

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*

6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Head's Message

Thank you to the PTA members who joined us for the PTA AGM last Friday. The PTA play such an important role in our school, both raising much needed funds and also organising events, such as film nights, that ensure the children have magical primary school experiences. However, at present, a small group of people are running a huge amount of events. Due to active PTA members being sparse, they are unable to hold the usual Toy Sale in October. So if any parents, new or old, have some time to spare, please speak to the PTA Chair Claire Beardmore or Treasurer Ric Cotton, as we would really appreciate more volunteers.

### Toy Making and Habitat Workshop

It was an extremely busy Thursday with Class 1&2 having a wonderful visit from a toymaker. Each child made a toy of their own, and they will all be on display at the Parent's Worship on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Additionally Class 4 had a sustainability workshop led by a ranger from the Bollin Valley.

### Parent's Worship and Stay, Play and Pray

We have our first Parent's Assembly next Friday, and hope that you can all join us to celebrate the marvellous achievements of the children. Tea and coffee will be available from 2.30pm and the worship will start at 3pm. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October Reception parents are invited to join their children at 3pm for Stay, Play and Pray.

### Two Diary Dates

Please be advised of these additional diary dates. Year 4 will have Bikeability Level 1 on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, where the children are being asked to bring a bottle or gift for the Christmas Fayre tombola.

### Multiplication Tables

The Department for Education (DfE) recently announced that Year 4 children will be sitting a multiplication tables test in 2019/20 (the current Year 2 children.) In the National Curriculum, children should know all their tables by the end of Year 4. To help your child at home, we recommend an app called Maths Rockx.

### Twitter

As well as uploads on the website, there are frequent school updates posted on twitter at @bollstjohns

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**In school next week:**

Monday – Mrs Walker at RE meeting in the afternoon.

Tuesday – Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm.

Wednesday – FGB meeting at 6.30pm.

Friday – Parent's Worship starting with tea and coffee at 2.30pm.

**Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week we have focussed on our senses. We did a smell test where we tried to recognise the smell and then decide if we like it or not. In maths we have been learning how to be careful counters. On Thursday we enjoyed a magical day with the toy makers – please check the gallery for photos.

**Class 2** – This week in English we have sequenced and written a set of instructions as to how to clean and fix 'Woody' from Toy story. In maths we have been looking at the values of different coins and how to add them up. In IPC we have had our exciting toy making workshop and made some fantastic wooden toys. The children learnt how to use hammers and drills safely and learnt about the history of their toys. We will keep the toys in school until next week's parents' assembly when we will show them as a class. The children will then be free to take them home.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, we created 3D shapes before moving on to improve our mental doubling and halving. In our topic of 'Scavengers and Settlers' we have started to research the first civilisations looking at the Fertile Crescent, the Indus Valley and the River Nile. In literacy, we are using all of our literacy tools to create our own myth.

**Class 4** – This week, class 4 have been exploring properties of shapes, including symmetry and parallel lines. The year 6 children have been investigating the relationship between radius, diameter and circumference. In English, we have completed our work on our class novel and have been writing play scripts for one of the scenes and performing and evaluating them. In IPC, we have been looking at adaptations of living things linked to their environments, and we also had a fantastic sustainability workshop on Thursday afternoon.

**Sports news:**

Class 1 have been working on balance using balance beams and archery to work on co-ordination and following instructions. Meanwhile, Class 2 have been doing fitness workouts using music and developing movement patterns. Class 3 took part in an inter-house basketball competition and skills session. Well done all the children in Clarence who were the winners and Class 4 have been taking part in fitness sessions to work on movement, agility and co-ordination.

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