

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

### Head's Message

What a delight it was to welcome all the children back this week. They have all settled beautifully and seemed genuinely excited to be in class with their friends. I hope you managed to watch the lovely message from Tony Hadley, wishing them all the best for their return to school. With any luck that will be the last time they are asked to move to a remote learning timetable, but I must say I am so full of admiration for the way they handled the past few months. It was also wonderful to welcome back Love Music Trust and Forest Schools this week. On Monday, Key Stage 2 Spanish lessons will resume. Next Friday is Comic Relief Day and the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. This year's theme is 'Superheroes' although the children do not have to dress in this theme if they do not want to. Here is the link should you wish to make a donation: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-johns-primary-school](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-johns-primary-school). Finally, advance warning that we will be celebrating Down Syndrome Awareness Day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, and asking the children to come to school in odd socks.

### Announcement of New Vicar

We are delighted to announce that, 'subject to all legalities being filled'; the Rev Nancy Goodrich will replace Rev Veronica as the new vicar of the parish of Bollington. It is hoped that Rev Nancy will be in place by the end of the summer.

### Testing Message from the LA

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March additional asymptomatic testing sites will be in operation across Cheshire east at the following venues:

- Macclesfield Community Centre – Dukes Street, SK11 6UR
- New Life Church, Danesford Community Centre, West Road, Congleton, CW12 4EU
- Wesley Centre, Sandbach – Wesley Avenue, CW11 1DG
- Middlewich Community Church – Brooks Lane, CW10 0JG
- Prestbury Village Hall – Macclesfield Road, SK10 4BW

Testing is also available at selected pharmacies. Tests at both the asymptomatic testing sites and pharmacies are available on selected days of the week and must be booked in advanced using the online booking facility at <https://cheshireeast.zipporah.co.uk/LFT.Bookings>.

Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges should get tested twice weekly. This also includes the wider school community including bus drivers and after school club leaders. Those people within this category can collect lateral flow testing kits from either of the council's two local testing sites between 1.30pm and 7pm. These two sites are based at;

- Crewe - Chester Street car park, CW1 2ER
- Macclesfield - Commercial Road, SK10 2QJ

These tests are not for use with pupils and students. Primary school children have not been asked to take the LFD test, and tests for secondary and college students will be issued by their school / college.

A positive result from a home testing kit does however require a confirmatory PCR test. This must be a traditional Covid-19 test offered at the two testing sites in Crewe or Macclesfield, a postal one ordered online or one of your school supplies. Although this is an inconvenience it doesn't affect the 10-day isolation start date, which will commence after the lateral flow positive result itself.

This is not the case for a positive result from lateral flow tests carried out in a pharmacy or at an asymptomatic testing site. No confirmatory test is needed, and self-isolation must start immediately upon receiving the results.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' evening bookings went live last night and will remain open until 19:00 on 18<sup>th</sup> March. After this we will send out Teams invites for each of the meetings.

### **Secondary School Places**

Offers went out on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March to parents who have applied (on time) for a secondary school place for September 2021. Please accept your child's offer by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021. If you would prefer a different school you should accept the place you have been offered until you have confirmed alternative plans for your child's education. Parents may request to be added to a waiting list and/or appeal for other schools. For parents who do not wish to accept a place as their child will be attending an independent school, please decline the offer made by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### **Census Day 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Census Day is coming. This is the once in a decade time the population of England and Wales is counted. We have received some amazing maths resources to do with the children in the lead up to 'Counting Day'. More information about the census can be found at: <https://census.gov.uk/>

### **Coronavirus Advice**

Can we politely remind you that masks should be worn at all times on the school site, that you should remain 2 metres away from other families and leave the school site as quickly as possible. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

As a reminder, 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

### **News from Reception**

This week, in Reception, we have been settling back in to school life with a focus on the children's emotional well-being. We have read some beautiful books about resilience and ways to take care of ourselves and others. We have loved our Science Week focus; we explored the use of wind turbines and we made some great windmills. We also created some sun prints in between all the rain! We got some interesting footage on our wildlife camera this week. Please take a look at the video clip on the website and see if you can identify the mystery sound!

### **News from Class 2**

This week, in English, we have started our new class story called "what we'll build". It is all about rebuilding friendships and routines after lockdown. We have explored the word "build" and thought about all of the different things people could build. We then designed our own thing to build and used different materials to make it. After that, we looked at the lyrics to the song "our house" and thought about the difference between a house and a home. We ended the week with a beautiful piece of artwork depicting our own houses. In maths, we have recapped lots of basic skills and worked hard on place value to 100. In PSHE, we have looked at being hopeful and dealing with loss. We made memory kites to remember those we have lost or have been missing. As part of science week, we had a fantastic lesson with Mr Timmis learning all about the importance of bees and we made our own seed bombs.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, in English, we have continued our work on 'The Lion and the Unicorn'. We have looked at the use of non-standard English when writing dialogue. In maths, we have examined equivalent fractions. For British Science Week, we designed a classroom of the future and conducted an experiment to find out how water is transported within a plant.

### **News from Class 4**

We have had a busy first week back in Class 4. This week, in maths, we have been developing our fluency and reasoning and problem skills in addition and subtraction of decimals. In English, we have started our new class book, 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta. We have been using the book to develop our grammar skills, by using prepositions, expanded noun phrases, the subjunctive form and modal verbs. In IPC, we have completed our Knowledge Harvest for our new IPC topic, 'The Story of English'.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, Reception took part in some team games, beanbag throwing and practicing taking turns and also moving carefully around a space walking forwards, backwards and jogging.

Class 2 – This week, we did some breathing exercises and yoga and some balancing activities.

Class 3 – In netball the pupils practised different passing techniques and learning to pivot. In tag rugby they also practised different passing techniques and gained some further understanding of the rules and movements.

Class 4 – We started to look at the key skills needed for netball, and we have been working on our passing skills in tag rugby.

### **Star Performers**

Class 1: Abigail Beaver

Class 2: Sigrid Rogers and Olivia Beardmore

Class 3: Joshua Chapman and Lois Cottrill

Class 4: Mollie Farrar and Amelia Woolley

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