

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Respect

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

8th October 2021

Head's Message

We had a wonderful Harvest Worship to start our week, with all the children taking part and Rev Nancy leading prayers. Thank you to everyone who sent in a food donation. These have all been gratefully collected by Hampers of Hope. We were delighted that Marcella was back in school this week, leading both Reception and Class 3 in their Forest School adventures. We also welcomed Rev Nancy and Beverley into school on Thursday to welcome all the children in Reception, who have just started their St John's journey. We have reached that time of year when we busily welcome families on show arounds, as parents prepare to choose a primary school for their 2022 Reception starter. Likewise, many of our Class 4 children are attending Open Day events at the local High School as they contemplate their transition too. Please remember you have to submit your High School application by the closing date of 31st October.

PCSO Assembly

Our PCSO Alex Camenzuli will be in school on Monday to deliver assemblies to the children in Key Stage 1 and 2. The assemblies will be focussed on Halloween and Bonfire Night safety. The PowerPoints from these assemblies will be placed as a news item on the website following the visit.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening meetings will take place next week. We still have a few parents who have not booked a meeting slot. If you would like an appointment you can still access the School Spider survey or contact the school office.

Pupils Starting Secondary School – September 2022

The application process to apply for a secondary school place for September 2022 opened on 1st September. To apply, please visit the 'Admissions and attendance' section on the Cheshire East website (www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/schools.aspx).

Covid-19 Advice

If your child has any of the main Covid-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell us the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is

negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

Updated Covid-19 Advice from the LA

Today the LA has updated their advice for household members of positive cases. The LA states: "Pupils who are household contacts are advised to stay at home for 5 days, limit social contact and get a PCR test before coming back to school. Eligible pupils to do daily LFTs (Lateral Flow Tests) on their return for remainder of the 10 day period."

School Uniform

Please could we politely remind you that there is an expectation all school children adhere to our school uniform. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have loved the words and illustrations in this week's book, 'Home' by Carson Ellis. We created our own collages of homes and discussed the similarities and differences between those in the book. In maths, we have been subitising numbers up to 3, with a focus on showing different arrangements through gestures and descriptions. In phonics, we have practised segmenting and blending 2 and 3 letter words and also learning several new sounds. A big thank you to Rev. Nancy and Beverley for visiting us and giving the Reception children an official welcome from the church.

News from Class 2

This week, in English, we have completed our own versions of our class story, 'The Journey Home'. We have written our own blurbs for the story and completed fact files for all of the animals involved. In maths, Year One have focused on one to one correspondence and ordering objects/numbers using the terms "greater than and less than". Year Two have worked on securing place value to 100 and representing 2-digit numbers in different ways. They have then ordered these numbers. In IPC, we have explored animals and their babies. We have learnt the names for baby animals and matched the animal babies to their parents.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have continued to enjoy our class book, 'The Tear Thief'. Children have written persuasive letters to Class 2. In maths, we have looked at rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In the second half of the week, children have focused on negative numbers. In our My Happy Mind session this week, children have looked at how the brain can respond to stressful situations. Class 3 have continued our topic of 'Scavengers and Settlers'. Children have researched Ancient Sumeria and Skara Brae.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have started our new unit on addition and subtraction. We have been focusing on adding two numbers in calculations involving more than one exchange and completing reasoning and problem-solving questions involving addition. In English, we have completed our work on 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. We have written a biography, ensuring we included all the key events in Philippe Petit's life. In IPC, in our topic 'What Price Progress?', we have been creating a timeline of significant technological advancements and have been exploring how new technologies can lead to social change.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE this week, the children focused on spatial awareness and controlling their movements, considering how fast and slow they travelled. The children played games that involved making groups of small numbers and checking quantities- a brilliant link to our maths this week!

Class 2 – This week, the children have taken part in target practice, aiming balls into hoops. They have also been practising their balance in a game of beanbag knockout. We finished with circuit training.

Class 3 – In football, the children were practising their dribbling techniques, and, in basketball, they were dribbling and passing, and they also played a game.

Class 4 – This week, we worked on our football and basketball skills, working in teams on various activities.

Star Performers

Class 1: Edith

Class 2: Henry and Olivia B

Class 3: Scott and Kit

Class 4: Rachel and Flynn

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