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June and July Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we stand together at the end of the year, we can take a moment to look back over past nine months and consider the learning journey we've all been on.

I would like to thank all those parents who have supported me and the team in our endeavours. Your positive feedback bolsters staff morale, motivates us and spurs us on to do the best for your children. It has been a year of change and hard work; but also a year of fun and growth: always with the children at the heart of what we do.

Behind the scenes, I have had been so proud of the children for all of their achievements – and how lovely to be able to share these with parents in our Friday Celebrations. Key Stage Two dazzled us with their rendition of *The Jungle Book*; all of those smiling faces were the true measure of a good school.

Our musicians have made excellent progress through their three concerts; and how exciting for our fabulous choir to perform at Picnic in the Park. Thanks to Mrs Onley and Mrs Coventry for giving up their time.

Thanks too to Mrs Green for all of her hard work improving our engagement with sporting events, with the support of Sports Crew and Linda Sherry. We have had many successes on the field/pitch/court/mat and know that this will continue next year.

Sports day was a great event, bringing the whole community together – I was particularly impressed by the parent races: I can see where our children get their competitive streak!

At many of our events, we have had the unbridled support of FOPs. FOPs for me is so much more than a vehicle for fundraising – although the money raised makes a **massive** difference to your children's learning environment.

FOPs puts the fun into our community with events, both traditional and innovative, that bring us together to laugh and remember why we are all in the playground – for the children. I urge anyone who would like to be more involved in school life; would like to influence and shape the future of our school; or who would like to find out more about how the money raised is spent, please do come to the AGM on Thursday 20th September at 7pm in the school hall.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers – your support with reading has made a huge difference to the progress and attainment of children across the school. Thanks also to those of you who assisted with school trips. And special thanks to Chris Younger who still plays the piano for us every Wednesday for Songs of Praise.

I also must thank Rev Karen, John Atkin and Jean Pugh for their support, not only with weekly Collective Worship, but in supporting many children in their personal development and me through various challenges.



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Targeted Mental Health in Schools Bronze Award



Recognition and appreciation also goes to all those on the Parish Council (Roger Clark, Iris Illingsworth, Rachel Gardner, Barry Evans) who have supported the school this year – we look forward to being involved with the Produce Show, the planting of tubs on the verges and the dedication of the Pattishall War Memorial in November.

Thanks must go to our **amazing team**. The teachers and support staff have given everything they have in order to nurture neural pathways and embed the ethos of a Growth Mindset. I have never met such a positive, kind, caring and supportive group of people. We are extremely lucky.

We are sad to say farewell to Mrs Jeffrey after 26 years. Although, it won't be for long! She is already on our supply books... just not for September – she is looking forward to a holiday and enjoying a well-earned rest.

Staffing remains stable; with the addition of Mrs G. Wigley and Mrs S. Mills in Year Three from September. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the Pattishall family.

To Geoff Brand, Sharon Onley and the Governing Body – thank you for your enthusiasm, encouragement and challenge this year. Your support of the school goes above and beyond and your dedication is truly appreciated.

I would also like to say a bitter-sweet goodbye to our Year 6's; including our Prefect Team. Bella, Daniel, Oliver, Mia, Katie, Georgie, Sol, Warren, Logan, Fran and Shannon – it's been emotional! You truly are a special group, who have made my first year of Headship a pleasure. Thank you for your support and for always trying your best. You will be simply fabulous in your new schools – flying the Pattishall flag loud and proud! We all look forward to hearing of your many future successes.

Our new Prefect Team have a lot to live up to, but have excellent role models! Congratulations to:

- Jack – Head Boy
- Rosie – Head Girl
- Alfie
- George
- Nadia
- Verity
- Layla
- Piper
- Lola – Head Librarian
- Aden – Head Librarian
- Sienna – Sports Crew Lead
- Charlie – Sports Crew Lead
- Harry – House Captain: Kelmarsh
- Marianne – House Captain: Sulgrave
- Freddie – House Captain: Holdenby

Recognition of our Year 6's SATs achievements must be celebrated:

	School	National
Reading	73% (20%)	75%
Writing	73% (30%)	78%
Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation	73%	78%
Maths	64%	76%

**percentages refer to those working at Age Related Expectation*

**numbers in brackets are Greater Depth figures*

**each child is 10%*

Other successes across the school include Year 1 achieving 90% in our Phonics Screening and 78.7% Reception children reaching a Good Level of Development (GLD) – both well above national average.

Year 2 have also had great success – particularly with the children working above age related expectations.

Reading	68% (36%)
Writing	67% (18%)
Maths	73% (31%)

From our whole school data and the results of the SATs examinations, we have a clear path for our whole school improvement and continued development next year. We continue to go from strength to strength.

For September, please remember some of the key changes from this year:

- Healthy snacks only for break
- Water in water bottles
- Small pencil cases, holding just the essentials
- Bordeaux jumpers/cardigans (red if necessary), white polo tops, charcoal grey for everything else
- Red gingham dresses/playsuits and charcoal shorts (with white socks) welcomed in the warmer weather
- Small, neutral or tonal hair accessories: hair tied up at all times
- Black school shoes (no boots or trainers)
- Black or white trainers for PE

Looking back, it is difficult to conceive the distance we have travelled and the progress the whole school family has made. From tightening processes, implementing boundaries, raising expectations, fostering and celebrating talent, nurturing and focussing on the physical process of learning... and at the heart of it all - the winners are your children.

I hope you enjoyed your children's reports and that they reflect the successes and achievements they have had this year. The message from the Local Authority is to keep doing what we're doing to embed the changes we have made this year. We are going in absolutely the right direction.

Have a wonderful Summer break – filled with good weather, family and fun.
See you in September!

With every good wish,

Mrs McLean