



Report for Annual Bottisham Parish Meeting

24 May 2022

This academic year has seen the challenges associated with the Covid 19 pandemic continue. After a relatively stable period during the autumn term, January 2022 marked a period of three months of disruption as we experienced extremely high numbers of pupil and staff absence. Following guidance from the local Public Health team, we were required to re-introduce more stringent protective measures during this period, which limited the opportunities that we had to welcome visitors into the school as well as engaging with extra-curricular trips and activities.

Since returning from the Easter break, been able to relax all measures and we are keen to undertake as many of our usual summer term activities as possible. We have class trips planned to the University Botanic Gardens, Angelsey Abbey and South Farm as well as enrichment days in school such as our Science and Wellbeing days. The children who attend choir and / or who have musical tuition will be performing in a music concert in July and the Y5/6 children have already started practising for their end of term production.

Parents and carers will be invited to come to see their child's work as part of an open evening event in mid-June and both the younger and older age groups will be having a sports day at the end of the term. On 27th May, we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with a day of themed activities, including a whole school picnic on the field, a performance from our school choir and Maypole dancing. We will also be hosting a Jubilee Parent Café for parents and carers in the morning.

As a part of Anglian Learning Multi-Academy Trust, we have continued to work closely with the other schools in our organisation, collaborating on work such as curriculum development and providing opportunities for our pupils to engage on joint projects. For example, this term our Y6 boys and girls football teams are taking part in a cross-trust tournament and our Y5/6 children will be joining pupils from the other seven schools at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral for a Platinum Jubilee music concert. The Trust will also be undertaking some significant improvement work to the fabric of the school building, which includes replacing the windows and upgrading the internal lighting.

Our PTA have continued with their fundraising activities during in spite of the restrictions, they have held several well-attended events including an outdoor Winter Fair, a Valentine's cake stall and the first Film Night for pupils in two years. Since returning from Easter, they have brought back the popular weekly 'Lolly Friday' and will be holding an end of year disco and leaver's BBQ for our Y6 pupils. We are also looking forward to the return of the Summer Fair which will be held on Friday 8th July.

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