

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Respect

*"Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves."*

*Philippians 2:3*

20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Head's Message

The highlight of my week was attending the Clonter Opera Theatre with Class 3. It was a wonderful day, with two workshops followed by a performance. However, the stars of the trip were definitely the children. Their behaviour and attitude throughout the day was exemplary. Many of you will have noticed the scaffolding which has gone up outside the main entrance. This is all part of the boiler installation work that we are having done, and should be finished in around two weeks. This year we took part in a trial of the new Reception Baseline, which comes into effect in 2020. All the children in Class 1 have been marvellous in completing this. This week Mrs Stout has attended cluster meetings relating to PSHE. School clubs started, and the Key Stage 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their first Spanish lesson with Miss Hofton. Finally, here are the main school development priorities for 2019-2020.

Key Priorities from the School Development Plan			
To continue to raise the profile and attainment of reading.	Ensure a global curriculum is embedded throughout the school as we work to achieve the International Schools Award.	To develop and implement a new PSHE framework with partnership schools, to form a comprehensive well-being strategy that links to our Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors programme.	Review guidance and write a new SRE Policy ready for statutory implementation in September 2020.

### PSCO Parking Message

As always, the PCSO will be splitting her time between Bollington Road, Grimshaw Lane and Albert Road to monitor parking at school pick up/drop off. The PCSO won't announce which location she will be at beforehand, but will endeavour to give an update afterwards on Bollington Police Facebook/Twitter. Please park considerately and avoid parking on the zig zags and obstructing pavements/driveways/junctions. Vehicles parking in such a manner risk facing an advisory or ticket...hopefully it doesn't have to come to that!

### **Internet Safety**

Can we politely remind you to ensure your child has the correct settings on their android/Apple devices at home, and are only accessing child appropriate apps and games.

### **New Starters Welcome**

Rev Hydon and Beverley will be in school at 3pm on Tuesday to officially welcome all our new starters. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

### **European Day of Languages**

All classes have exciting activities planned on Thursday, to mark the European Day of Languages.

### **Kerridge War Memorial**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September the rocks that the children have beautifully painted will be on display at the event to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unveiling of the war memorial. All of the children are invited to join in with singing some of the original hymns that were sung 100 years ago when the memorial was built. Staff will be in attendance from 12.15pm for a service that will commence at 12.30pm. Please can you let school know if you are planning on attending (children to please be in uniform.)

### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' Evening will take place (for all classes) on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Bookings are to be made through School Spider. *Bookings will open at 7pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and close on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.* When you book your slot you will receive a notification on the day of your parent's evening to confirm what you have booked. Reminders will be sent 3 days, 1 day and on the day of the parent's evening for those that haven't yet booked their slots.

### **In school next week:**

Monday – Mrs Walker at the Diocese.

Tuesday – New starters welcome at 3pm. All welcome.

Wednesday – Open the Book starts. X-country for Years 5 and 6.

Thursday – European Day of Languages.

Friday – Mrs Walker at a LA meeting. Class 3 PTA cake sale.

### **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have focused on what life is like as a baby. We had a visit from a real baby and we looked at all the essential things that a baby needs to keep them safe and happy. We shared photos of ourselves as a baby and then we matched our names to the photos. We looked at how we've changed since then. In maths we have started looking at the number one. In literacy we introduced the story, 'Wow said the owl' and we learnt all about how to mix each colour in the rainbow.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have started writing our own stories about losing a special toy. We have completed a story map and written a beginning, middle and end. In maths we have looked at counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. In IPC we have been thinking about what we would like to know about toys and we have learnt how marbles are made.

**Class 3** – Class Three have enjoyed a great week and in maths this week the children have recapped different addition and subtraction methods. In literacy, the children have continued to enjoy our class book. We have looked at different ways to improve our sentences including using verbs to add description. In IPC, the children have studied the life of Mary Anning. We have created a biography about this famous fossil hunter and discussed reasons why she was not famous during her lifetime. On Thursday, children really enjoyed a great trip to the opera. Check out the news section of our class page to see lots of photos from this exciting day.

**Class 4** – This week, we have been writing diary entries in character as Bradley, the main character from our current class book, 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'. We have been working on decimal addition and inverse checking in mathematics. In IPC, we have been looking at adaptive traits of animals and plants which help them to survive in particular environments. In RE, we have been thinking about how Christians may describe God.

**Sports News** – Classes 1 and 2 have been put to the test moving in different ways, at varying levels and speeds. In the second half of their lessons, they have been balancing and manipulating objects around the hall. Classes 3 and 4 have enjoyed their first week of timetabled sports. Focusing on dribbling skills in both football and basketball, aiming for close control whilst developing speed and the ability to avoid opposition players.

**Mr Read's PE star performers:**

Class 1: Jessica & Henrietta

Class 2: Lois & Jessica

Class 3: Joseph & Izzy

Class 4: Hannah & Oliver

**Well done to all stars performers.**

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