



Newsletter

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Important Dates

2 nd September	Teacher Training Day
3 rd September	Term starts
3 rd and 4 th September	Monet Class 'Stay & Play' 9am – 10am
7 th – 11 th September	Arts Week
9 th September	Swimming starts for Years 3-6
10 th September	Residential Information Meeting
14 th September	'Meet the Teacher' meetings. [<i>Times tbc</i>]
15 th and 16 th September	Prayer Space in Schools
1 st October	Individual photos
9 th October	Harvest Festival
15 th and 16 th October	Life Education Bus
21 st October	Walk in Wednesday at 2:45pm
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term
2 nd November	Teacher Training Day
17 th December	Christingle Service 9:30am
18 th December	Term ends at 2:15pm

What a wonderful year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had an action-packed end of term! We had marvellous weather for Sports Day where the children demonstrated their excellent sporting skills. The Key Stage 2 production of *'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'* left the audience awestruck. The children were very enthusiastic to share their talents with amazing acting, super singing and predictable puns which made it a great performance! Our Isle of Wight trip was a huge success, too!

It is with a little sadness, but an overwhelming sense of pride, that we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We are extremely proud of them and all that they have achieved. We share with them excitement; anticipating what they will go on to accomplish in the next stage of their lives.

Thank you for your support over the year, and especially since April!

May I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September for the start of another successful academic year in 2015/16!

Best wishes,

Mr Edwards



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Newt Day 2015

Mr Laney came to visit and we carried out a survey of the newts in our pond.

We had a wonderful day on Wednesday 10th June, just as the newt breeding season came to a close, learning about the newts that live in our school pond.

Brian Laney, Northamptonshire's Country Recorder for Reptiles and Amphibians, was invited in to school to lead the day. The morning began with an assembly to introduce the aim of the day, to carry out a survey, and to also help the children identify different types of newt. Our pupils in Key Stage 2 had many questions to ask him; they

certainly seized the opportunity to utilise our expert's knowledge!

Mr Laney also brought in some newts to show us, including Great-Crested Newts! [It's okay! He has a licence!]

Gershwin, Shakespeare and Diversity classes then took it in turns to go to our pond and spend time pond-dipping, refining our already excellent skills in this area.

We have established that our school pond contains 72 smooth newts; 35 males and 37 females.

We are under strict instructions from Mr Laney not to populate the pond with fish! Nor are we to cut the grass or plants that line the perimeter of the pond in order to protect our newts. So if it looks a little overgrown – this is intentional!

The children have also created a newt hibernation habitat under the cherry tree, just outside the wildlife area fence.

Our pupils had a super time. We thank Mr Laney for his time and hope that he can return in the future!

Roof update

We have signed on the dotted line! The roof will be repaired over the summer holidays. We hope that the work will not cause any inconvenience to the village, but I apologise in advance should the repairs impact you in an adverse way. We hope that this new roof will last for 154 years like its predecessor!



New school website

We look forward to launching our new school website in September. The current website will expire in late July and there will be a temporary website available at www.paulerspury.school.co.uk. This same web address will be used for the newly launched site, too!

Church competition

The Family Worship Team at our village church, St. James the Great, decided it was time to update the artwork on the order of service sheets. They ran a competition for the pupils at school. Key Stage 2 children designed a front cover and Key Stage 1 designed a back cover. The winners, chosen by the Family Worship Team and announced at our Leavers' Service at church were Niamh Loughran [Year 6] and Joshua Dunstan [Year 1]. Congratulations! A wonderful legacy for Niamh to leave with us!

Happy retirement!

Mr Whiles has been working as a Midday [lunchtime] Supervisor for two and a half years. He is remembered by many parents as a PE teacher at Kingsbrook School [now Elizabeth Woodville School], and now he has decided to retire properly! We hope you enjoy the golf!

Writing competition success

Our pupils won three of the six prizes, including first place!

A total of 100 children took part in the fiction writing competition organised by Towcester Local History Society as part of the area's WWI commemoration programme.



"The quality of the writing was amazing," History Society chairman John Morris told the audience at the awards ceremony. "The entries displayed loads of imagination and action but also a great deal of thought and caring."

Lotty Dawson [Year 5, Shakespeare Class] won First Prize and Highly Commended awards went to Daisy McLaughlin and Freya Brown, both Year 6 from Diversity Class. Well done, girls!

EYFS and KS1 end of term

Commotion in the Ocean and a Medieval Banquet!



Miss Webb baked the most amazing cake for Monet Class and for parents that came to the party! The singing was lovely and the award ceremony produced many smiles.

Goldsworthy Class went back in time to experience a Medieval Banquet on Friday 17th July.



They made wonderful food and performed a dance from the Middle Ages. Thank you for your help with the brilliant costumes which added wonderfully to the children's experience! Ms Betts and the children were delighted with how the day went!

A summary of the year from the



It has been a fantastic year of fundraising events for the FPS, raising an amazing £4700 for the School. This year's dance Festival was a great success achieving £950 profit and all the other familiar events such as The Christmas Fayre and School Discos have been well supported. A new fundraiser in the autumn term, The Murder Mystery evening proved very popular; it may be making reappearance next year!

We are very pleased to announce that the FPS has just provided over £5300 to the School enabling them to purchase 14 new Laptops, a secure caddy to keep them safe and a new piano. Our fundraising efforts will continue next year with the aim of financing a Library revamp!

Some of you may have noticed we now have a plaque mounted on one of the playground shelters acknowledging Mr Len Goff's very kind and generous donation towards these and the outside classroom. They have been a fabulous addition to the playground, his contribution is very much appreciated.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in the preparation and running of our fundraising events and to all the Children and their families for providing donations and supporting them. We are a small Committee and without the

additional help we would be unable to organise all of these fundraising activities.

The committee would also like to express their sincere thanks to Santander and all the 'Santander Mums', for their support in match funding and boosting our profits considerably, it is greatly appreciated.

A big 'thank-you' goes to Tesco and Diane Woodward for providing the very popular chocolate fountain at the Dance Festival. Also to Dennis Bailey and Britvic for providing soft drinks, we are hugely grateful for your support.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to a current and former Committee member this summer. Tina Boyle (Joint Secretary) has dedicated her precious spare time over the last 3 years to the FPS Committee, working tirelessly to raise funds for the School, thank-you so much for all your hard work and commitment you will be greatly missed. The Committee would also like to say a fond farewell and wish good luck to Anja Kilby (former Treasurer) and her family as they embark on an exciting new life in France.

The FPS Committee is run entirely by a small band of parents, volunteering their time to organise fundraising events for the school and provide the children with fun and enriching activities. We are always keen to welcome new members to the committee, so if you feel able to commit a little time and energy to helping us we would love to hear from you. Speak to Sharon Smith in the playground or email friendsofpaulerspurychool@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

Have a wonderful summer!

Many thanks, The FPS Committee



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