

## Pauntley Primary School Report for AGM

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As usual it has been a busy time at Pauntley Primary School. We continue to extend our learning through topics which this year include Paws, Jaws and Claws, World War 1, Natural Disasters and Colour, Shape and Pattern. Two new members of staff joined us in Malvern Class and we also had a student teacher in the Autumn term. We have been out and about to The Birds of Prey Centre, Huntley Quarry, the trenches at Dean Heritage Centre and Cheltenham Synagogue. We had a visit from Roaming Reptiles and have been cooking at Newent Community School. Our Service of Remembrance in November was even more poignant this year as each child and member of staff had made a ceramic poppy to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One. This art work is at the school entrance and has attracted many comments from passers-by.

Our after-school clubs continue to be very popular with over 90% of children attending one or more of the varied activities. Our Early Risers before school club is also very well attended.

Fundraising is an important part of school life. Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in September is more popular every year and it is lovely to see families and members of the community join us. We also raised money for Comic Relief as well as our ongoing support for Guide Dogs for the Blind and The Lord's Larder.

Our flourishing PTA, The Friends, have worked tirelessly to make life at Pauntley even more exciting by paying for a Christmas trip to the panto, new books for the library, Small World toys, Huff and Puff equipment and running a Christmas Fair. We were very grateful to Pauntley Beer Festival for a generous donation with which we have bought two lovely roofed friendship benches.

Mr Henry teaches us PE this year and we continue to keep busy with all kinds of sport ranging from New Age Curling to cricket. We look forward to swimming in the Summer Term.

We continue to have strong links with the Church with St John's being used for our Harvest Festival and Carol Service. In the Autumn we went there to plant daffodil bulbs and look forward to seeing the fruits of our labours. Rev Tudor comes in regularly to take collective worship and bought the Bishop of Tewkesbury for a short visit last term.

As we move on through the school year we look forward to May Hill Class Easter Assembly, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Summer Tea Party and Sports Day, the Junior Play and welcoming our new Reception intake on Thursday mornings.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last twelve months.