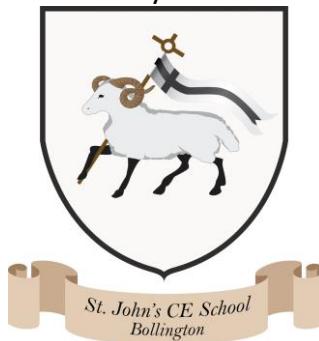


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Primary School



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'Christian Value' – Service

'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Mark 10:45

19th May 2017

Head's Message

Well done to all the Year 2 children who sat their tests so beautifully this week, we are very proud of you all. This week in school our Head of School Council children were invited to attend a Safeguarding Meeting organised by the Cheshire East Safeguarding Team, and tasked to help build a safeguarding website. They are doing a splendid job! Builders working on the houses on Grimshaw Lane kindly gave us two van loads of wood, so we will be putting that to good use in our Woodland School. The children attended a very informative assembly on recycling and dogs on Tuesday, led by an Enforcement Officer from Cheshire East; the PowerPoint has been put on the website (under Virtual Office/Community Links). I am also attaching our new school prospectus to this home contact, and the prospectus is also available to view on the school website. This is the last newsletter this half term, and this time next week our Year 6 residential in Merchants Hill will be under way. May I wish you all a very restful half term and inform you that our next Christian Value is Compassion.

Class Structures in September

I am writing to inform you of the class structures for September.

Class 1 (Reception) – Mrs Jobbins

Class 2 (Year 1&2) – Mrs Stout

Class 3 (Year 3&4) – Mr Timmis

Class 4 (Year 5&6) – Mrs Watson

There will be TA support in each class.

I am delighted to announce that Mr Daniel Timmis will be joining us in September. Mr Timmis plans to attend numerous school events before the end of the year, so that the children have the opportunity to meet him. He will be with us for our move up afternoon on 17th July. However this does mean we are saying a very sad goodbye to Miss Hammersley, who we will all miss very much, as will all the children.

Debating and Stay, Play and Pray

Please note some year 5 children will be visiting Bollington Cross on Wednesday to take part in the Stellar Debating Competition. There will be a number of days to attend – this one is just to plan the debates. Also parents and friends are reminded of Stay, Play and Pray on Tuesday in Reception class, which you are all welcome to attend.

Come and Play with the Hallé

We are very grateful to the PTA for subsidising the cost of the trip to take the Year 5 children to the Bridgewater Centre in Manchester to play with the Hallé orchestra. It will be a wonderful, once in a lifetime opportunity for the children and we are sure they will thoroughly enjoy the experience. Permission slips to be returned by Wednesday 7th June, thank you.

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Class Trips

Our Year 5 pupils are off to the Chill Factore on Monday 5th June, which looks to be an amazing trip, please ensure permission slip/payment is returned as soon as possible. Class 1 and 2 are going to the Blue Planet Aquarium on Thursday 8th June to reinforce some of their learning about oceans and seas this half term, please ensure you have returned your payment/slip with lunch choices by Tuesday 23rd May. Class 3 are having an outdoor education day at the Quinta Nature Reserve on Thursday 22nd June, please can slips/payment be returned by Tuesday 6th June. Spare trip letters are always available from the school office.

Academies

Academy letters have now gone home with the children. Please return them by Monday with your child's name on the top of the form. We will inform you next week of the Academy your child has been placed into.

Co-op to Help Raise Funds for PTA

It's not too late to sign-up to help the Co-op raise much needed funds for the school. Please visit the co-op website and follow the instructions: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/sign-in>

In school next week:

Tuesday – Hawaiian Lunch. Reception in Woodland School. Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm.

Wednesday – Year 5 debating competition at Bollington Cross.

Thursday – Cricket in Class 2 and 3.

Friday – Year 6 residential to Marchants Hill.

Curriculum update

Class 1 – This week we have continued to focus on mini beasts. We made scientific observations on the features of common mini beasts and we have made a bug hotel out of pallets, sticks and plant pots up at our Woodland School. In maths we have looked at doubling numbers to 20 and then beyond. We made flapjacks using the honey from the bees we met last week, they were delicious!

Class 2 – A huge congratulations this week to our Year two's who have worked extremely hard on their SATs. As a reward they enjoyed the afternoon at our very own Woodland School. Year one have been very busy working on designing, testing and building their own boats, they have also learnt how to do Morse code using circuits.

Class 3 – In maths, the children have been converting between different units of measure. In English, we have been writing and performing plays based on Roald Dahl's stories and in IPC, we looked at sweets through history and accidental inventions.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 have been writing persuasive speeches or letters about a chosen issue. In maths, we have been exploring spirals. In IPC, we have been continuing with our history projects.

Please remember that Family Communion is at St Oswald's on Sunday 21st May at 10.30am.

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