

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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'Christian Value' – Peace

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7

19th June 2020

Head's Message

There are no words to describe how wonderful it was to welcome more children back into school this week. The Reception children have been amazing, and have adapted to their changed surroundings and new hygiene rules brilliantly. We are now looking forward to seeing Year 1 on Monday. When these pupils are added, alongside our key worker group, I think school will feel like it is finally getting somewhere closer to normal. This week has been busy, although we are all still adjusting to life under coronavirus. We held our summer full governors meeting on Wednesday night (virtually). The Talent Show is pressing ahead, albeit online, and we are making arrangements to welcome back Year 6 on the 29th June. Sadly I have no updates on the council's proposed warning signs and road markers outside our school, but as soon as I have any further information I will let you know. Finally, we have a wonderful new wellbeing display in school, which features lions painted with water colours by children from all four classes. Please see the photo below.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Consultation

On Thursday we held a socially distanced RSE consultation with, among others, Rev Veronica and our Safeguarding Governor Jane Woodward. We are now in a period of parental consultation for the RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Policy. The policy has been placed on the website (under 'Our School') for your perusal. I have also placed our new PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) Policy there too. Furthermore, there is a PowerPoint that explains how we will teach both RSE and PSHE from September, and the philosophy behind our curriculums. If there are no parental objections then the RSE Policy will come into force in September 2020. At this time we will also start our new RSE and PSHE curriculums. Mrs Stout will hold a parents information evening when restrictions are lifted in the Autumn term. This will give you a chance to look at both curriculums; at sample lesson plans for each year group and the range of books we have bought to compliment the schemes of work. In the meantime if you have any comments please forward them to the school office (admin@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk).

Mrs Hemmings

After almost 43 years working for the Local Authority, we are very sad to announce that Mrs Hemmings will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We cannot imagine St John's without her expertise and friendship.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have enjoyed finding our new routine. We have made the most of the weather and explored the woodland and garden, searching for mini beasts. We have identified and labelled each part of an insect and started a mini art project looking at micro habitats and insects.

News from our Key Workers Group

The children of our Key Worker Group have been with us throughout quarantine. It has been great this week to see how responsible and mature they are. Children have taken their own safety and the safety of those around them very seriously as we create new classroom routines. We have completed the same home learning tasks that are on class pages.



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