

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

26th March 2021

Head's Message

As we break up on Thursday, this will be the last newsletter of this term. I hope your parents' evening appointments this week ran smoothly and were informative. When we reopen on 19th April, our new Christian Value will be Friendship. Attendance this week has been superb at 99.77% with three days at 100%. There has certainly been a wonderful feeling of spring in the air, which will hopefully continue next week after the clocks go forward on Sunday to mark the start of British summertime. Highlights this week have included the wonderful reflection activities that took place across school, odd socks everywhere and the magnificent cello playing on Wednesday afternoon. Today's Forest School sessions were also rather fun. It just remains for me to wish you a very peaceful Easter, as we approach Palm Sunday. Our Easter celebration will be sent to you via a private YouTube link next week.

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Luke 24 1:7

Easter Story at St Oswald's

This weekend, a walkthrough representation of the Easter story will be re-created in the churchyard at St Oswald's. It will be available from Palm Sunday to Easter Monday. There will be five different areas representing the arrival in Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Crucifixion and the Tomb. Story cards will be placed in each area telling the Easter story along with some fun 'I Spy' questions and Prayer activities. Children and their families are invited to walk through and explore, anytime during the week. There will be reminders to keep socially distanced.

Fundraising by Poppy in Class 3

In February, Poppy decided she was going to participate in the 'Walk All Over Cancer' challenge. She pledged to walk 10,000 steps every day in March to raise money for Cancer Research UK. To date Poppy has raised a staggering £415 for the charity. Well done Poppy!

Gingerbread Socks

Each year we take part in a sale of ginger bread socks to support Cheshire Down Syndrome Support Group. This year, we were saddened to learn that the usual gingerbread socks would not be available due to coronavirus restrictions. However, our lovely catering team at Cheshire East kindly baked, decorated and donated 120 gingerbread socks for us to sell in school. This fantastic gesture allowed us to raise more than £42 for the CDSSG.

Comic Relief

As an update, your generous donations raised £168 for this year's Comic Relief appeal.

DfE Contact Tracing at Easter

The DfE have asked that schools continue to contact trace for six days following the end of term. Information provided by the DfE is as follows: We need to ask schools to continue with contact tracing over Easter, similar to the arrangements over Christmas. Staff, students, parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 2 days of being in their education setting.

If you need to report a positive case please email: head@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Please note after Easter Class 2 will be having swimming and tennis lessons. Forest Schools will continue with Year 6 and Class 2 and 3 accessing the provision. Love Music Trust and Spanish will continue, with LMT increasing their tutoring hours. Further details about all these activities will be sent out by the office.

PTA Balloon Race

The PTA have organised a virtual balloon race for the whole school to take part in. The race started on Thursday, and will finish on the last day of term at noon. You can access the balloon race at <https://www.balloonrace.com/BSJPTA>

Coronavirus Advice

Can we politely remind you that masks should be worn at all times on the school site, that you should remain 2 metres away from other families and leave the school site as quickly as possible. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

As a reminder, please do not send your child into school if they have **any** of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours and/or
- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back (if a temperature cannot be taken) and/or
- A loss, or change, to their sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have finished our learning about space. We focused on constellations and their formation, creating beautiful art work with stars and chalks.

In literacy, we read Astro Girl and focused on the pages about star gazing. We wrote sentences about what we'd most like to see in space.

In maths, we learnt all about the census and we voted for our favourite fruits and colours. We learnt how to record using a tally chart.

News from Class 2

This week, in literacy, we have continued with our class book “What we’ll build”. We have looked at the website ‘young inventors’ and have come up with our own inventions to help us with day to day life. We have had a look at tunnels and have done some writing based on ‘a tunnel leading to anywhere’. In maths, we have looked at mastering column addition and subtraction and counting in 2s/5s/10s confidently. In IPC, we have made our own habitats glossary and started to sort and classify animals into different categories.

News from Class 3

This week, in literacy, we have continued our work on ‘The Lion and the Unicorn’. We have created a story based on this book. We made sure to include lots of beautiful description that used similes and personification. In maths, we have looked at adding fractions. We have enjoyed our new IPC topic ‘Gateways to the World’. We designed a persuasive holiday brochure. In RE, we have started to look at the Easter story focusing on the events of the last supper.

News from Class 4

This week, we have been completing end of term assessments in reading, maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar. In IPC, we have been researching the use of illuminated letters in manuscripts, exploring their history and features and designing our own. We also had assemblies linked to Down's Syndrome awareness on Monday and reflection day on Tuesday.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week in P.E, we played superhero games continuing our focus on coordination, special awareness and taking turns.

Class 2 – In PE, we have learnt how to safely play invasion games.

Class 3 – In Netball, were putting into practice our attacking and defending knowledge.

Class 4 – In PE, we practised our passing, attacking and defending skills in netball. We then used these skills in matches.

Star Performers

Class 1: Henry Langridge

Class 2: Theo Dixon and Henrietta Lock

Class 3: Freddie Aaron and Bunny Oakes

Class 4: James Arnott and Leo Whitehead

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