## Around Pattishall November 2019

Since the last edition, Pattishall CE Primary School has been working hard! Our Harvest celebrations, led by Year 3, were a real delight, with gratitude at the heart. We gave the third largest donation of food to the Towcester Food Bank – thank you to all who donated.

Our October 'Big Light' event coincided with our extremely successful open day. Children worked together across the school to create artwork, conduct scientific experiments linked to light, make light-themed music and write poetry. As well as learning about Diwali, 5<sup>th</sup> November 1605 and the significance of the candle in Christianity – representing Jesus the light of the world.

This year, our children have decorated jam jars with poppy designs and displayed them on our new perimeter fence; each with a tea light within. Many of our children were involved in the Holy Cross service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or as representatives of the school. Some of our youngest learners presented their jars at the memorial in church as part of the service.

In addition, our Year 5 class led an informative and beautiful Remembrance service in Holy Cross on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November; with Mr May playing the Last Post to signify the two-minute silence. It was a joy to hear our wonderful choir perform in harmony too.

December is fast approaching – my favourite time of year in school! We look forward to our FoPs (Friends of Pattishall School) Christmas Fayre on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December between 1pm and 3pm – come along to the school hall and stock up on hand crafted Christmas gifts. There will be food, drink, games for the children as well as a visit from a very special guest!

16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm, Reception Class are putting on a traditional Nativity in Holy Cross; 19<sup>th</sup> December, Year 6 will be leading our Christingle service in Holy Cross from 6pm; on 20<sup>th</sup> December the whole school is off to see the Pantomime; and just before we break up for the holidays, there will be Carols on the Playground from 2:45pm on 20<sup>th</sup> December – all welcome.

There will be Christmas jumper days, Christmas dinners and the Year 1 and 2 Christmas play too! See our website for details: <a href="https://www.pattishallschool.co.uk">www.pattishallschool.co.uk</a>

We have recently become a centre for recycling crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, bottle tops, printer cartridges and batteries. Our newly formed Eco-Team are keen to make a positive difference to their future world. We are also still a Hope Centre donation station. Any items can be dropped off at the main entrance between 9am and 3pm. Thank you.

We love our school and know that you will too; and we love nothing more than sharing it with people! We are showing people round now for 2020's Reception intake (applications opened 15<sup>th</sup> October) and we have spaces in most year groups. If you'd like to know more or would like to get involved with our small but perfectly formed school, please do get in touch: 01327 830 301 / office@pattishallschool.co.uk.

Don't forget S4A holiday camps – book now for the Christmas holidays! Reception – Year 8; £3.50 per hour; 8am – 6pm with 'drop-in' options available. Tell all your friends. <a href="www.s4asports.co.uk">www.s4asports.co.uk</a>

Best wishes for the festive season,

Mrs McLean