini bus on our way to Heart of the Forest. When we got there it was big and we met some people who will help us to win. There was a big hall. We got into teams and went outside. There were targets and I hit every one. I got to go back to the hall and I got a gold medal. We had lunch outside and then we went on the playground. We headed back to the bus and were on our way back to school.



Dates for your diary

4th January Term begins 12th February End of term, with parents' assembly at 2pm

7th May Friends' Spring Fayre - please put the date in your diary and save any unwanted Christmas presents for the raffle!



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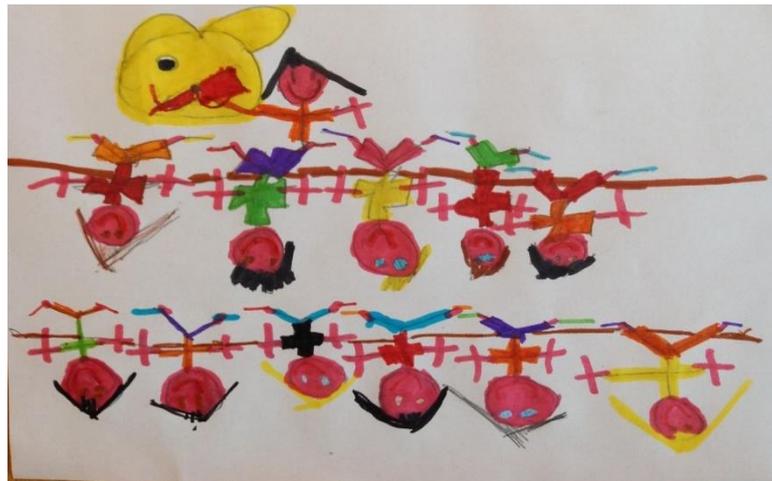
Carol Service

Ryan reports that on Monday we went to the Carol Service. It was about colours of Christmas. Some Mums and Dads were there singing. Mrs Kinsey had colours to hand out and Penny Light was there at the end. Ellie reports: we went to the small hall. My mum came to sing with Class 1, 2, 3, 4 and seniors. We had coloured ribbons, red, yellow, green, blue, gold and white. We did lots of singing and Mr Armond played his guitar. We sang Away in a Manger and other carols. After that we gave the Open the Book people a Christmas card and I went home with my parents.

Upper School Play

Connor reports that his Mum and Nan came to see Jack and the Land of the Giants. In the play Connor did stomping. Michael added that on Friday we had a school play and it was called the Land of the Giants. Michael was a giant and Georgia was the Golden Girl. Class 3 acted as Jack's friends and Class 4 danced a money dance. Mr and Mrs Stanley dressed up as a cow!

Children in Need



Francesca reports: At Children in Need we had assembly where we played games. We had a tuck shop with cakes and biscuits. I had a cake. We had to bring cakes and biscuits in to share with our friends. We had to pay for the cakes. In assembly we played lots of games, my favourite was put the patch on the Pudsey bear. All the money went to people who don't have much at all.



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Lower School Nativity Play

Francesca reports: There were loads of angels in the little ones Christmas play. There was a Mary and Joseph with a doll as a baby. I liked the nativity. There was lots of singing and signing. The costumes were lovely. Georgia added that she had seen the rehearsal with Mary and Joseph. There was lots of singing and dancing. The children dressed up and sang songs. Georgia liked the donkey, shiny star and angels the most.

Cinderella the Pantomime

Ellie reports: On Monday we went to the panto in the sports hall and the panto was about Cinderella. The show person and the fairy god mother called Tish was about to say the word Cinderella, the crazy guy said Sponge Bob square pants and made Ryan and others laugh like crazy. But the worst part of the Panto was that the step mother and the ugly sisters were very mean to Cinderella and made the spotlights and me very angry and very cross as the spot lights turned red. The best part was that Cinderella and Prince Thomas got married and danced to the music at the end of the panto. After that we went back to class and ate ice-cream.



Oscar reports: On Monday in the sports hall a play called Cinderella went on. Everyone came and another school came and Mrs B came. We watched the play all the way through. My favourite character was the mouse.