

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Creation

'Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.'

Genesis 2:3

17th November 2017

Head's Message

Two weeks into term and already there has been so much going on and so much to look forward to in the coming weeks. Please ensure you check home contacts for up to date information. My visit to China was a huge success and has now partnered the St John's with Shuanghua Primary School in Chengdu, China, through a Memorandum of Understanding. Teachers are constantly updating the website with wonderful photographs of what the children have been up to. Please make sure you check out the 'News' and 'Gallery' sections. Finally all classes have had activities linked to Anti-Bullying Week, which was this week.

International Children's Rights Day

Children in Class 4 will be taking over the school next Monday in support of the International Day of Children's Rights. The pupils have written application letters for all school jobs – including mine! They were then interviewed and will be in post all day.

Cabbage Science

Class 4 had a super day of chemistry fun on Monday. The Cabbage Science Company was so good that we have already re-booked them for a whole school event.

Millie's Trust First Aid

The Year 5 and 6 children have taken part in First Aid training supplied by Millie's Trust. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn important life skills.

Parent's Assembly

Today Class 4 is hosting a Parent's assembly. As it is Children in Need day the PTA have very kindly agreed to split the proceedings between this cause and Millie's Trust. It is always a joy when the children host the assembly and let parents know what they have been up to.

Church Matters

On Wednesday I had the pleasure to show Chris Penn, the Director of Education at the Diocese, around our wonderful school. Rev Veronica accompanied us. He had a school tour and met our Ethos Group. We have had the pleasure of Rev Veronica's company a lot this week as she came to visit Reception on Monday and Class 4 children attended Eucharist on Thursday.

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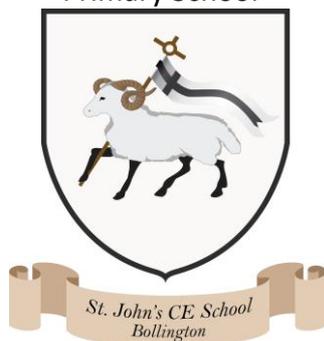
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In school next week:

Monday – Celebration of Children's International Rights Day.

Tuesday – Mrs Walker at Head's Meetings. Mr Timmis at NQT conference.

Wednesday – Tytherington Music Workshop.

Thursday – Mrs Walker at Safeguarding Course.

Friday – Mrs Walker and Mrs Watson on ASP training from 1.15pm.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have put our learning about 2D shapes into action; we have been making shapes on a small and large scale and recalling their properties. In Literacy we started to look at our new story, 'It was a cold dark night'. We decided to design and make a hedgehog house to have in our garden. We listened to a story that focussed on anti bullying and we talked about how to be a good friend.

Class 2 – This week in Literacy we have learnt how to write a letter. We have written a letter to Don Mini from The Minpins. In maths we have looked at odd and even numbers and finding the difference using from jumps. We have also been thinking about anti-bullying week. We have talked about what the word bullying means and watched some of the fantastic short films about anti-bullying on the Literacy Shed. We have introduced our new e-books for the children to read at home the details have been sent out in a home contact and some children have already been enjoying them at home. We would love for all the children to take the time to access this fantastic resource.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, we have looked at time and representing data using bar graphs. In our topic of 'Chocolate' we have looked at how and where cacao is grown. We have started a science experiment looking at the effectiveness of chocolate wrappers. As part of anti-bullying week we have completed a philosophy investigation and considered how we can be better friends. In literacy, have started to read Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We have created and acted out a play script where we found a golden ticket.

Class 4 – This week we have been consolidating our learning about place value in maths. In English, we have been planning and beginning to write stories. In IPC, we have been writing letters to give advice to children who are having problems with bullying, as part of anti-bullying week. We have had a really busy week! On Monday, we had a visit from 'Chemistry with Cabbage', and, on Tuesday, Millie's Trust visited to give us first aid training. We also went to the Eucharist Service at St Oswald's on Thursday morning, and we have been preparing our class assembly on 'Global Values' for Friday.

Sports news – Class 1 have been learning some first aid and their movements in fencing, Class 2 have been learning some first aid and applying bandages on each other. Class 3 have been improving their knowledge of fencing and also using the boxing mits and Class 4 have been taking part in fencing matches and some basketball.

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