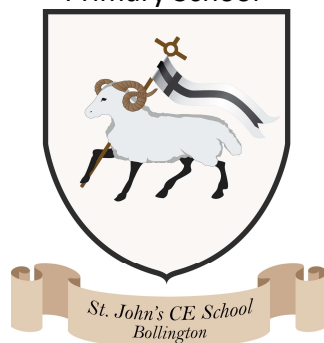


Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*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*

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Head's Message

The children have had another wonderful week (we are still so thrilled they are all back), despite the somewhat gloomy weather. Attendance this week has been 97.5% across the school. On Monday, we are asking the children to wear odd socks to school, to mark World Down Syndrome Day. Our school caterers have very kindly offered to bake special biscuits to mark the occasion, as the usual gingerbread socks are not being supplied this year due to Covid-19. Our biscuits will be on sale next Wednesday at 50p each – with all money raised going to the Cheshire Down Syndrome Support Group. Parents' evenings are taking place all next week. If you haven't already secured a Teams slot to talk to your child's teacher, please contact the school office. Finally, I hope you are all enjoying Comic Relief Day; the children have certainly had fun today. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please visit: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-johns-primary-school](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bollington-st-johns-primary-school)

### Reflection Day

March 23<sup>rd</sup> has been designated as a Day of Reflection, following the pandemic. At school, we will be observing the day in our class bubbles. Next week, some children will be writing prayers and then hanging them on a blossom tree which will be planted by the council at the rec to mark the date. For more information please visit: [www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection)

### Big Bike Revival in Class 3 and 4

If you have arranged to have a bike checked by Cycling UK, this is taking place on Monday to Wednesday next week. Please only bring your bike to school if you have received an allocated repair day.

### 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 learnt about each planet in more detail. We have learnt about famous astronauts and watched videos showing what life is like on the International Space Station. We have done some beautiful marble ink paintings, carefully choosing the colours to represent the hot or cold planet of our choice. We really enjoyed our astronaut training, wearing 'space' gloves to do intricate activities.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, in literacy, we have written a piece of writing about what makes our home special. We have thought about what we want to achieve in our future and designed our own watch to show the activities we love to do in the time we spend with our families. In maths, we have been practising basic skills such as counting forwards and backwards, counting in 2s/5s and 10s and revising place value. In IPC, we have looked at the difference between Macclesfield forest and the Amazon rainforest. We have compared hot and cold habitats and labelled the parts of a flower. We have looked at different types of trees and done some flower/leaf rubbings. In PSHE, we have read "The Boy who loved everyone". We have looked at games that are safe and appropriate to play with our friends.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, in literacy, we have continued our work on 'The Lion and the Unicorn'. We have started to create a story based on this book. In maths, we have examined equivalent fractions, counting in fractions and improper fractions. We have started our new IPC topic, 'Gateways to the World', completing our knowledge harvest and a display for our classroom. In RE, we have thought about what Jesus has taught about forgiveness and times we have given and asked for forgiveness.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, the Year 5 children have been practising short multiplication and compact division, and the Year 6 children have been working on an algebra unit, focusing on rules with one and two-steps and substitution. In English, we have finished reading our current class book, 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta. We have been using the book to develop our grammar skills, looking at the perfect and progressive tenses and the use of adverbial phrases. We have also started writing our own stories based on the structure of the book. In IPC, we have been exploring how invaders and settlers have had an impact on how the English language has developed over the last 1,500 years.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, in PE, we played team games. We practised moving around a space safely and taking turns.

Class 2 – In PE, we took part in multi-skills and explored moving in different ways and along different pathways. We practised dodging, changing direction and stopping quickly.

Class 3 – In Netball, we practised our attacking skills and defending principles.

Class 4 – We practised passing and defending skills in Netball. We then played mini matches.

**Star Performers**

Class 1: Lola-Rose Heath

Class 2: Natalia Walton and Megan Clare

Class 3: Jessica Dawson and Lilly-Belle Watkins

Class 4: Holly Lewis and Lucas O'Loughlin

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