

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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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*

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

### Head's Message

Now that we have welcomed back the glorious Year 6 children, school is beginning to feel a lot more familiar. It is such a joy to have a busy and vibrant school again, even if we are all still maintaining our social distancing and staying in our bubbles. I can't tell you how amazing all the children have been and they have settled into their new routines wonderfully. I want to say a huge well done to all the children who took part in our virtual Talent Show. I thought every act was just amazing. I was also very impressed with the judges and their comments. Thank you to all concerned for making this event happen. Reports are going out tonight to the families of the children we have in school. All other reports will be posted to you. If you have not received your child's report by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, please let the office know. Finally just a reminder that as per our published term dates, school closes on 17<sup>th</sup> July for the summer holidays.

### International Schools Award

Yesterday we found out that we have been successfully awarded the International Schools Award, in recognition of all our global work. This accreditation lasts for 3 years and celebrates our international learning.

### Staff for September

We are now able to confirm classroom staffing for the school from September.

Class 1 – Mrs Jobbins, Mrs Harris and Mrs Howarth.

Class 2 – Mrs Stout, Mrs Hyde and Miss Short.

Class 3 – Mr Timmis and Miss Kemp.

Class 4 – Mrs Watson, Mrs Harris and Mrs Roberts.

We are very sad to announce that in September, along with Mrs Hemmings, we will also be saying a very sad goodbye to Mr Read and Mrs O'Reilly. The impact these individuals have had on our school has been tremendous, and we will be sad to see them all leave.

### September Arrangements

On Monday, we will email parents with our plans and arrangements in regards to school in September. The government has announced that all primary pupils are expected back, and that attendance will be compulsory. As you can imagine, we are currently working out the logistics of how September will look. We do not have all the answers yet, and the guidance could change, but we will update you with timings and practical information next week.

### **Morning Timings**

Please can we remind the Year 6 children that they should not be in the yard in the morning until 9am. At the moment, some of the children are walking to school, and arriving before the key worker children. It is extremely important we stagger the start of the day and do not let bubbles mix. Therefore, could children walking to school make sure they do not arrive before 9am. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Microsoft Team Meetings for Years 2 to 5**

We have a start-up meeting with our IT supplier on Monday and will have Microsoft Teams up and running as soon as we possibly can. We will keep you updated with developments.

### **News from Reception**

This week, in Reception, we have learnt all about honey bees. We have created life cycles through art, made lino prints, enjoyed honey tasting and made beeswax candles. We have also learnt all about odd and even numbers- a busy week!

### **News from Year 1**

This week, in literacy, we have looked at the story of Handa's Hen. We have written our own versions using our number words to ten. In maths, we have looked at number bonds to 10 and bridging through 10. In the afternoons, we have followed the children's interests and created some wonderful arts and crafts based on dinosaurs, tigers, North America and London.

### **News from Year 6**

It has been fantastic to welcome Year 6 back to school this week. They have settled back into school brilliantly. We have been reflecting on lockdown, considering our positive memories from our time at home, along with what we have been thankful for and things we have missed. In maths, we have been revising our key arithmetic strategies. In English, we have been reading 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick, and we have focused on how the author builds a picture of the key characters.

### **News from our Key Workers Group**

This week, in the Key Worker group, we have completed home learning packs. We have completed different art projects based on our IPC topics. On Thursday, we completed some kitchen science experiments.

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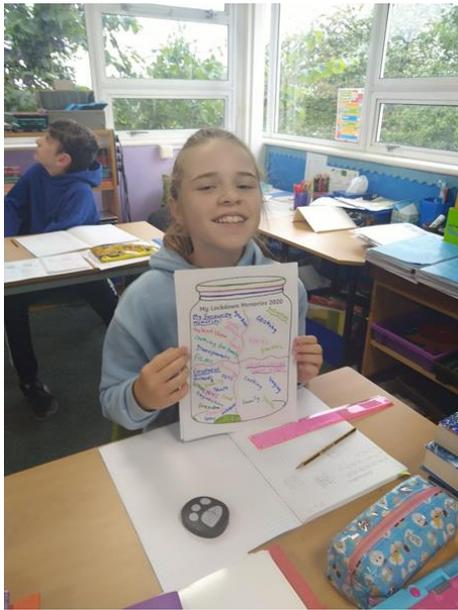
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**Our Year 6s – Reflecting on their memories from lockdown**



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