

SPRING TERM UPDATE

Easter is upon us already! As a school community, we look forward to the Summer Term.

As ever, we have been working hard behind the scenes to provide an excellent curriculum with many additional opportunities, delivered by a highly motivated and skilled team. Our Year 6's are eagerly awaiting their end of year examinations; in particular the breakfasts we provide each morning of the exams! They are also discussing their preferred options for an end of year treat before we wish them bon voyage on their secondary school learning journey.

Learning at Pattishall CE Primary is not just for the children. We are a centre of learning and really value the continuing professional development of our team. Mrs Green, our Year 4 teacher and Computing Lead, visited the Raspberry Pi HQ in Cambridge last month to discover the potential of our new Programming Suite. We are looking forward to sharing these opportunities with the children!

As a TAMHS (Targeted Mental Health in Schools) **Silver** award winning school - March 2019 - we recognise the importance of mental health and well-being. Our well-being Wednesday approach has been well received by staff and children; on 12th February, we were one of 200 schools to take part in the 'Talk Out Loud' campaign. After an assembly, the whole school went out on the playground to blow bubbles - to blow away the stigma associated with talking about mental illness. Next step – Gold.

As we all know, keeping a healthy body can help us keep a healthy mind. We continue to go from strength-to-strength in our sports provision. This term we have taken part in cross-country, basketball, and athletics events; with several personal bests for individuals. Our most proud moment was winning **gold**, coming first at the Champion Cluster netball fixture. We have a hockey tournament coming up, which we are looking forward to. We are also delighted to announce that we are a **Silver** award winning School Games school – a fantastic recognition of everything we are doing with sport. We are going for Gold!

On 1st March we celebrated World Book Day. This year, in a change to tradition, each child dressed up as a word. Some of the new vocabulary we encountered was: ambivalent, lethargic, elegant, compassionate, impecunious, and somnolent! On the 2nd March, we welcomed West End in Schools to lead dance workshops linked to texts we have recently been reading. The children had a wonderful time, learning some very complex dance routines in a day!

The Easter Bonnet parade winner was Harriet in Reception class – she was so excited to receive her prize in Celebration Assembly! Well done to all who took part.

Our first Music café was a huge hit. Thanks goes to NMPAT for supporting us with peripatetic music lessons and to FoPs for providing an excellent spread!

Thanks also to the Reception class team for the beautiful Mother's Day Tea Party they put on Friday 29th March; and to Key Stage One for the Mother's Day service in Holy Cross Church.

Year 6 also did us proud, setting the perfect tone for the Stations of the Cross service in Holy Cross Church on Thursday 28th March. We were pleased to be able to share the event with Peter French, the recently appointed Deputy Diocesan Director for Education in Church Schools. He was very impressed with our school.

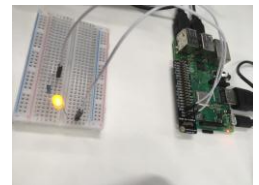
On Thursday 23rd May, we welcome the Bishop to school to share his role in the Church, and also for Year 4 to share their prayer stations for Pentecost. The theme this year is 'Give us this day, our daily bread'.

Forthcoming events – all welcome:

- Friday 3rd May, 11:30am - 3:30pm May Day celebrations
- Wednesday 8th May, 8:45am – 9:45am Stay and Play for pre-schoolers
- Saturday 11th May, 2pm – 3.30pm Messy Church 'On Tour' is back into the school building
- Thursday 23rd May, 2pm Year 4 Prayer Stations in Holy Cross for Pentecost

Don't forget:

S4A run holiday camps for Reception – Year 8 children; **not just for Pattishall school** children! They will be making use of our coding suite as well as running art and craft activities – something for everyone! Sign up here: <https://s4asports.co.uk/pattishall-c-of-e-school/> for May half term and the Summer holidays.



Best wishes, Mrs McLean.