

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

I must start by thanking Beverley from St Oswald's for spending a socially distanced day with us on Monday, and erecting prayer stations in the hall for all the children to visit. It gave them a welcome chance to reflect and think about world issues. Class 4 took part in a live STEM lesson provided by the National Grid. They were challenged to create a circuit that would support multiple LED lights. Class 2, avoiding the rain, had their tennis lesson in the hall this week. We are all hoping that soon the weather will be good enough to allow them to practise their skills outside. This week, school took delivery of new musical instruments, including steel drums. We hope they all get put to good use very soon. Teachers from Tytherington will be onsite on Tuesday morning to start the CAT4 tests with the Year 6 children who will attend that High School. Finally, thank you to both Mrs Grimshaw and Mr Selwood for standing in the recent parent governor elections. Mr Selwood was elected parent governor, but we are so grateful to both candidates for their desire to support and serve our school.

### LA Request

We cannot thank you enough for your understanding, patience and support of our coronavirus protocols and procedures as we navigate the DfE guidelines through this pandemic. However, the local authority has asked all schools to emphasise to our communities the need to remain cautious at present. There has been a slight increase in cases over the past two weeks and there are confirmed cases of the Indian variant in Cheshire East. Schools are being asked to stay vigilant, especially in light of the new variant.

### School Photos

Due to the bad weather, Playground Portraits were unable to take the Class and Leavers' photos on Thursday, and will therefore try again next Thursday. Please ensure Class 4 come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kits to change into.

### Covid-19 Appeal for India

We will be holding our sponsored silence from 10am on Monday, and 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. Many in Class 4 are determined to stay silent all day! 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 have focused on the story, 'Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs'. We linked this to PSHE and our own experiences of feeling shy. In maths, we have used ten frames to help us with addition sums. We are getting better at noticing the patterns on the ten frame to help us subitise. We have enjoyed linking different dinosaurs to their skeletons and fossils this week which led to us creating our own fossils out of clay.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, in literacy, we have written our own rhyming blurbs to accompany our stories. We have also received a letter from 'Pig the Pug' asking us to help him write his new collection of stories. We have written reply letters and moved onto using prepositions to label a picture and write our own sentences. In maths, we have started our fractions topic and so far investigated halves, thirds and quarters of shapes. Towards the end of the week, we have introduced fractions of amounts. In IPC, we have been comparing electrical appliances from the past and sorting them into groups. We also used the National Grid resources to make our own circuits out of play dough.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, we have continued to enjoy our topic of 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures'. The children have created their own canopic jars and a timeline showing the different pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. In literacy, we have completed and published our story based on our class book 'Cinderella of the Nile'. In maths, children have looked at how to subtract using counting up.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have revising long multiplication and division methods, and addition of fractions by finding a common denominator. In English, we have continued reading our new class novel, Anthony Browne's King Kong, and we have been exploring how the author uses language and their writing style to create an atmosphere. In IPC, we have learned how to ask someone their name and say our names in French, and we have also learned how to ask and respond to the question, 'How are you?'. We have also continued creating our artwork inspired by Leonid Afremov, and compared his cityscapes to L.S. Lowry's.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, the children continued to practise their throwing and catching, and then they played some balancing games.

Class 2 – In PE, the children enjoyed practising their ball and racket skills and playing mini tennis tournaments.

Class 3 – In rounders, the children played a game, focusing on batting and fielding skills. In athletics, the children learnt and then practised some throwing techniques.

Class 4 – This week, as it was raining, we practised Boccia and curling in the hall. We split into four teams and had two teams compete in each sport. We also played dodgeball in our house teams.

**Star Performers**

Class 1: Jack Robinson

Class 2: Hugo Williams-Spalding and Natalia Walton

Class 3: Matilda Lock and Max Spalding-Williams

Class 4: Bethany Wightman and Oliver Kershaw

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