

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17

15th January 2021

Dear families,

As the first full week of remote learning ends, I hope that you are all safe and well and are now familiar with the timetable of live sessions the teachers are running. As a guide, I am attaching an information leaflet with this letter, which I hope you will find helpful.

While there are many more pupils in school than there were during the last lockdown, it still feels too quiet and a little surreal, so please tell all the children at home how very much we miss them. We are so delighted at how many children are accessing the live sessions and engaging with the work set. The teachers are thrilled, and we are all so proud of how the youngsters have coped and are adapting, once again, to a new set of circumstances.

We have been able to apply for our allocated DfE laptops this week, but at the time of writing this we are still awaiting delivery. We will be in touch with the eligible families as soon as they arrive.

Food parcels arrived in school yesterday, and most have been collected. I was very dismayed at the quality of some parcels photographed online, that caused outrage in the national news in recent days. The food parcels we received were good quality with nutritious ingredients. They also contained a meal plan for each of the 10 days along with recommended standard portion sizes for children.

Schools, trusts and local authorities can request mobile data increases for children and young people who:

- Do not have fixed broadband at home
- Cannot afford additional data for their devices
- Are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

Please email admin@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like us to apply for this on your behalf. For more information please see <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

This week a stranger came into school after hearing about the online problems some families are experiencing, and donated their old laptop to us. What a wonderfully thoughtful gift. Also, our Chair of Governors, Mr Akerman, has donated an iPad to the school. This is an equally lovely gesture. Such generosity during these difficult times is most appreciated.

All that remains is for me to wish you a lovely weekend and remind you all that we are here for you. If you have an issue, query or problem, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You are doing a magnificent job guiding your children through remote learning. Please be kind to yourselves and know that this time will soon pass.

With the warmest of wishes,

Mrs Walker.

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