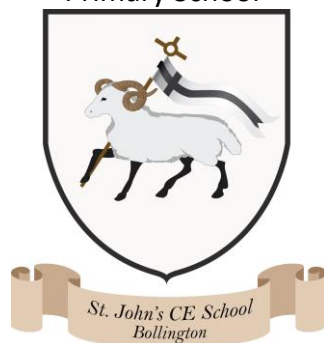


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Trust

*"Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord."
Proverbs 16:20*

17th January 2020

Head's Message

Mrs Stout and I attended a Reading and Phonics conference on Monday, which was very useful. The course, run by the Local Authority, was the first of five, which will take place this year. Silk FM was unable to visit school on Tuesday, but have rescheduled for next Wednesday. I hope that we will soon be able to hear the children on the radio. We held a PGL parents meeting on Thursday, as the children in Class 4 will be on residential in March. Thank you to those who attended. Stay, Play and Pray took place today – a rather lovely way to end the week. Finally, please be advised the Governance Impact Statement, which was sent to parents via School Spider earlier today, is also available to view on the website (under the Governors tab).

Macclesfield & District Lions Club Swimarathon Fundraiser

We were delighted this week to hand over an amazing **£290** to Arthur Clenton of the Macclesfield and District Lions Club from the sponsored swim in which a group of children took part in on Sunday 10th November, 2019. Well done all for their amazing efforts and fundraising.

Year 2 Family Lunch and Chinese New Year

It will be a very busy week in the kitchen next week. We are delighted to welcome Year 2 parents and family members into school on Wednesday for lunch. Then on Friday, we are celebrating Chinese New Year with a special feast.

Key Stage 1 Film Night

This will take place on Friday 24th January at 3.30pm and the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to watch Wall-E (U). Please ensure you complete the survey to confirm your child's attendance and the £2 is payable on the door (includes a drink and a snack).

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings take place, for all classes, on Monday 10th February and Tuesday 11th February. Bookings (through School Spider) will open at 7pm on Wednesday 29th January and close at 7pm on Sunday 9th February. Please note that there are NO teacher-led clubs during this week.

After School Clubs

Our full rota of after school clubs start on Monday. If you are unsure if your child has been allocated a place on any of the available clubs, please contact the school office.

In school next week:

Monday – After school clubs start.

Wednesday – Year 2 family lunch. Silk FM to visit Class 4.

Friday – Chinese New Year lunch. KS1 PTA film night.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have read our new text, A Dot in the Snow. We recreated artwork showing a dot in the snow and we have written a sentence about what we might see if we were in the Arctic. We carried out a science investigation about freezing and melting. We placed blocks of ice in different location to see which would melt first and why. In maths we created posters showing how we can represent the number 7 and we have recorded sums in our books showing the different ways of making 7.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have continued to look at the story ‘Coming home’ we have been learning about verbs and thinking about different verbs we could use to describe the robins movements throughout his journey. In maths we have been using the number facts we already know to help us work out the answers to addition and subtraction problems. In IPC we have made a timeline of all of our living memories which we have photographed and put onto the school website. We have also written biographies using our homework about our chosen significant people. We have begun to look at leaders and thought about which qualities good leaders need to have.

Class 3 – Class 3 have started to really get stuck into our new topic ‘Active Planet’. This week we researched where volcanoes can be found and what happens when a volcano erupts. In literacy, children have continued with their book ‘Escape from Pompeii’ we have created some great newspaper reports. In maths, children have looked at solving addition problems.

Class 4 – This week, in maths, we have been working on ordering, and calculating the intervals between, positive and negative numbers. We have also been using BODMAS to know the order in which with should perform the operations in calculations. In English, we have started writing newspaper reports, based on 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. In IPC, we have been exploring the city states in Ancient Greece, creating PowerPoint presentations. We have also started to learn about the Persian Wars.

Sports News – In gymnastics, this week Classes 1 and 2 have built on last week’s knowledge and moved on to balancing on different body parts for at least 5 seconds. Adding shapes and balances together to create new routines. Classes 3 and 4 continued to work with control over their bodies, focusing this week on landing safely and performing various types of jumps in the air. Working to add jumps into their sequences which already contained different movements.

Mr Read’s PE star performers:

Class 1: Ellie and Joseph

Class 2: Emily and Mia

Class 3: Megan and Bethany

Class 4: William and Mollie F

Well done to all star performers.

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