

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Friendship

*"Some friendships do not last, but some friends are more loyal than brothers."  
Proverbs 18:24*

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### Head's Message

Good afternoon, I hope you have all had a lovely week. It has been nice to get a break from the rain and sleet today. We now have six healthy chicks delighting Class 1 after they all hatched this week. We will ensure that all the children get the chance to meet the new arrivals. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed their cricket session this week, which was kindly provided by the Cheshire Cricket Board. Next week is National Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme is nature. All classes will be taking part. Next week our Wellbeing Ambassadors in Year 5 will do their second Teams meeting with Tytherington High School.

### Parent Governor Elections

We are pleased to announce we have two candidates standing for election to be a parent governor at St John's. Thank you to Andrew Selwood and Alison Grimshaw for putting themselves forward. On Monday we will be sending ballot packs to all parents. Voting will close at midday on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please read the instructions carefully as your ballot must be returned to us in two envelopes in order for it to be counted. Also please note you only have one vote as we only have one vacancy. Regardless of the number of children you have in school, each parent has one vote and so the ballot papers will be sent home with the oldest sibling. Ballots can be returned to school via your child or they can be posted.

### Leavers' Play

Class 4 are working really hard on their end of year Leavers' Play. They will be performing this on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. As the DfE have not updated the guidance for schools, we are unable to confirm how this performance will be staged, but whatever the regulations are at the time, all parents of children in Class 4 will be invited to attend.

### Covid-19 Appeal for India

We are proud to be joining other schools in Macclesfield in a sponsored silence in order to raise money to support the Covid-19 relief effort in India. We will be holding our sponsored silence on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May, and we are asking for donations to be brought to school that day. All money raised will be going to Oxfam so they can get oxygen straight to the hospitals that need it most. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **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. Please come to school at your allotted time. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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 welcomed six beautiful chicks. The children have loved seeing them hatch and holding them. We have continued our focus on the story of 'Hattie Peck', and we have written about why we thought she was a heroine. We have learnt all about life cycles and watched our caterpillars as they turned into chrysalis. In maths, we have focused on number lines and finding the missing teen number.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, in literacy, we have made story mountains for our class story, 'Pig the Pug'. We have begun creating our own versions of the story by picking a new main character and creating a fact file about them. In maths, we have continued to explore shape. We have counted sides, vertices and faces of different shapes and focused on spelling the tricky shape words. In IPC, we have created an electricity glossary and begun exploring some electrical inventions. We have researched some famous inventors and created a time line of their work. We also made a full circuit with our bodies to show how electricity moves! It demonstrated how important the wires are to let the electricity flow through them.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, we have continued to enjoy our topic of 'Temples, Tombs and treasures'. The children have created beautiful artwork and turned themselves into a pharaoh. We have also researched Ancient Egyptian Gods. In English, we have started to plan our story based on our class book 'Cinderella of the Nile'. In maths, the children have looked at money and converting between pounds and pence.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been focusing the properties of regular and irregular polygons. We have also been practising drawing shapes by measuring accurately, including measurement of angles. In English, we have been revising the use of apostrophes for both contraction and possession, and we have started reading our new class novel, Anthony Browne's King Kong. In IPC, we have learned numbers up to 20 in French, and we have been exploring famous French landmarks and sketching them. We have looked at the artist, Leonid Afremov, and the techniques he uses in his artwork and the atmosphere he creates.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – We had such a fun (and very wet!) cricket session this week for our P.E. We learnt how to throw and catch the ball and even had a go at bowling the ball at the wicket.

Class 2 – In PE, the children participated in athletics, they practiced their standing long jump, using arms to swing and the bending of their knees to push off. The children also enjoyed kurling and boccia, with targets to aim at, and learning how to roll with accuracy.

Class 3 – In PE, we had a great cricket session and learnt lots of new skills. We learnt how to hold the bat correctly, fielding skills and how to aim/throw the ball at the wickets.

Class 4 – We played a full game of rounders. We split into two teams and took turns batting and fielding. We then practised throwing javelins for Athletics. As it rained, we came inside and played noughts and crosses using hoops.

### **Star Performers**

Class 1: Seth Davies

Class 2: Theo Dixon and Harry Palazzo

Class 3: Stella Simpson and Raphael Palazzo

Class 4: Arley Stevenson and Olivia O'Sullivan

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