



# pathfield SCHOOL News

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## What's On?



Thurs 11 January ~  
Parents Makaton  
Taster Session

Fri 12 January ~  
PTFA Meeting

Fri 9 February ~  
Pancake Day Coffee  
Morning

Fri 23 Feb ~  
PTFA Quiz Night

**HALF TERM**  
**Mon 12 ~ Fri 16 Feb**

Thurs 1 March ~  
World Book Day

Wed 14 March ~  
Transition Day at Town  
Station

Wed 14 March ~  
PTFA Easter Bingo

Dear Parents, Carers, Family and  
Friends,

Welcome back, a very Happy New  
Year to you all, I trust everyone had a  
lovely Christmas holiday and enjoyed  
the break.



It was lovely to see so many happy  
faces back in school on Tuesday despite the early start and  
horrible weather, hopefully we'll start to have some Spring  
weather soon and be able to enjoy the outside areas a little  
more. With this in mind please ensure your child has a  
suitable coat, hat, gloves etc in school each day to enable  
this to take place wherever possible.

We have started 2018 with some great news from the  
Barnstaple Bridge Trust, they have donated £1000 Towards  
additional Music Therapy hours in school, a service that's so  
valuable to our pupils. We've also received further funding  
from the British Council for "International Classrooms",  
enabling us to once again visit our partner school in Kenya,  
Nangina Special School.

Finally, the PTFA are always keen for new members so if you  
would like to find out a little more please come along the  
next meeting on FRIDAY 12 JANUARY AT 11.30am. There will  
be no pressure to 'join', the meetings are really informal and  
always include tea and biscuits!

Have a lovely weekend, we send get well wishes to all those  
children who have been poorly and hope to see you soon.

Best wishes

Claire May, Headteacher

## **Governors Update for School Newsletter January 2018**

The Governors had a very busy half term joining in with the many wonderful school Christmas activities as well as starting the recruitment process for the new Head Teacher and having all the usual committee meetings.

At Personnel and Pay Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 policies were agreed for Appraisal, Data Protection, Online Safety, Disciplinary, Acceptable Behaviour, Managing Sickness Absence, Recruitment & Selection, Disclosure and Barring Service Checks and Maternity.

At Curriculum Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 reports were considered for Maths, Art, PSHE and PE.

At Finance and Buildings Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 the Health, Safety & Wellbeing Policy was agreed and Governors spent time looking at the school budget in detail.

At the Full Governing Body Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Governors had the delight of watching the School Christmas Performance prior to the meeting. The Lettings Policy was then approved and consideration was also given to a detailed report from the Head Teacher, Safeguarding and the Sentient Trust. Approval was given for the recruitment of a permanent part time Music Teacher and consideration was given for term dates for the next academic year.

We recruited new Governors to fill vacancies – Nicki Palmer is now our new Parent Governor and Alison Jackson our new Co-opted Governor. We now have another Parent Governor vacancy and letters will be going out this week to ask for nominations, so please look out for these and consider putting yourself forward for this exciting opportunity to be involved in the future development of the school.

The recruitment process for the new Head Teacher is ongoing – the advert has been placed, potential candidates have visited and applications are now coming in. This term, Governors will be short listing and interviewing candidates in readiness for the new Head to start in September.



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## Sign up to school closure alerts this winter in three easy steps...

With more cold weather expected parents are urged to sign up to the DCC school closure email alert. Once registered you will receive an email if school has been closed due to winter weather.

To sign up click [here](#), then enter your preferred email address and choose a password. Using the drop down list, remove the ticks leaving only the schools you want information on, then submit.

Should we make the decision to close school early, transport will not leave site until we have confirmation that every child on that route has a parent/carer at home, therefore please, if you have recently changed your telephone numbers, ensure we have up-to-

Tony Price, uncle of Harry in Class 2.2 is undertaking The 1000-mile Challenge this year fundraising for the Over & Above Cancer & Well-being Centre in Barnstaple

This is basically the challenge of running 1000 miles in one year ~ that's 38.2 marathons!!!

Please visit [www.1000miles.co.uk](http://www.1000miles.co.uk) for more information and to make a donation

*Thank you*

*Harry Bennett's uncle*

**1000 MILES  
AGAINST CANCER**

ONE MAN  
ONE CHARITY  
ONE YEAR

Barnstaple cancer survivor, Anthony Price, has taken on the challenge of running one thousand miles by the end of 2018! He is doing so for the local charity Over and Above for their Cancer & Well-being Centre being built at the North Devon District Hospital.

Please help him hit his target of £5,000 by the end of the challenge.

Just visit [www.1000miles.co.uk](http://www.1000miles.co.uk) to find out more and donate.



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*Please donate if you can!*

## **\*FREE\* MAKATON TASTER SESSION**

**Thursday 11 January 2018 .. 10am ~ 11am**

**JUST A FEW SPACES REMAINING**

If you would like to attend please contact Maggie to reserve a space



# Save the Children

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# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

**Make the world better with a sweater!**



Thanks to you all for making a fabulous Christmassy effort with the childrens' Christmas jumpers on the last day of term ~ the children looked really festive and we raised £91 for Save the Children!

*Well Done Everyone!*