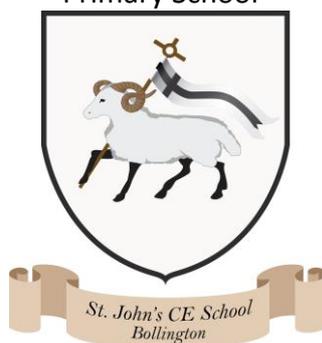


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## 'Christian Value' – Friendship

*'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*

27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Head's Message

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome Mrs Ollie Woodcock, a SIAMs inspector to St John's. It is always a joy to showcase our wonderful school to visitors, and I will hopefully be able to share the result of the church inspection with you very soon. As ever I am very grateful to the parents and governors, including Rev Veronica and Beverley, who were able to spare some time to meet the inspector. I also want to say a huge thank you to all the staff, and most importantly to all the children who, as ever, did us proud.

### House of Commons Assembly and Workshop

The school was treated to a House of Commons assembly on Wednesday, and then Class 3 and 4 had a special workshop. The learnt about the history of the voting process through time, the structure of Parliament and they held their own debate in the style of the House of Commons.

### Rev Veronica and National Child Measurement Programme

Rev Veronica will be leading whole school worship on Monday at 3pm. On Tuesday Reception and Year 6 will take part in the annual National Child Measurement Programme.

### Global Conference

Mrs Walker and Mrs Watson attended a Global Conference on Tuesday, where they gained some excellent ideas for the future. However, they were more impressed by how much Global Learning is already in place at St John's.

### Diary Dates

Except for Sports Day (come on Mr Rutherford!), diary dates have now been sent home and are on the calendar section of the website. Please also remember to check Spider messages and newsletters for any amendments or updates.

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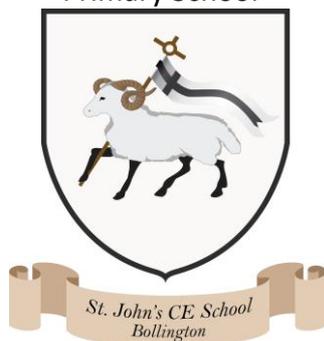
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**In school next week:**

Monday – Mrs Walker at a Mental Health conference. Rev Veronica worship at 3pm.

Tuesday – Mrs Walker at Tytherington Head's meeting. National Child Measurement Programme.

Wednesday – Governors meeting at 6pm.

Friday – Rec and Year 1 swimming.

**Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have continued our learning about 3D shapes. We have looked at the features of each 3D shape and sorted our collection of real life objects in to categories according to shape. We have candled our eggs after one full week in the incubator; we could see the embryo wriggling inside and all the blood vessels helping the embryo to grow. We have looked at the life cycle of a chicken and we watched a video that shows the development of a chick within the egg.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have continued with our class story, 'The storm whale'. We have created some seaside artwork based on the story and used captions and labels. We have also looked at the use of apostrophes for possession and contraction. In maths we have been doing place value and column addition with renaming. In IPC we have been learning about the Amazon rainforest and the different layers of the rainforest and which animals live in each layer. We have also done some Amazon inspired watercolour paintings and learnt about primary and secondary colours and to mix them successfully.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, we have looked at column subtraction and subtraction using frog method. In literacy we have started to look at persuasive writing and have used Zoo by Anthony Browne as our stimulus. In IPC, we have continued our new topic of Land, Sea and Sky by looking at some adaptations that animals have for their environment.

**Class 4** – In maths Class 4 have been working on short and long division problems. In English they have started work on their new class novel, the Invention of Hugo Cabret, by Brian Selznick. For IPC the children have been looking at making scale models of the planets. We discussed reincarnation in P4C.

**Sports News** – Class 1 looked at the sorts of races we might do on sports day and we practised our techniques. Class 2 have been doing batting skills and cricket. Year 3 have been practicing passing in basketball, whilst Year 4 visited Bollington Leisure Centre and enjoyed a fantastic squash session. Class 4 have been completing fitness circuits and playing a match of rounders.

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