

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Forgiveness

*"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
Colossians 3:13*

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Dear families,

This week has been dominated by the exciting news that all children can return to school on Monday 8th March. We are all very excited and very much looking forward to seeing everyone again. We have, however, been advised by the local authority to ensure that we are advising you of two important points. First, attendance is mandatory from the 8th March for all children. Second, we are still living in a covid-19 world and so all measures that were in place before Christmas will be in place again. We will be operating a staggered day, keeping children in their class bubbles, socially distancing when we can and adhering to the hygiene and cleaning protocols set out in our risk assessment. Parents are therefore reminded they must continue to use our one way system, wear face masks on site and must leave the school site quickly without mixing on the school gate. We are doing everything we can to make the school as safe as possible and know we can continue to count on your support in this matter.

Mrs Bostock will email you early next week with finalised dates and times. However, I can confirm that from the week commencing 8th March, Love Music Trust, Ministry4Sport and Forest Schools will all be starting back again. School club and lunch surveys have already been sent out. Parents' evening will take place remotely week commencing 22nd March. We have also slightly adjusted the stagger times – please see below.

Class 1 – 9.00am – 3.20pm

Class 2 – 9.10am – 3.30pm

Class 3 – 9.00am – 3.20pm

Class 4 – 8.50am – 3.10pm

Classes have all been doing activities for Fairtrade Fortnight which started on 22nd February. Class 1 has produced a Fairtrade poster (see below), and other class activities in school have included taste testing Fairtrade chocolate, exploring the journey of a cocoa bean, thinking about purchasing choices and focussing on choosing the world you want to live in. More information is available on Fairtrade, including some EYFS resources created by Mrs Jobbins, by following the link: [Climate, Fairtrade and You - Education Pack for Early Years | Fairtrade Schools](#).



For World Book Day next Thursday, we do hope all the children both at home and in school dress up. We have lots of activities planned for the day including a Kahoot quiz for Class 3 pupils. In Class 4 the children are preparing stories to read to their buddies and creating posters to tell their buddies why they love reading.

Other events coming up soon include World Maths Day on 3rd March, British Science Week which runs from 5th-14th March and Comic Relief Day on 19th March. The theme this year is Superheroes.

I am sending out three documents with this newsletter that I hope you find useful. The first is the DfE publication 'Schools coronavirus operating guidance from March 8th.' This document has been updated from September with all key sentences and amendments highlighted. The second document is entitled 'Stay at home and self-isolate' and is updated guidance from the PHE. The last document is from the local authority and discusses reducing transmission and improving safety in schools. The government has also updated its parents' guide and this can be accessed by cutting and pasting this web address into your browser: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

All that remains is for me to remind you that the PTA is holding a zoom meeting at 8pm tonight. Thank you all so much for your continued and much appreciated support.

With the warmest of wishes,

Mrs Walker.

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