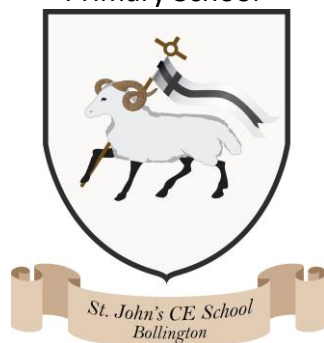


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'Christian Value' – Trust

'In God, whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid.'

Psalm 56:4

17th March 2017

Head's Message

What a week! Actually what a Tuesday! First, and most importantly, a huge well done to the Youth Speaks team for winning the Macclesfield Rotary Club Youth Speaks debating competition. We could not be more proud of you and can't wait for the next event in June. Second a huge thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the support we received during the Ofsted inspection. We received 52 Parent View surveys, and the inspector said that she has inspected High Schools with 1600+ pupils and they haven't had that amount of Parent View replies. The inspector also read out the 35 comments that had been made and Mrs Hemmings, Mrs Watson and I were humbled by your remarks. It is an absolute honour and privilege to be the head of this amazing school community. A letter will be finalised and sent home to parents soon.

Swimathon and X Country

Well done to the 6 swimmers who formed the St John's swimathon team, and swam 175 lengths for charity at Macclesfield Leisure Centre on Sunday. We were amazed by their stamina and determination. With just a minute to go they all set off again to complete another length. Also well done to the Cross Country team, who represented the school magnificently on Wednesday.

Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Tuesday marks World Down Syndrome Day, and at St John's we are asking the children to wear odd socks for a 50p donation as a mark of support. Gingerbread biscuits will also be available to buy on the day.

Young Voices

After the amazing experience we had at Young Voices this year we have already registered to take part next year. Mrs Stout is currently recruiting to increase the numbers attending our school choir.

Parent's Evenings

Parents' Evening takes place on Monday 20th March (Class 2, 3 and 4) and on Tuesday 21st March (all classes). If you have not received your appointment confirmation time, please speak to your class teacher. Children's work will be available to view during the course of the evening/s.

Red Nose Day

The children are invited to wear something red for Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March. Please can the children bring a £1 donation towards this marvellous charity.

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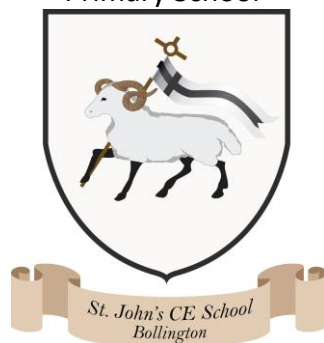
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In school next week:

Mon – Parent's Evening Week.

Tues – World Down Syndrome Day.

Wed - Small Schools Cross County Y3 to Y6 at Macclesfield Leisure Centre at 4.15pm.

Frid - Comic Relief – Red Nose Day.

Sun - St Oswald's Mother's Day Communion at 10.30am.

Curriculum update

Class 1 – This week we have focussed on the story 'Dear Zoo'. We have written our own version of the story and added a "lift the flap". We have been using syringes to measure out different amounts of water to link with our Vets clinic in our classroom. We have enjoyed watching our tadpoles hatch and we have re-candled our duck eggs to see the changes in growth over the past week.

Class 2 – This week in Literacy we have been looking at our new class story, The Flower, by John Light. We have been writing alternative endings for the story and have also produced some beautiful sketches of fresh flowers. In maths we have been looking at word problems and in IPC we have been thinking about the different stages of life inside an egg.

Class 3 – In maths, the children have been recapping formal methods of addition and learning strategies to work out problems mentally. In English, we have been looking at using embedded clauses to improve the children's variety of sentences. In IPC, we have been thinking about how sound is made and how we can change the volume. I have also been teaching the children some British Sign Language to make them aware how people can communicate without sound.

Class 4 – This week, class 4 have been investigating sequences in maths. We have been extending sequences and recording term to term and nth term rules. In English, we are reading Way Home and have been writing setting descriptions about a city. In IPC, we have been learning about the water cycle and have been creating our own 'mini clouds'. In art, we have been creating art work of landscapes in the four seasons, inspired by David Hockney.



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