Bollington St. John's Church of England



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' - Joy

"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 16:24

5th July 2019

Head's Message

Unbelievably this was our last week of Academies, and next week the children will be showcasing what they have accomplished. We hope you can join us for this celebration, on Thursday at 9.15am. As usual the Enterprise Academy will be selling the items they have created, and so please do come with some pennies. We will also have a Global stall, where school council members will be selling items in aid of Frank, our sponsored child. Last Friday our swimming team competed in the Bollington gala, and I am delighted to report they secured seven second places and three fourths. Well done to them all. We had a very successful move up day on Monday, where we were also joined by some children joining us in September. Year 6 and Year 5 transition events took place this week, with all the children who attended enjoying their experience at High School. Please remember school clubs ended today.

Summer Fair

The PTA is working extremely hard on our Summer Fair, which will take place at school on Saturday 20th July. It has been some years since we had a Summer Fair at school, and with your continued support we know this will be a tremendously successful day. Friday 19th July has been allocated as a non-uniform day, for donations to the tombola.

School Uniform

During the summer you will be starting to prepare for the new school year and so we would just like to politely remind you of our school uniform. <u>Girls</u>: school branded jade polo shirt and either school branded cardigan or sweatshirt; grey skirt or trousers, grey/white socks or grey tights, black school shoes. Girls may also wear green and white checked gingham dresses in warmer weather. <u>Boys</u>: school branded jade polo shirt and either school branded cardigan or sweatshirt; grey trousers/shorts, grey socks and black school shoes. PE: school branded jade t-shirt/plain while t-shirt with black shorts and pumps (indoors) and a dark tracksuit and trainers (outdoors). Please note the following items are NOT school uniform and should not be worn in school: leggings, boots, football shoes and tights and cardigans of alternative colours. There must also be no hooded tops and no logos on the non-school branded items. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

Attendance

We are noticing a growing number of children are late in the morning, and coming into school via the main entrance. Please can we remind you the whistle is blown at 8.50am, and registration starts at 8.55am. Lessons start at 9am. Consistent late marks are picked up by the Education Welfare Officer when she checks the registers.

Building Work

The planned work on the new toilets will now start on the 15th July. On Tuesday we are having a Daily Mile route marked out on the big yard. You will also have noticed that resin has been put down underneath the new trim trail equipment, ensuring a consistent colour beneath the apparatus.

Etihad Stadium

The Year 6 football team is taking part in a tournament at the Etihad Stadium on Friday. They will have a late lunch when they return to school. A separate letter has been sent out; but please could the children be in school ready to depart at 8.30am.

Skills 4All

A free service supporting children aged 8-18 with a diagnosis of Autism, or who are struggling with communication and social skills, has been launched in Congleton. Skills 4All offers structured groups, led by a qualified Speech and Language Therapist; as well as social groups focusing on real life strategies. For more information please call 0333 323 1990 (option 1, then option 2).

In school next week:

Monday – Year 6 visit St Oswald's.

Tuesday - Fire Safety talk.

Wednesday – Year 6 talk with the school nurse.

Thursday – Academies showcase assembly at 9.15am. Please bring some money.

Friday – Year 6 to the Etihad Stadium. School reports will go home.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have focused on the story of the three little pigs. We have created story maps to help us retell the story. We have completed our clay houses, inspired by our research in to houses in different countries. Our clay houses have been finished off with a straw roof. In maths we have looked at the number 16 and different addition sums that total 16. We all enjoyed our transition session to Class Two this week.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have used verbs to write a descriptive piece of writing about the dragon machines we have designed. We have also looked at how to order adjectives correctly in order to make noun phrases. In maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction word problems and focusing on solving them independently. In IPC we have looked at space travel including the Apollo 11 mission and comparing Neil Armstrong to Tim Peake. We have also done some beautiful roses and castles oil pastel pictures inspired by our recent canal trip.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have worked on working out fractions of amounts. In literacy, children have completed their newspaper reports based on the book 'The Iron Man'. In IPC, children have thought about the link between the Earth's orbits of the Sun in relation to how we measure time.

Class 4 – This week, most of the Year 5s and 6s have been to transition events at Tytherington High School. In English, we have been continuing our work on our current class novel, 'The Templeton Twins have an idea' by Ellis Weiner. We have been writing diary entries and letters in role as the main characters. We have also been continuing with our rehearsals for the leavers' assembly.

Sports News – This week Class 1 and 2 have practiced ball skills and athletic events. Class 3 were at Bollington Health & Leisure for their last squash session. Stars have been nominated following last Friday's sports day.

Star class this week – All classes.

Class Stars – Class 1: Thomas, Class 2: Airon, Class 3: Leo, Class 4: Aaron.

Well done to all stars of the week.