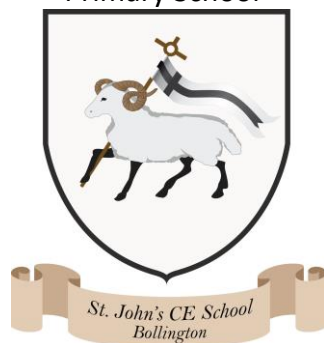


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Creation

"Through Him, all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men."

John 1:3-4

18th September 2020

Head's Message

As I write this I am listening to the Reception children giggle outside my door, as they return from their Forest School adventure. So much of school life has returned to normal, and yet so much is still very different. However, what remains unchanged is the resilience of these wonderful children and their joyous attitude to learning despite new procedures. We could not be more proud of them all. Class 4 were all given their musical instruments this week and the hall came alive with the sound of music. We will be continuing next week with the same lunch time arrangements as we have done this week. Also please remember that from Monday we have changed the stagger times for children in the Reception class. They will now be in school from 9am – 3pm daily. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Rev Veronica and Beverley

This week, we were delighted to welcome Rev Veronica and Beverley into the school hall to meet the new starters, in a very socially distanced way. The children were very excited to meet Scruffy the Dog. Rev Veronica and Beverley gave all the children their customary gift of a booklet about The Lord's Prayer.

Coronavirus Advice

This week, we have sent you a flow chart and an information poster about coronavirus from the LA. Both of these are on the Virtual Office tab of the website, under the heading Coronavirus Updates. But here are the main messages for you:

Please do not send your child into school if they have **any** of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours and/or
- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back (if a temperature cannot be taken) and/or
- A loss, or change, to their sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. You should only get a test if you have one or more of these symptoms. To book a test call the NHS on 119 or go online to <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have enjoyed the beautiful weather and explored our garden space, creating shadow paintings and homes for snails. In phonics, we have focused on initial sounds and segmenting and blending short words orally. In maths, we have focused on how to be a good counter. We have looked at the names for different body parts and considered what they do and how they move. The children enjoyed measuring themselves using different units of measure.

News from Class 2

This week, in literacy, we have learnt all about verbs. We have thought about past and present tense verbs and their endings. We have used these in our sentence writing. Year Two have developed this further by adding adverbs to their writing. In maths, in Year One, we have been counting objects and comparing numbers to 20. In Year Two, we have been focusing on place value up to 20. In our topic work, we have learnt all about the brain. We made a brain out of jelly and learnt what all the different parts helped us with. We labelled brains and made mind maps of our favourite brain facts. In fun phonics club, we looked at the angry ai monster and did some watercolour painting of him. We collected ai words and played some beanbag games outside.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, children have continued to look at place value and have explored number lines. In literacy, children have enjoyed our class book, 'Leon and the place between'. In IPC, children have learnt about different types of scientific enquiry - we conducted a fair test to investigate the smallest letter a person could see from a certain distance. In R.E., we have studied the story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

News from Class 4

This week, we have continued working on developing our understanding of Place Value in our math's lessons, focusing on rounding and negative numbers. In English, we have been writing newspaper reports based on our current class novel, 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. In IPC, we have been completing a map of Central America, using a key to show the main countries. We have labelled the location of the Maya civilisation and some of the cities. We have also been exploring primary and secondary sources of information.

Sports News

Class 1 - We have continued to focus on following instructions in PE. We have also started to explore balancing using different parts of our body.

Class 2 - We have practised bouncing balls along and passing to each other.

Class 3 - We practised our ball dribbling skills in football, and in our basketball lesson we also practised dribbling and, in addition, chest passes.

Class 4 – We have worked on developing our chest pass and bounce skills in basketball, and, in football, we have worked on side foot passing through gates.

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Star Performers

Class 1: Hugo Pennington.

Class 2: Harry Palazzo and Heidi Davies.

Class 3: Poppy Howarth and Luke Bailey.

Class 4: James Arnott and Scarlett Selwood.

PTA News

The PTA sends a warm welcome back to all continuing families and a big 'hello' to all new starters. At the start of this academic year, Kate Aaron stepped down as Secretary of the PTA Committee after several years of hard work and dedication. The Christmas Fair just wouldn't have been the same without her enthusiasm and superb effort. I'm sure you would all wish to join the PTA in thanking her for her commitment. The committee now has two new Secretaries: Laura Hogben and Lydia Davies, who already have lots of super plans for the year ahead.

Plans are coming together nicely to ensure you, the parents and carers of our school have better access to information on how you can support the school through the PTA and where your kind donations are being spent. The PTA hope to launch the new fundraising campaign in the coming weeks. Keep your eyes peeled! There are some really easy ways to support the PTA from the comfort of your living room:

1. Sign up to Amazon Smile selecting 'Bollington St John's Pta' as your chosen charity. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk to get started.
2. Join the 200Club. The 200Club is a small lottery. For £13 a year you get ticket entries into 4 draws to win one of 4 cash prizes with a top price of £100. To sign up or for more information check out the relevant section on the school website <http://www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk/page/200-club/18290>
3. Check if the company you work for offers charity match funding. This can have a huge impact on the fund raising total of an event.

As always, if you have any ideas for events or would like to get involved in any capacity please email the PTA stjohnsbollingtonPTA@gmail.com, or join the Facebook or Whatsapp groups.

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