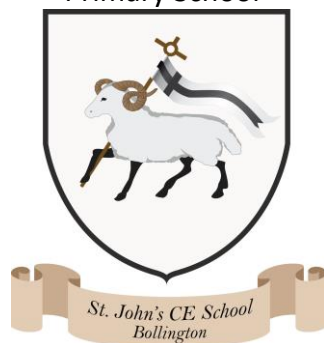


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Friendship

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity."
Psalms 133:1*

21st April 2023

Head's Message

Welcome back to the summer term. I do hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. I am delighted that Ben Simnett will be in school on Tuesday to meet the children who will soon be starting music tuition with him. Ben is a very experienced musician, and will be a huge asset to the school. As you can see below we have a full calendar of events for the upcoming term, and this list is not exhaustive. I would like to point out a 'Parent Coffee' afternoon on the 21st June with myself, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hemmings. This is designed to be an informal event, where you are welcome to come and ask any SEND questions you may have. You are also welcome to just come into school and have a brew. If the event is useful for parents, I will run them more frequently in the future. We are quickly approaching SATs week, and as always we would like to welcome the Year 6 children into school at 8.30am that week (May 9th- May 12th) to enjoy a SATs breakfast with us. The children have all settled in magnificently this week. Reception have been candling the eggs that are due to hatch in a couple of weeks. Class 2 have started Forest Schools. Pupils in Class 3 are very excited about their gardening plans and some wonderful skeletons have been made by Class 4. Finally, I am sending home this year's Academy choices with this newsletter. The children have each received a hard copy to complete, and all the choices were discussed in assembly this morning.

Thursday 27th April

Please note that due to NEU industrial action, Class 3 will be closed all day on Thursday 27th April. No other classes are affected on this day. School will be open for all classes as normal on the second NEU strike day of Tuesday 2nd May.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of our diary dates for this term. These can all be found on our website which is regularly updated: <http://www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk/events>

24th April – After School Clubs begin for the summer term

27th April – Football Tournament after school led by Sam DiMarco

28th April – PTA Class 3 Cake Sale at 3:30pm

1st May – Bank Holiday

3rd May – Reception and Class 2 trip to Peak Wildlife Park

3rd May – Year 3 Parent Lunch at 12-12:30pm (Year 3 families invited)

8th May – Bank Holiday
 9-12th May – SATs Week for Year 6 (Year 6 children welcome from 8.30am for a SATs breakfast)
 12th May – Coronation Celebration Lunch for the children
 12th May - Coronation assembly and afternoon tea at 2pm. All families welcome
 15th May – Playground Portraits in school to take year group photographs
 15th May – Colin Foley, Neuro Diverse Workshop for parents/carers at 5:30pm
 19th May – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
 22nd May – Playground Portraits (reserve date)
 26th May – Infant Talent Show at 9:30-11am. Junior Talent Show at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome
 26th May – Last day of term
 5th June – INSET Day
 6th June – First day of term
 7th June – Start of our Academies
 13th June – Class 3 trip to the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)
 15th June – Class 4 trip to the Bridgewater Hall to play with the Halle Orchestra
 21st June – Parent coffee afternoon with Mrs Walker, Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Smith
 27th June – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23
 28th June – Sports Day at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome
 30th June – Class 4 Swimming Gala
 1st July – Well Dressing Event. All families welcome. Timings to be confirmed
 4th July – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23
 5th July – Sports Day (reserve date) at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome
 8th July – PTA Summer Fair
 10th July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School at 9:30am-2:30pm. Move up afternoon for children
 11th July – Bibles will be presented to Year 6 in school
 12th July – Celebration Academy Assembly at 2:30-3:30pm. All families welcome
 14th July – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
 21st July – Leavers’ Assembly for Class 4 families at 9:30-11:30am
 21st July – Last day of term
 4th September – INSET Day
 5th September – First day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we returned to school to find six eggs in our incubator. We have learnt a lot about which animals hatch out of eggs and which animals do not; we looked at the common features of birds, reptiles and mammals to help us sort a range of animals. In English, we used the information book, *An Egg is Quiet*, to help us research and predict what we think might hatch out. We wrote down our ideas as a sentence. We have finally discovered that our eggs have ducklings growing inside! In maths, we have revisited doubling and extended our learning to look at odd and even numbers using numicon and multilink.

News from Class 2

In Maths, Year 1 have found and added equal groups as part of the multiplication unit. Year 2 have looked at division by grouping and sharing, using counters and pictures for support. We started our new IPC topic ‘The Earth our Home’ by discussing forests and looking at deciduous and evergreen trees. We used paints and pastels to draw leaves to create our own classroom tree. In RE, we looked at the importance of Shabbat in the Jewish faith. On Tuesday, Class 1 enjoyed their first swimming session of the term with Reception class. On Thursday, both year groups spent the afternoon at forest school in the sunshine.

News from Class 3

This week, the children have been assessed for their learning in the previous term. They have all tried their best and shown just how much progress they have made. In maths, the children have continued their topic of fractions. We have looked at understanding a whole and how to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions. In English, the pupils have continued to enjoy our class book, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have looked at how authors build suspense before creating our own astronomer's log. In science, we have looked at different types of rocks and created a beautiful fact file. We have started to look at food chains in our local wildlife. The children have planted sunflower seeds and started to tidy up our garden area.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on reading timetables and recognising right angles, half and full turns. Year 6 have been measuring and calculating angles within right angles, straight lines and within a circle. In English, we have completed the novel, 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. We have been writing diary entries in role as Hugo, the main character in the story. In IPC, as part of our topic 'Being Human', we have been learning about the bones and different joints in the human body.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Orin for trying very hard to persevere with a tricky writing task.

Class 2 – Abigail for trying hard in her reading assessment.

Class 3 – Max for his fact file about different types of rocks.

Class 4 – Niamh for always working hard in maths and persevering with multi-step problems.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Joseph for being a super role model and encouraging others to take on new challenges within the classroom.

Class 2 – Jensen for being a good friend.

Class 3 – Theo for being engaged in lessons and sharing his learning with friends.

Class 4 – Luke for always participating well in lessons and challenging himself.

Ethos Award – Class 1: Gus for being really good at talking through activities to support his friends.

House Points – Clarence currently lead with 95 points. Last half term winners were Adelphi.

Sports News

Class 1 – We have practised over arm throwing techniques.

Class 2 – The children have worked on tennis racket and bean bag races for co-ordination.

Class 3 – We have played rounders after having an introduction to the technical skills of the game and practised for Sport's Day.

Class 4 – Class 4 have advanced their rounders' skills and also practised for Sports Day.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Orin

Class 2 – Olivia and Cora

Class 3 – Thomas and Ella

Class 4 – Josh and James

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