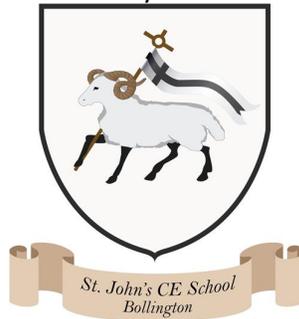


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## 'Christian Value' – Reverence

*'Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.'*

*1 Samuel 12:24*

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Head's Message

Welcome back to a brand new school term, where we are delighted to welcome 17 wonderful new Reception starters. They have fitted in beautifully already. Across the school children have been picked to represent School Council and the Ethos Group, and leaders of our four houses have been chosen. We are also delighted to announce that this year our Head Boy is Jack and our Head Girl is Mia; Head of School Council is Oliver and Head of the Ethos Group is Tom M. Finally a note of thanks to teachers and teaching assistants and especially Mr Morrall, who worked very hard over the holidays to ensure the classrooms were looking wonderful for the new term.

### Diary Dates and After School Clubs

The Diary Dates sheet has gone out so please check it carefully as all school and class information is listed on it, including Parent's Evening dates. The After School Club letter will be with you shortly.

### INSET Day

Staff had a very productive INSET day, where we were joined by Sue Glover, a consultant for the Diocese. Governors attended the afternoon and key priorities were set for the coming year. Details of our School Development Plan objectives will be available on a newsletter shortly.

### Reception Class Information

Rev Veronica will be welcoming the new Reception children in a special worship on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. Family and friends are all invited.

### Website and Twitter

Remember the website and twitter feeds are updated regularly. To make sure you have all the up to date information, including photographs of all the exciting things the children are doing; please visit [www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk](http://www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk) and @bollstjohns

### In school next week:

Monday – Mrs Walker at an Emotionally Healthy Conference.

Tuesday – Mrs Dooley and Fidler Music start.

Wednesday – Welcome for new Reception class at 2.30pm.

Friday – Swimming starts in Class 4.

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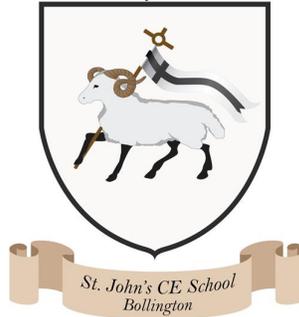
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## Curriculum update

**Class 1** – We have had a busy first week in Reception. We have spent time exploring our classroom and outside space as well as getting to know one another.

The children have decided on some important rules for our classroom and these will be displayed next week.

Outside we found lots of wild flowers, some of which were poppies. We brought some inside along with some dried seed pods so that we could draw them. The children then took the seed pods apart and we sprinkled the seeds outside.

We have also visited our orchard and discovered a bumper crop of apples this year! We have collected some apples and we tasted the different varieties. The children have had lots of ideas for cooking with apples so watch this space!

**Class 2** – This week in Class two we have been familiarising ourselves with our new classroom and new class routines. We have started our new IPC topic 'The magic Toymaker' and we have designed our own toyboxes. We have been learning all about ourselves and what makes us special. We have talked about our feelings and discussed what to do if we are feeling worried. We are looking forward to starting our maths and literacy work next week.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, we have focused on place value. We have now started our 'Scavengers and Settlers' topic. In literacy, we are reading Stone Age Boy. In our topic lessons, we have researched what life was like in the stone age and created our own outdoor stone age shelters.

**Class 4** – What a fantastic first week back for Class 4! We have written our class contract, agreeing our expectations for the year. We have started work on place value in maths, and, in English, we have started our first unit, focusing on 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. We have also made double helices as an entry point for our new IPC topic, 'Out of Africa'.

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