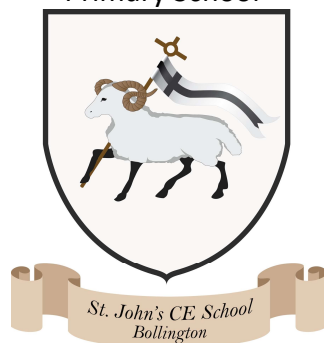


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Friendship

"Some friendships do not last, but some friends are more loyal than brothers."

Proverbs 18:24

23rd April 2021

Head's Message

Welcome back to the summer term on this very sunny St George's day. Our new Christian Value is Friendship. It has been a lovely week, made even more cheerful by watching the children on the field for PE, at Forest Schools and at play. The eggs have arrived in Class 1 and so we are all counting down the days until the chicks hatch. An Egyptian tomb has been created upstairs as Class 3 as the children embark on their Temples and Tombs topic. Class 4 had a wonderful discussion about Climate Change yesterday on Earth Day. Swimming started this week for Class 2, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Staffing News

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Mrs Sue Roberts will not be returning to St John's in September as she starts her well-earned retirement. Mrs Roberts' involvement with St John's started when she was 4 years old and she will be solely missed by the whole school community.

Coronavirus Updates

Although we have entered the summer term there has been no change in the guidance from the DfE in regards to Coronavirus. As a school, we must continue to operate as we have since September. All aspects of our risk assessment (staggered starts, class bubbles, the one way system, face masks etc.) are still in place, and will be in place until at least 21st June. At this point there might be some slight changes, which we will notify you of immediately. This year Class 4 will be doing a Leavers' Play, which at this point we are planning to do outside with social distancing in place. Again, we will make final decisions about this once the guidance is updated.

The Big Ask – a National Survey of Children

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Parents, care leavers and those working with children are invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

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. Please come to school at your allotted time. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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 introduced our new topic Dinosaur Detectives. We found a dinosaur egg in our classroom, and we then focused on which other animals hatch out from eggs. We are so excited about having the incubator back in our classroom. We are incubating seven eggs and we were able to candle each one and see the embryos wriggling around inside. We have also welcomed five caterpillars into the classroom for observation until they pupate.

News from Class 2

This week, in English, we have written all about what makes us unique. We designed our own special shelves and drew/labelled what items we would put on to them and why. In maths, Year Two have recapped column addition and column subtraction. In Year One, we have done numbers up to 30. We have started our exciting new topic, "It's Shocking". We have talked about what electricity is and have completed an experiment on static electricity. We have had our internet safety lesson based on cyber bullying and what is safe to accept online.

News from Class 3

A great first week back. We have started our topic of 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures'. The children got hands-on with Egyptian objects and made predictions about their use. We learnt that Ancient Egypt had a very different calendar to us which only included three seasons. In English, we have started a new class book, 'Cinderella of the Nile'. We have looked at how to create exciting imagery in our own writing. In maths, we have looked at converting fractions into decimal numbers.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning about measuring angles as a measure of turn and learning about vocabulary linked to angles. In English, we have started a new class book, 'Otto: The Autobiography of a Teddy Bear' by Tomi Ungerer. We have been extracting key details and inferring information from the text and backing it up with evidence. In IPC, we have completed our Knowledge Harvest for our new topic, 'Tour du Monde', and we have been learning about where French is spoken in the world. In PSHE, we have reflected on how the media impacts on 'body image', and we also completed our lesson about puberty for the half-term.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE this week, we played obstacle games to practise our balancing skills.

Class 2 – In PE, we have started tennis and practised lots of skills including catching and throwing both independently and with a partner, balancing a ball on a racquet, bouncing a ball on a racquet, using a racquet to bounce a ball on floor, and we ended with a catch the rat game which used a racquet and ball.

Class 3 – The children enjoyed the great weather and spent the afternoon outside. They practised a variety of athletic skills followed by a game of rounders.

Class 4 – Today, we practised throwing and catching skills in rounders. Then, in athletics, we worked on sprinting and relay races.

Star Performers

Class 1: Hugo Pennington

Class 2: Arthur Grant and Talia Potter

Class 3: Scott Grimshaw and Rachel Phillips

Class 4: Bethany Wightman and Holly Lewis

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