



**Pauntley Church of England Primary School**

# **NEWSLETTER**

27th November 2020



***Our termly Value: Compassion***

***Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,  
gentleness and patience.***

***Colossians 3:12***

A huge thank you to all who were able to join me on Zoom on Monday. I am hoping to share the audio file and PowerPoint presentation in due course for those who were unable to make it. The forty minutes flew by and there was no time for questions on the night – however, if you do have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to catch me on the playground, email in or call on the phone. I am hoping that this helped to answer a great many questions and I really did appreciate the positive feedback the following day from a number of parents.

### **What have the children been up to?**

It was a great surprise to walk into Malvern Class on Thursday afternoon and to see the children 'suffering' as they took part in a very unusual carousel of activities. Some were moving very heavy logs (shot drill) from station 1 to 2, only to find that someone was moving it back from station 2 to 1! Some were taking pieces of rope (picking oakum) apart, strand by strand, and some were on a non-stop 'treadwheel.'

Very quickly I asked the two guards (Raffi and Arthur) who were watching, what they were all doing? I was informed that they were experiencing 'A day in the Life of a Victorian Prisoner.' Their job was to report any prisoner they saw talking, smiling or slowing down to the Governor (Mrs Greaves!) What a great afternoon the children had. Luckily it wasn't for real and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Layla said, "I found the experience very repetitive, and it must have been very dull doing that for 12 hours."



**Shot drill**



**Picking oakum**



**Treadwheel**

## Reminders:

**Christmas Secret Gift Shop** – The Friends of Pauntley are kindly organising the secret Shop again. There are letters and order forms inside the School Noticeboard for you to use. The **closing date** for orders to be submitted (due to Covid) is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please support this great event.

**Wellies!** – Please remember to check and size your child's wellies that are kept at school. We have noticed that their feet have been growing and some are struggling to get them on! Please pass on to others once they do not fit but please remember to re-label them.

**Uniform** – Don't forget to look in the Pre-Loved uniform box which can now be found in the school lobby. We have lots of Pre-loved uniform available, only 50p per item.

**Forest School** - Due to the 'Play in a Day' taking place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, there will be **no** Forest School.

**Craft Club request for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Please could the parents of the children who attend Craft Club, bring an empty glass jar into school and hand into the office, Mrs Connelly or Miss Bruce before next Thursday. Many thanks.

**Face masks** – We are very happy to see those parents / carers who are wearing face masks on the playground. When talking to other parents, please remember to keep to the recommended distance. Many thanks.

**Mrs Tyler** – We are organising a collection and card for the very lovely Mrs Tyler. We will be making a card using hearts and the children will write their own message. We will leave some empty hearts for any family / person you know who might want to write a message too, it could be parents, past pupils, the community, or even grandparents. We will leave the hearts in a zip bag which can be found inside the school noticeboard. Please return completed hearts in book bags; into the zip bag on the noticeboard or to Mrs Connelly or Miss Bruce by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Any monetary donations can be given into the office please. It would be very wonderful if as many as possible could be involved. Thank you.

**Christmas Post Box** – Children will be allowed to write Christmas cards to their friends this year and the post box will 'open' for post between Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Due to Covid, we will need three days quarantine for the cards. For those not wishing to send cards, we will also have a large Christmas card for your child to sign with a recommended donation (tinned beans, rice etc) for the Lords Larder.

**Experience Nativity** – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (NOTE: date to be confirmed) – **Dressing up optional**

Owen Westall and Rev Kat Mephram have offered a fabulous opportunity for our children this Christmas.

*We would love it if year groups could experience what it would have been like to be one of the characters of the Christmas story. We want to give them an opportunity to hear from Mary and Joseph about what it was like, and see where Jesus was born (or what it might have been like).*

*We aim to turn the library into a stable, where they can come and meet Mary and Joseph. If possible, we thought it would be great (and add to the experience) if the children come dressed up as either shepherds or wise men. They will then be met by an Angel/Star to start their journey to the stable to meet the baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Rv. Kat) . We will also have a craft activity after.*

## Dates for the diary:

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Play in a Day** – Malvern Class will be taking part in a **Play in a Day**. This is a very exciting busy day for the children. They will be making costumes, learning lines, rehearsing and performing the play at the end of the school day. Good Luck everyone and be sure to get to bed early the night before!

**Forward warning** – There will be no afterschool clubs on the last week of term

# Achievements



A huge well done to pupil's receiving awards this week:

## May Hill Class:

Congratulations go to Lewis and Delilah for their Headteacher awards and to Maisey on achieving her generosity badge.



## Malvern Class:

Congratulations to James for receiving a Headteacher award this week and a huge well done to Bella who received her compassion badge.

