

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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'Christian Value' – Community

'But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.'

1 John 1:7

19th October 2018

Head's Message

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parents' Evening sessions this week. I hope you were able to have a worthwhile discussion with your child's class teacher. Class 4 and I have been to Chester Cathedral today, on our Pilgrim visit. It has been a wonderful day and as always the children were amazing. They were equally amazing at Eucharist on Thursday. Tonight we have the second of our PTA discos, following the junior one last Friday. Thank you to all in the PTA for organising these events for the children. A huge well done to Harry in Class 4 who has won a place on the Macclesfield School FA under 11s district squad. Finally, this will be last newsletter this half term as next Friday is an INSET day. I hope you have a restful break and we will see you on Monday 5th November.

Open Day and 50th Birthday Celebrations

Next Thursday we will be holding an Open Day for new reception intake 2019, from 9.15-11.15am. In the afternoon we will be holding a special assembly to celebrate St John's turning 50! We are delighted to confirm that the Mayor and Mayoress of Bollington will be joining us for this special occasion. A wonderful evening event has also been organised by the PTA for past and present friends of the school, which is being held at 6pm on November 9th.

St Oswald's

Rev Veronica has invited all the children to a party on Monday to celebrate St Oswald's 110th birthday. The juniors will be going in the morning and the infants in the afternoon. We have decorated the church with wonderful artwork the children have completed to mark this special occasion.

Morning Request

Now that the novelty of the new play equipment has worn off, please can we ask that the children do not use it before the start of school. At present we are finding it difficult to keep the school mud free!

Uniform Reminder

May we politely remind you that boots, football shoes and leggings are not part of the school uniform. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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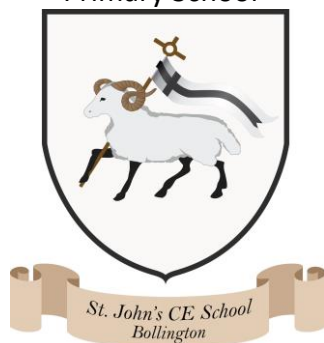
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Football News

Our football team played Beech Hall on Wednesday and we are delighted to report that they won 4-3. It was an excellent game, with some really super skills on display. Well done team St John's!

Drone Photography

We are delighted to report the drone photograph was a huge success and we hope to share the image with you shortly. We want to extend our thanks to Lunar Photography and Ellie Cotton for organising this.

Harvest Blessing

Reverend Hydon wishes to express her heartfelt thanks to you all for the very generous donation of £77.25, from our collection at last Friday's service. This will be added to the church's collection and sent to WaterAid.

In school next week:

Sunday – Communion and confirmation service at 10.30am at St Oswald's led by Bishop Libby.

Monday – St Oswald's birthday parties.

Tuesday – Committee 1&2 meeting.

Thursday – Open morning and 50th birthday assembly.

Friday – School is closed for INSET training.

WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER – Light party at St Oswald's at 5-6.30pm.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have focused on the story, It Was A Cold Dark Night. We have sorted a range of animals in to nocturnal and diurnal and learnt about which ones hibernate.

In maths we have looked really carefully at the numbers 3 and 4. We have used dice and numicon to make these numbers in lots of different ways.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been writing acrostic poems based on Autumn, we have also looked at letter writing skills and written letters to our pen pals at Bollington Cross. In maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction. In our topic work we have been investigating how our tongues work and labelling diagrams. We have tasted the four main tastes and decided which ones were our favourite.

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Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have looked at inverse operation and simple word problems. In literacy, children have created a non-chronological report based on Ancient Egyptian gods and pharaohs. In IPC, children have started to create their Egyptian death masks.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 have been looking at compact methods for multiplication and division in maths. In English we have been completing final drafts of our stories and researching the five decades St John's has been open on this site, in preparation for our celebration next Thursday. We also enjoyed visiting St Oswald's church for Eucharist and our trip to Chester Cathedral.

Sports News – This week we have had another excellent week of PE. Class 1 showed how well they could catch and throw in the morning together with some great gymnastic work on the mats in the afternoon. Class 2 had a great morning outside performing throwing and catching with a fab game of dodgeball to finish. In the afternoon they again showed how controlled they are on the gymnastic apparatus. Class 3 had an afternoon of hockey skills and hockey matches. Class 4 had a fitness circuit class full of boxing skipping press-ups and core work with hockey match play to finish in the afternoon. Plus a special mention to the boys and girls who represented the school in a football match against beech hall on Wednesday, a big well done.

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