Bollington St. John's Church of England Primary School



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'Christian Value' – Friendship

'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for

one's friends.'

John 15:12-13

20th April 2018

Head's Message

What glorious weather to start the Summer term. I hope you all had a restful Easter; the children have certainly come back into school with a spring in their step. We have had an exciting week already. Class 2 had a wonderful trip to Liverpool on Tuesday to visit the Terracotta Warriors. While in the museum we also managed to visit the aquarium, the dinosaurs, the mummies and the space exhibit. The day was rounded off by a rather marvellous workshop. Class 4 have attended Tytherington to take part in a Science Festival, and had an afternoon music lesson delivered by the High School. Reception and Year 1 started their swimming lessons today.

Thank you from Young Voices

Young Voices have emailed this thank you: 'Year on year your continued support of Young Voices helps us raise a huge amount of money and food for our chosen charities <u>TEENAGE CANCER TRUST</u> and <u>FareShare</u> (feeding disadvantage children and adults across the UK). We would like to share this special news that our last Young Voices concert tour raised <u>£98,102.95</u> in bucket collections for Teenage Cancer Trust. Fareshare have also asked us to say a massive thank you for donating <u>5,940 kilos</u> of food.'

Summer Weather

The weather has turned extremely warm this week, so please remember hats, sun cream and plenty of water.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs week commencing May 14th. Their first paper will be SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). Please ensure all the Year 6 children are well rested and in school this week. Details of the breakfast club we will be running for them will follow separately.

Diary Dates

The diary dates should be with you soon – my apologies we have not yet provided a date for Sports Day, but we are rather hopeful Mr Rutherford will lead it for us and we are waiting on dates from him. The dates may change or be updated, so please also keep an eye on the weekly newsletter, the website: <u>www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk</u> and the twitter feed: @bollstjohns.

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In school next week:

Monday – Mrs Walker at Science Quality Mark meeting. Tuesday – Mrs Walker and Mrs Watson at a Global Learning meeting. Wednesday – Class 4 House of Commons assembly and workshop. Friday – Rec and Year 1 swimming.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have focussed on 3D shapes in maths. We have found 3D shapes in our environment and sorted them according to name. In literacy we have read the story, The Tiny Seed. We have ordered the life cycle of a sunflower and talked about each stage. We have now set up our incubator and we have 6 eggs inside. The children are very excited about what might hatch out! We have now planted our vegetable seedlings into our allotment so they can enjoy the sunshine!

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been writing setting descriptions for the story of the Clocktower. In maths we have been doing column subtraction and learning how to borrow tens. In year one maths we have been doing ten more and ten less. In IPC we have had our exciting trip to the world museum in Liverpool where we were lucky enough to see some of the warriors from the Terracotta Army.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, have completed sums using Roman numerals. In literacy we have completed our Roman newspapers. In IPC, we have started our new topic of Land, Sea and Sky.

Class 4 – This week, class 4 have been working on reasoning involving our knowledge of place value and negative numbers. In English, we have been completing the final drafts of our stories based on 'The Princess' Blankets'. In RE, we have started our new unit on Hinduism. We have reflected on what we think are the key events in a person's life. We enjoyed a wonderful science morning at Tytherington High School and a singing session provided by the Head of Music at Tytherington. A busy first week back!

Sports News – Class 1 focussed on under and over arm throwing and the children were all excellent during their first swimming lesson! Class 2 enjoyed the fabulous sunshine and spent their PE session this week outside, getting involved in races, playing football and cricket! In PE this week, Class 3 have looked at stick skills in hockey. Class 4 have been developing their throwing and catching skills and playing Rounders.

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