



Newsletter

October 2016

Important Dates

5 th Oct.	Experience Harvest for Yrs 5/6
6 th Oct.	Harvest Festival – Church at 2pm
11 th	New Intake Morning
11 th	Messy Church 3:15pm - Hall
13 th /14 th	Life Education Bus
18 th	M&M Production and Workshop
19 th	Walk-In Wednesday 2:30pm
21 st	School Closes for Half-Term
31 st	Training Day
1 st Nov.	School opens

Our more detailed calendar is on the school website: Navigate to main site at www.paulerspury.school.co.uk and click the 'Calendar' button at the top of the page.

New Topics

Our 'World Learning' curriculum continues with new countries! Goldsworthy Class' learning is linked to Egypt and they have a seven foot tall pyramid in their classroom! Gershwin classroom looks 'wunderbar' as they learn about Germany. Shakespeare Class will be learning about India and win the award for the most colourful classroom! Diversity Class has an oriental theme as the children learn about Japan.

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you have had a wonderful summer. Thank you for all of the end of term gifts that the staff team received. I'd like to say 'Welcome back' to all our families for the 2016/17 academic year. On September 5th our school reopened and many new children joined our school; in our Reception class and some in other year groups, too. We hope all our new children and families feel welcomed and quickly become part of our school community.

During the next academic year all staff will be working with parents to help our children make the best progress possible. Along with our staff and governors I am looking forward to working alongside you and your children. I wish you all a very happy school year!

Already we've had much to celebrate in the first few weeks of term. Read on to find out more!

Best wishes,

Mr Edwards





Arts Week

12th – 16th September 2016



We had 'Arts Week' in the second full week of term where the children created wonderful pieces of art, super sculptures, delightful drama and melodic music linked to their countries. The children's work can be seen in the hall and classrooms.

Also each child had the

opportunity to learn about rhythm with Ollie Tunmer from 'Beat goes on', a STOMP-style body percussion workshop. www.beatgoeson.co.uk



On Friday the children also celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th

Birthday by creating various pieces of art, drama scripts and sculptures based on his books. Can you spot the Road Dahl character in the photo below?



Wraparound care

We are proud to now offer, in partnership with Hayley Cobley, before and after-school wraparound care at the Pury Play Club. The mobile has had a makeover during the summer holidays and is looking amazing.

Email: puryplayclub@gmail.com or call 07817 732554.



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School Games Silver



Well done to staff and pupils for achieving School Games Silver!

New Staff...

We are excited to welcome two new members of staff this term. Mrs Gallant is our Admin and Finance Assistant and she will be working alongside Mrs Chappell in the office every morning. Miss Chamberlain is our new class teacher in Gershwin Class.

Free School Meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a school meal under the government *Universal Infant Free School Meal* [UIFSM] scheme. The school is charged for these meals whether or not they are accessed, so we'd like to encourage you to take up the offer if your child is not already doing so.

Free School Meals [FSM] is a separate scheme for children in up to age 18. If parents are in receipt of certain benefits or have a low income household you be entitled to meals for you child. Our whole school benefits when those who qualify access the scheme. Apply at: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

The new reading scheme

We're very excited about our new reading books! The children have very much enjoyed exploring the new books and there is a real buzz about reading around the school! The books are more up to date and relevant!



The new Oxford Reading Tree and Tree Tops books are designed to help schools fulfil the requirements of the new National Curriculum detailed below.

"Comprehension skills develop through pupils' experience of high-quality discussion with the teacher, as well as from reading and discussing a range of stories, poems and non-fiction. All pupils must be encouraged to read widely across both fiction and non-fiction to develop their knowledge of themselves and the world they live in, to establish an appreciation and love of reading, and to gain knowledge across the curriculum. Reading widely and often increases pupils' vocabulary because they encounter words they would rarely hear or use in everyday speech. It is essential that, by the end of their primary education, all pupils are able to read fluently, and with confidence, in any subject in their forthcoming secondary education."

The new books have already enabled the children to have high quality discussions with our staff and ensure that children experience a wide variety of genres. We realise that children may prefer some more than others, yet they need to learn how to

understand and interpret them all. The new books also help us assess reading comprehension in school.

We also know that our pupils like to choose books to read which they find more preferable and also want to encourage this, too! That is why we are promoting 'Reading for Pleasure'.

Many of the children in Key Stage 2 would have been 'Free Readers' previously, which will continue under the banner of 'Reading for pleasure'. This is why we've put so much effort in to upgrading the school library. Children will be encouraged to select a book to read alongside their school reading book, either from the school library, local library or home, once they are on Lime/Grey band. 'Free reader' children sometimes found it very tricky to select books that were the correct pitch or would get stuck in a certain author or category of book. The new scheme should help guide them with this and Mrs Garrett-Herbert will also help the children in choosing and scanning out books in our new library!

Having this mixed approach will help us to achieve our aim of encouraging children to have a love of reading while also picking up the necessary comprehension skills throughout their school career. Thank you for your patience and support as we start this new scheme.

Thanks to Mrs Hartley for sorting out the thousands of books!



New fences

Many of you may have been following the progress of the new fences surrounding our playground, in real life or via the school Facebook page and Twitter feed. Thank you for the many positive comments that we have received about it! It is much safer for the children and also maintains the beautiful appearance of our school building.

*Head Boy and Head Girl*

We have just announced our Head Boy and Head Girl and their deputies! William and Savannah, who are proudly wearing their green badges, will be supported by Matthew and Emelia. The other Year 6 children will find out over the next week if they are to be given other responsibilities, such as House Captains/Vice Captains, Chair of School Council and Secretary to the School Council.

Rota Kids

We recently welcomed Andrea Lord and David Reed from Towcester Rotary Club to school and they led an assembly about RotaKids. RotaKids is an exciting way for those twelve and under to lead and engage in important, lively activities that will make a positive difference in their school, in their local community and globally. At the same time children develop the ability and confidence to take up their place in society as responsible, successful, effective citizens both now and in the future.

As PSHE and citizenship is part of the school curriculum this is an opportunity for Rotary to support and expand the work already happening in school. The decisions made always involve the RotaKids. Jobs for fundraising or service projects can be divided up between the classes in lesson times. This develops team work.

RotaKids take the following Pledge to demonstrate their commitment to being good citizens: "As a RotaKid, I endeavour to be fair to all, to serve my community and to show respect for others".

*Messy Church*

Messy Church has started up again and the next session will be at 3:15pm on Tuesday 11th October. Messy Church is a way of being church for families involving fun. Its values are: being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Come along and find out more!

*Science Day*

We thank our governor Mr Bartlett, an ex-Science teacher, who came into school on Wednesday 28th September to help lead our very first *Science Day*. More specifically children focused on Chemistry, learning about chemical reactions and states of matter. The day was largely practical and the children were truly inspired. Fab photos are on Facebook and Twitter for you to look at. We look forward to our next *Science Day* in January; this time with an emphasis on Physics.

