



February 2018 **Termly Tale** **Heads' news**

Here we are at the end of another busy term, which has included Feeling Good Week and French Week.

Pupils and staff have been badly affected by the 'flu and other bugs doing the rounds. Despite our best efforts, we have not been able to cover all absent staff on days when there have been high numbers of staff off sick. We try to keep things as stable as possible for pupils but there have been some unavoidable changes. Staff have been amazing at being flexible and moving to support other classes, sometimes at short notice, and teachers have undertaken additional lunch duties - we are very grateful for this - a big thank you to them all.

We welcomed Emma Tapley as the new temporary teacher for two days per week in Class 4. We also welcomed Ali Hester, who has been appointed temporarily as a teaching assistant in Class 4. Sarah Crowther has been appointed to the temporary TA2 post created by Tina Brunton's departure - congratulations to her. Sarah has remained in Class 2 with Emma Ayres moving to be the TA2 in Class 6. Claire McGovern, CYPS learning disability community nurse, will be returning to work with us following the departure of Theresa Ricaud.

During the Inset day on 2nd January staff took part in further training on Eye Gaze technology, the new 'Sleuth' behaviour recording system and Lego. MDSAs, premises and administrative staff undertook training on the Prevent Anti-Terrorism Strategy and Safeguarding.

This week we held our first 'Where Next?' event for pupils and parents of senior age pupils. Thank you to all who attended and to Liz Outhwaite for arranging the successful event.

Alan Brown has been appointed new parent governor and was welcomed to the governing body at its meeting this week.

Thank you to everyone who voted in the Aviva fundraising challenge. We got to the final but didn't win - however we have been granted £500 towards music therapy. Thank you to Steph Knowles, governor, for entering us.

We have been officially recognised as a Red Nose Super school for all of the fund raising we have done over the years. Thank you to staff, parents and pupils who have helped us achieve this.

We hope next week's holiday goes well for you all and everyone feels fit and healthy once again next term.

Julie Mantell and Jennie Walsh

Feeling Good Week



Our annual FEELING GOOD WEEK took place from 15th to 19th January. The focus in classes was on mental health and how we can ensure we stay well in mind and body. Activities during the week included Music, Lego building and Yoga workshops. Staff were also spoilt with treats. Each class also had a book to read which encouraged exploration of feelings.

Building works update

Building works continue to fascinate some pupils and daily checks are made on the progress! The works have quietened recently and not disrupted the daily running of the school too much. Work remains on schedule. The staircase has been installed, blockwork and brickwork has started and the roof trusses are being installed. It is really starting to take shape now and we are half way through the project already!

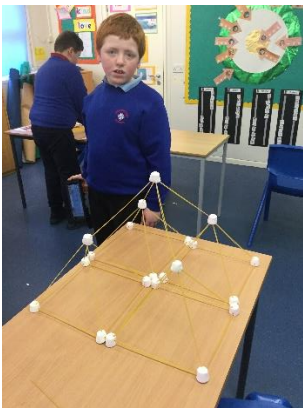


Values Day

This term the value has been Care. In the special Values assembly classes showed the work they had done on understanding care and how we all care for each other, ourselves and the environment. Certificates for pupils nominated for showing this value were given out in end of term assembly.

French Week

The last week of this term has been French Week. We started each day with 'wake and shake' and during the week classes looked at French cuisine, French artists, French music, cooked French toast, made Eiffel towers and learnt numbers and colours in French.



Surprising Visitors

We had some surprising visitors at Paternoster this term. Dillion celebrated his birthday by inviting Jim's Little Dragons (You can look him up on Facebook) into school to visit.



SUNDAY FUNDAY DANCE AND GAMES

For Children with Additional Needs and their families and friends

25th February 2.00pm-4.00pm at Cirencester Baptist Church, Chesterton Lane, GL7 1YE

Come along and meet other families with children with additional needs in your local area. Have fun in a safe and relaxed environment.

This month we are very fortunate to welcome a dance specialist to work with our children.

There will also be a range of games for those who aren't into dance!

Last Sunday of every month

Bring and Share Afternoon Tea

SOUTH COTSWOLD PARENT CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

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CIRENCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT 17TH MARCH

The concert will take place at 7.00pm on Saturday 17th March at Cirencester Baptist Church in aid of Cirencester Hospital League of Friends and Paternoster School. Tickets are available from the school office - £10 adults, children free.

Donations of raffle prizes welcomed - please send into the school office.