



# Paternoster School - Termly Tale

## May 2015

### Head Teacher's News

Wow, here we are at holiday time once again! The past six weeks have whizzed by and so much has happened, as always. We were sad to say goodbye to Kameron Thomas and Matilda Jascheck Butler who have left the school following moves out of the area - we wish them well in their new schools and homes. Jo Williams, speech and language therapist, has returned from maternity leave but will be working closer to home. Tori Gunn's time covering for Jo came to an end so we said goodbye to her and have just welcomed Suzanne Ruddy as our new speech and language therapist. I will speak to Suzanne about arranging an opportunity for her to meet with parents once she has settled in.

There was good news and bad regarding our new building. We were not given any funding from this year's capital budget, due to budget cuts (we had hoped for funding in full or split over the next two years). However we have been given money from next year's budget towards improving the existing Paternoster site. In addition we have been given funding this year to move things forward by undertaking the necessary archaeological survey (this will take place next week during the holiday) and to develop further plans, including exploring the possibility of a two-storey building. It was extremely disappointing that we did not get the funding this year or a guarantee of sufficient funds to develop both the Paternoster and Watermoor sites and that the start date for any work will be delayed by a year. I will keep you informed when there is further news.

We once again welcome teacher training students from the University of Gloucestershire this term and also had three 'School Direct' trainee teachers from the local primary cluster schools on placement with us.

Governors have been making visits to school this term - this time focussing on shadowing staff in different roles, which has been very successful and given governors greater insight into the numerous roles in school and what goes on 'behind the scenes'.

With best wishes for a successful May holiday.

Julie Mantell

### Dates for your diary

Term begins	1 <sup>st</sup> June	EHCP information event	5 <sup>th</sup> June, 1.30pm
Kids Day Out	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Seniors Residential	15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Week	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day	25 <sup>th</sup> June, 1.30pm
Friends' Barbecue	4 <sup>th</sup> July, 4-6pm	Parents' Evening	9 <sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm
Leavers' Assembly	17 <sup>th</sup> July, 9.30pm	End of term	17 <sup>th</sup> July at 1pm
Pig racing at the Club at Cricklade 25 <sup>th</sup> July (details to follow)			





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### Maths Week

Paternoster celebrated Maths Week during this last week of term, concentrating on the language of Shape, Space and Measure. All classes enjoyed lots of fun activities. Class 3 worked on position and directing using the Beebots. Seniors focused on estimating heights and weights. Pupils in Class 1 found shapes in familiar contexts. Thank you to Clare Duncan, acting maths co-ordinator, for arranging the week.





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### Football Tournament



On Friday 8 May Henry, Owen and Ryan from the Senior Department travelled to Hartpury College to take part in a football tournament with other special schools. There was some tough competition from the other schools but this did not deter them and they put 200% effort into their game. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, scoring goals through fabulous team work. All three went home with a certificate and goodie bag which included a 'proper' football.

### Sensory Garden

Earlier in the term Paternoster staff and the Friends joined volunteers from St James's Place, who kindly spent the weekend working very hard to clear the sensory garden - and did an amazing job! Thank you to all involved in this and to Kate Kinsey for organising it.





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### Gloucestershire Golf Partnership Tri-Golf Festival 2015

Pupils from Classes 3 and 4 attended a Tri Golf tournament at Hartpury College this week, which gave them the opportunity to put into practice the skills they have developed over the past few weeks. The students from Hartpury were on hand to work with our pupils. The event was sponsored by the Pied Piper Appeal and all pupils were given a t-shirt to wear. Pupils took part in a range of activities. The pupils worked really hard and Paternoster was awarded a lovely trophy for the third year in a row! Well done to all the pupils and staff who attended.

