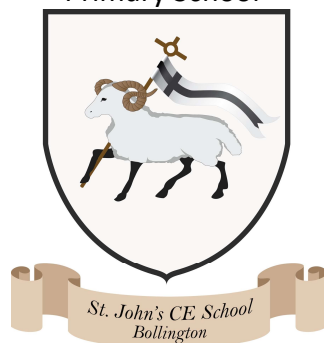


Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Forgiveness

*"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."*

*Colossians 3:13*

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear families,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week and that you are looking forward to Monday as much as we are. I am sure that most of the children (and parents) are excited and looking forward to returning to school. However, we do appreciate that some may be feeling a little anxious or nervous after another extended lockdown. There is no doubt that the first few days and weeks may be a challenge for some, but please be assured that we have left no stone unturned in preparing for the school's full reopening to make our school as safe as we can. We have also ensured we will be putting the children's wellbeing at the top of our priority list. If you have any reservations at all please do not hesitate to get in contact.

On Sunday 28 February, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children and staff, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

The attached guidance explains how to get access to the kits and gives details of the nearest collection points. [Home Testing for Family and Childcare bubbles](#)

At present the kits can be collected from the site below during the stated hours only. Further collection points will be available soon.

Town	Venue	Times
Macclesfield	COVID-19 Test Centre SITE: LTS612 Macclesfield Commercial Road Car Park SK10 2QJ	1.30pm – 7pm Monday-Sunday

Please note that undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

We had a lot of fun with World Book Day this week and the children have also completed their Fairtrade activities. For more information please take a look at our newly revamped website which has now gone live. Next week is British Science Week and we have lots of activities planned. This year's theme is sustainability and these are some of the learning that will be happening in class:

Class 1 – will look at the power of the sun, wind and water by making waterwheels, windmills and using sun bleached paper.

Class 2 – will be creating a bee garden and conducting an experiment to look at different types of plastic.

Class 3 – will be creating an allotment to grow food in. They will also be investigating diversity and designing a classroom of the future.

Class 4 – will be conducting a fruit and vegetable investigation and will be linking their diversity work to International Woman's Day which is on the 8<sup>th</sup> March to explore women in science.

Other events coming up soon include Down Syndrome Awareness Day and Comic Relief Day on 19<sup>th</sup> March. The theme this year is Superheroes.

Finally, just a few additional items to make you aware of. Ms Rebecca Blackett has joined us as a trainee teacher in Class 2, and is looking forward to meeting all the class on Monday. I am sending out the Diocese Newsletter, which contains a little article about Chinese New Year at St John's. Please see the 'Coronavirus Updates' section of the website for the latest risk assessment, which has been updated in preparation for Monday's full reopening. You should have already received a letter from Mrs Bostock containing all the information you need to know about reopening, but here is a quick reminder of the slightly adjusted stagger times.

Class 1 – 9.00am – 3.20pm

Class 2 – 9.10am – 3.30pm

Class 3 – 9.00am – 3.20pm

Class 4 – 8.50am – 3.10pm

With the warmest of wishes,

Mrs Walker.

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