



Pauntley Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

We've made it! Everyone is shattered but we have finally made it to half term.

Once again, a huge thank you for your patience and compliance during this tricky period. It has really helped to know that we have your full support in helping to keep the children safe. The children continue to be amazing and although I am not able to spend as much time in classes as I would like, the time I do spend highlights just how resilient they are and how brilliantly they have settled into the new way of working.

I hope everyone has a fantastic half term and please stay safe!

Sponsored Walk

Wow! On Tuesday the children took to the field to complete laps for the PTA sponsored walk – there were some outstanding performances in both classes and everyone tried their best. Cosmo ran 22 laps – which we think equates to around 10km! Today the children had a little extra time to add to their score. If you have been able to get sponsors, please bring the money into school in a marked envelope on the Monday after half term; we'll make sure there is a box to receive collections outside.

COVID over half term

If you are unfortunate enough to have the need to self-isolate over the half term, please do let us know by email. If a child is tested positive for COVID-19 over the break please email me immediately at head@newentfed.org so that we can seek advice from PHE and put in place the necessary measures.

Half term holidays

We will be breaking up today and returning to school on Monday 2nd November.

Christmas Already!

Malvern Class have been having great fun this week preparing their Christmas cards. Just

look at how Maisey is helping Eliza. We see lots of this at Pauntley, children offering help and support to their classmates. Thanks Maisey! Here is Elijah having fun with the paint between his toes!



The school have linked up with Cauliflower cards to raise a little extra money for the PTFA. We will be sending a copy of the artwork home with your child and attached you will find a **unique** access code for you to **note down** and for Cauliflower to identify artwork with parents if they order. Could you please return the artwork and code (having taken note of your unique code) before Wednesday, 4th November and we will let you know when you can view and order online. You can decide whether you would like to purchase cards, tags, wrapping paper, mugs or tea towels. If you do not want to order anything, then there is no need to return the art. If you have any questions, please ask the staff.

In the meantime, have a little look at what is on offer; there are loads of things that would make great Christmas gifts!

<https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/>

May Hill Class have been very busy this week writing a class poem about the sea

The roaring crashing waves
Smashed into the huge rocks,
Tearing the coastline to pieces.
The small ships suffered a similar fate
And were swallowed by the ocean whole.

The deep dark diamond sea shines
like crystals in a cave.
And the sharp and spicy sea moved
like a bolder rolling down a cliff.

The sparkly yellow sand looked like glitter
and shined through the dark.
The shiny pink shell covered the beach
and adults gigantic feet tread on the crunchy shells.

The bright red crab had razor sharp claws
and pinched peoples cheesy toes.
The glowing weird slimy starfish shines
like a glow stick in the midnight sky.

What brilliant imaginations the May Hill Class have!

Something to look forward to!

During the first week back after half term, the children will be taking part in some STEM workshops. We have invited **STEMworks** into our school in order to help encourage the children to use and develop their STEM skills.

Our KS1 children will be using a kit that clicks together and allows them to use an iPad to drag and drop their coding blocks into place. Children will learn about moving, changing direction and even get to add sounds and use sensors. This will be a great introduction to coding objects rather than just an on screen experience!

For our KS2 we have a workshop that uses different methods of coding but all will take coding into the real world! This Lego Robots Coding and Computer Control Workshop will help each child in developing their problem solving skills, drawing on what they have been learning in the classroom.

Wow Events

We continue to try and inspire the children with wow events to engage them in the curriculum – Next term we would like all the Junior children to experience a Victorian school room. In order to make this as authentic as possible we would love the children to come dressed for the occasion – mop cap and pinafore if possible for the girls and flat cap and waistcoat for the boys. I realise that not every household will have these things so just try your best – we will have some spare kit at school. PLEASE DO NOT FEEL THE NEED TO PURCHASE COSTUMES.

The experience will begin from the moment they come onto the playground so be prepared for a slightly different feel to the beginning of the day.

Mayhill Reports

I am extremely grateful to Mrs Connelly and Mr Cassidy for putting together some outline reports for the children in Mayhill class during Mrs Tyler's absence. We will look to give a little more detail next term.

Mr Larner's Joke of the week:

What's black and white and eats like a horse?

A zebra!