

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

"The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made."

Psalm 145:9

8th November 2019

Head's Message

Welcome back to the second half term of the year, as we now travel steadfastly towards Christmas. I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed both Halloween and Bonfire Night. The heating is now completely fixed, just in time for the winter weather. This week in school Year 5 took part in Bikeability; Open the Book returned on Wednesday to lead worship; Class 4 have had an air pollution workshop and attended Eucharist and children have attended Alderley Edge School for Girls to meet Helen Sharman, the first Briton in space. We have a very busy week next week, so please look at the details below in the section, 'In School Next Week.' Finally, Mrs Jobbins has returned from Uganda – you can read all about her visit, and see her photos, on the website.

Harvest Festival Message from Rev Veronica

'It was lovely to come to St John's Harvest Service. As always, each class gave excellent presentations. Please will you pass on our thanks to the staff and parents for the amazing total of £102.45, which was collected at the service, to support the work of the Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy. For more information on this charity, please visit www.agchap.com'

Universal Children's Day

On Wednesday 20th November, in order to celebrate Universal Children's Day, the children from Class 4 will be 'taking over' the school. They will be discussing the skills and characteristics needed for different jobs around the school. Then, they will be writing letters of application, having interviews and 'taking over' the roles of the staff for the day. We are very excited to see how they get along!

PSHE

We are a member of the Tytherington Partnership, along with other local feeder schools. We have been working together in order to improve the teaching and provision for Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). As a group of schools, we are developing a curriculum to ensure that the pupils at the feeder schools get an engaging and consistent message around keeping themselves physically and mentally well, and being a positive citizen as they get older. Having Tytherington High School's involvement means that they can continue to build on key knowledge and understanding gained in their primary school years. We will begin to implement this curriculum during the Summer term, in readiness for the statutory requirements for PSHE, which come into effect in September 2020. Our aim is for a whole community of pupils to benefit from this collaborative approach.

Admissions Consultation

In line with the statutory duty of admissions authorities to consult on amendments to admissions arrangements, please find our proposed Admissions Policy for St John's Primary School, for admissions in September 2021 and onwards, on the school website.

As a statutory consultee, we would invite you to comment on the proposals, prior to determination and publication. Please forward any comments by 19th November to:
admin@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

Ecosia internet search engine

Children throughout the school are now using Ecosia as their internet search engine. Ecosia use their profits from searches to plant trees where they are needed most.

In school next week:

Sunday – Remembrance Parade 10.30am start at the rec. Macclesfield and District Lions Club Swimathon.

Monday – The start of Anti-Bullying Week. Remembrance Day will be marked at 11am.

Tuesday – Chemistry with Cabbage in Class 4. Mrs Stout at Emotionally Healthy Schools.

Wednesday – Open the Book. Silk FM visiting Class 4.

Thursday – Mrs Walker and Mrs Watson at Safer Recruitment training.

Friday – Children in Need – please send in a £1 donation. The children are being asked to dress up in an outfit that represents a job they would like when they are older.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have learnt all about the history of Bonfire Night; we looked at the story of Guy Fawkes and discussed how to stay safe around fireworks and bonfires. We read the story 'Sparks in the Sky' and then came up with lots of ways to describe how fireworks look and sound. In maths we have focused on the properties of common 2D shapes. We have shared photos of Uganda and looked through the letters the children wrote to us.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been gathering information and doing research about Roald Dahl. We have used this to write our own biographies. In maths we have looked at 2D and 3D shapes and focused on counting vertices, sides and faces. In IPC we have turned our wonderful half term photography projects into beautiful pieces of work which are displayed in our classroom. We have also learnt how to take photos on a digital camera and have each taken a photograph around the school that we are going to learn how to improve. Mrs Stout says a huge thank you to everyone for their wonderful Reading Rivers, which will be displayed around the school.

Class 3 – We have had a great first week back. This week, in maths, children have looked at adding and subtracting near multiples of 10, 100 and 1000. In literacy, children have started finished the story of 'The first drawing' and have begun to create their own stories based on this book. We have started our new IPC topic of 'Chocolate' and this week children have completed their knowledge harvest and thought about where cacao trees grow. This half terms' spellings and homework grid are as usual on the class website, there will be a hard copy stuck into children's books once they have brought them in.

Class 4 – This week, in English, we have been working on answering questions fully, backing up our responses with evidence and including a good amount of detail. In maths, we have been comparing fractions by finding a common denominator. In IPC, we have introduced our new topic 'Express Yourself'.

Sports News – This week classes 1 and 2 have started their lessons focused on jumping skills and team games. Learning various types of jumps and practising them in different situations. They have also been finding out how to work together in small teams, swapping roles a number of types.

Classes 3 and 4 will be splitting their time this half term between hockey and a key skills fitness circuit. Sadly, due to the weather hockey was put on hold and we carried on with our circuit inside followed by a silent bench ball tournament, which both classes competed in with great success.

Mr Read's PE star performers:

Class 1: Ella and Joseph

Class 2: Matilda and Skyler

Class 3: Bethany and Scarlet Selwood

Class 4: Scarlett and Jeanie

Well done to all star performers.

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