

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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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*

29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Head's Message

It has been a delight to go into all the classes this week and see all the children so beautifully behaved and working hard. Many of the children have been practising for our Harvest Service, and what a treat it has been to watch them. You are all most cordially invited to the Harvest Service at St Oswald's on Sunday at 10.30am. Next week Class 1&2 have toy workshop on Thursday and Class 4 have an afternoon Habitats Workshop led by the Bollin Valley.

### Harvest

We hope you can all join us at our Harvest Festival at St Oswald's on Monday at 2pm. The children can be taken home following the service. Please see the order of service which is being sent out with this newsletter. A collection will be taken during the final hymn.

### Dog Request

Please can we politely remind you that dogs should not be brought onto the school property at any time of the day. We are dealing with an increasing amount of incidents relating to dog poo on our yard, and so would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

### Class 2 Appeal

If you have any play dough or play dough equipment that you no longer need or use, please consider donating it to Mrs Stout. She would be most grateful for anything you could spare.

### Schools Dates

Please be aware that the website is constantly being updated with events and pictures. New dates are added to the calendar constantly, so make sure you are checking it out at [www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk](http://www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk)

### In school next week:

Monday – Harvest at St Oswald's at 2pm. C4 afterwards.

Wednesday – Mrs Walker at an Emergency Planning Meeting at Crewe.

Thursday – Toy workshop for Class 1&2 and Habitats Workshop for Class 4.

Friday – Mrs Walker at an Emotionally Healthy School conference. PTA AGM at school at 3.30pm.

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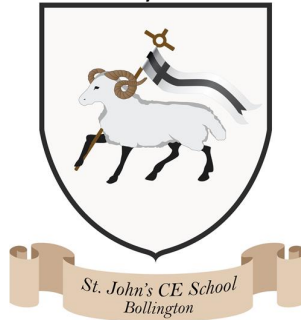
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**Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have been investigating our body and skeleton. We have made large scale skeletons outside, made bones with plasticine and made skeleton pictures at the craft table.

In Literacy we have focussed on matching CVC words with pictures as we learn to segment and blend.

In Maths we have been ordering objects by size and continuing with measuring.

**Class 2** – This week in Literacy we have been sequencing the story of Dogger and making our own moving Dogger's. We have also looked at 'Bossy' verbs. In maths we have been looking at money and recognising the value of coins. In IPC we have been looking at the artist Peter Blake and recreating his famous painting 'The toyshop'.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, we have focussed on properties of shapes. We explored the school grounds to discover and label different shapes using mathematical vocabulary. In our topic 'Scavengers and Settlers' we have solved a 5500 year old murder mystery of Ötzi the ice man. In literacy, we are developing writing techniques that will help us to write a really exciting myth.

**Class 4** – This week, in class 4, we have been looking at different methods of subtraction, focusing on counting up to calculate change and column subtraction for more difficult calculations. In English, we have been role playing a scene from our current class novel and have been writing explanations about how living things have evolved over time, linked to our current IPC topic. We have also been preparing artwork for our whole school harvest celebration next Monday.

**Sports news:**

Class 1 have been learning about the heart and what happens to it when we do exercise. They also built a model of the heart. Meanwhile, Class 2 have been using music to explore movements and balance. Class 3 used their netball skills in competitive matches and also learning to officiate netball matches and Class 4 have been using music as part of fitness sessions and looking at developing stages of movement.

Afterschool clubs have also started with Table Tennis and Archery.

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