

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*

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Head's Message

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to cast their vote in our upcoming parent governor election. Please note that voting will stop at midday on Monday, so if you still wish to vote, make sure you do so on Monday morning. We were very grateful for a large donation of card off Slater Harrisons paper mill this week. We can't thank them enough for contacting us. This week I forwarded the changes in the DfE guidelines for schools, following the Prime Minister's press conference. In reality our operations at school will barely change at this point, but we are still hopeful that Step 4 of the roadmap will see more restrictions lifted. This week all classes participated in activities around nature, as this was the theme for this years 'Mental Health Awareness Week'. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors also had their second training session with Tytherington High School. On Tuesday next week, Class 4 will be taking part in a STEM electric grid power challenge. Finally, next week is 'Walk to School Week'. Let's hope the weather is kind allowing lots of families to take part.

### Thy Kingdom Come

On Monday, Beverley from St Oswald's will be setting up a socially distanced prayer station at school so that all the children can visit during the day. This coincides with Ascension Day (which was yesterday), marking 40 days since Easter Sunday, and commemorating Jesus Christ's ascension into Heaven. The Church of England is joining with other Christian denominations around the world as part of Thy Kingdom Come 2021, a global prayer movement. Thy Kingdom Come runs between Ascension and Pentecost, and this year takes place from 13<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### School Photos

Just a reminder that the Class and Leavers' photos will be taken by Playground Portraits on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. In case of bad weather, the reserve date is set for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### 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 received an exciting delivery of dinosaur bones. We have worked all week trying to piece them all back together and decide which dinosaur they belong to. We have written letters back to the professor to share our ideas. In maths, we have created numberlines up to 20 using numicon. We continue to practise our number bonds to 10. In IPC, we have created dinosaur skeleton pictures and as part of Mental Health Week, we created a joint piece of art with a focus on the 'big feelings' we all have.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, in literacy, we have written our own versions of 'Pig the Pug' using our new characters. We have turned these into mini books and designed our own front covers. In maths, we have finished our shape topic by looking at the shape of the faces on 3D shapes and finding horizontal and vertical lines of symmetry. In IPC, we have finished our torches and practised using them in the dark. We have drawn our own houses and labelled all of the electrical appliances in them, and we have looked at different types of energy, sound, light and heat. To mark mental health week, we have looked at trees and made a giant tree with our bodies, with each part of the tree representing a different aspect of our lives.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, Class 3 have continued to enjoy our topic of 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures'. Children have mummified an orange and started to create a canopic jar. In English, we have created story based on our class book, 'Cinderella of the Nile'. In maths, we have continued to look at money. In RE, we have looked at Jewish celebrations.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have looking at nets of 3D shapes and exploring how different nets can be used to make the same 3D shapes. We have also been revising long multiplication for up to four-digit numbers multiplied by two-digit numbers. In English, we have continued reading our new class novel, Anthony Browne's King Kong, and we have been writing letters in role as Ann Darrow, one of the main characters in the story. In IPC, we have learned the colours in French, and we have continuing exploring the work of the artist, Leonid Afremov, and creating our own artwork inspired by his unique style and technique.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – In PE, the children took part in target practice and agility games.

Class 2 – In tennis, the children continued to practise controlling the ball on a racket and also played a game to practise swinging and stopping the ball.

Class 3 – In circuit training, the children were focusing on agility and endurance. They used different objects to work different body parts. In bench ball, the children were developing their throwing and catching skills, they then worked in teams in a tournament.

Class 4 – This week, as it was raining, we played benchball in the hall. We split into 4 teams and had matches. We also played a version of Simon Says, clapping when the ball bounced on the floor. Adelphi and Clarence house won.

### **Star Performers**

Class 1: Austin Aincham

Class 2: Megan Clare and Kit Cotton

Class 3: Jemima Oakes and Jessica Walton

Class 4: Scarlet Selwood and Jamie Fitzmaurice

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