



Be watchful. Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be courageous. And let everything you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16: 1

It was brilliant to have so many parent volunteers in school on Saturday 21st May to prune, sweep, jet wash and paint to spruce up the grounds in preparation for our Jubilee Jamboree on Friday 10th June, where there will be a barbeque, bar, cream teas, festival tent, fire engine, tractor, games and performances by the children; including a maypole dance!

This is light relief in contrast to the shadow that covid-19 that has continued to cast throughout this academic year. Yet, in spite of staff shortages and pupil absences, the team of staff, pupils and parents have pulled together to provide as close to business as usual as we can. This includes concluding the year with the Year 1 phonics screening, Year 2 exams, Year 4 multiplication check and Year 6 exams – the children have done us proud, working hard to be the best that they can be.

In January, we welcomed an inspection from Ofsted and were delighted to remain a good provider. The inspector was particularly impressed with our pastoral care and attention to mental health and wellbeing. She cited us as an inclusive school where the children are polite, well-behaved and attentive. She also commented that the children were taught about diversity and are aspirational. But above all, pupils, staff and parents say that the children are happy and safe in school.

One of the things that the inspector commented on was the wide range of opportunities afforded to our children that broaden their horizons – this includes taking our 30-strong choir to the O2 Arena in London to perform as part of the Young Voices choir, with 8000 other children from all over the country. The choir, led by Mr May, have spent nearly a year learning the songs, as the concert was cancelled last year due to covid. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for supporting the next generation by contributing towards the coach to transport us.

The children in Years 3 and 4 had a magical trip to Legoland recently, to round off their topic work on Best of British. They visited Miniland and explored all the famous landmarks of the UK. Year 6 are looking forward to visiting the West Midlands Safari Park, whilst Years 1 and 2 will be going to the Peterborough Showground to reinforce their learning in their topic Field to Fork.

At the time of writing, Year 5 and 6 are preparing for their end of year performance of Matilda; and Year 6 are beginning to think about their move to secondary school with transition days planned. We are also re-launching our house teams in preparation for a 'normal' sports day in July. The children will be in 4 teams: beech (green), elm (blue), oak (red) and ash (yellow); the trees representing our logo, our link to Campion Secondary and also our recently acquired Forest School status.

We are very proud that Mr May qualified as a Level 3 Forest School instructor at the beginning of this year. The course was intense and incredibly thorough, and the outcome of all that hard work and dedication is that all children in our school now receive 6 weeks of Forest School every year that they are with us!

You can follow our learning journey on our social media:

- **Website:** www.pattishallschool.co.uk
- **Twitter:** @TeamPattishall
- **Instagram:** pattishallceprimary
- **Facebook Page:** @pattishallceprimaryschool
- **Facebook Group:** Pattishall CE Primary Virtual Playground

At our school, we firmly believe that the children come first; they are at the heart of every decision we make. We are also passionate that their learning journey is a partnership with you – their parents – as you know your children better than anyone. Our door is always open and we are here to ensure that your child gets the best **foundations for life**.

If this sounds like the sort of school you want for your child, come and see us in action. Call 01327 830301 to book a personal tour with Emma McLean, Head Teacher.

We are also recruiting... If you'd like to be involved in school life, please have a look at our website www.pattishallschool.co.uk/vanacies We have openings for midday meal supervisors and governors. Come and join our friendly, dynamic, progressive team!