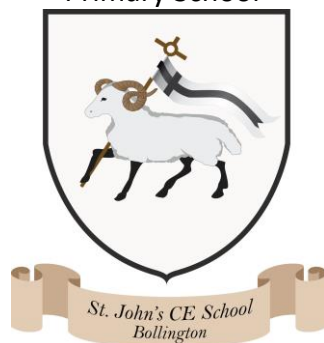


Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*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*

5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Head's Message

What an exciting week this has been. The ducks hatched on Tuesday, causing much jubilation in Reception. The infants had a rather wonderful trip to Peak Wildlife Park on Wednesday, which was a perfect combination of learning opportunities and good fun. My thanks to all the helpers who joined us on the visit. A special mention to all our amazing children who behaved so incredibly well all day. On Wednesday, we also welcomed our Year 3 parents in to school, to join their children for lunch. We do hope you enjoyed the food. Added to this we have another Bank Holiday weekend, to celebrate the King's Coronation. Today, I have given all the children a little commemorative gift to mark the event. Next week, we do hope you can join us on Friday for a short Coronation assembly, followed by a relaxed afternoon with cake. The children have all been working hard on Coronation linked work, which will be available for you to look at. Finally, the whole staff wishes to send their love to our Year 6 children, as they prepare to take their SATs next week. We know they will all do their best, and regardless of their marks, we are so very proud of every single one of them. They are such a caring, creative, curious and funny cohort; and so very much more than a score.

### Staff News

Next week, we are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Brown, who will be leaving us. Mrs Brown has worked in both Class 2 and Class 3, and will be dearly missed by the children. We wish her all the very best for the future.

### Vacancies

As well as a teaching assistant vacancy, which we mentioned last week, we also have a midday position available. If you would be interested in helping at school for an hour each day at lunch time, please let the office know. Ideally this would be for an immediate start.

### Diary Dates

8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

9-11<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week for Year 6 (Year 6 children welcome from 8.30am for a SATs breakfast)

12<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Celebration Lunch for the children

12<sup>th</sup> May - Coronation assembly and afternoon tea at 2pm. All families welcome

15<sup>th</sup> May – Playground Portraits in school to take year group photographs

15<sup>th</sup> May – Colin Foley, Neuro Diverse Workshop for parents/carers at 5:30pm

19<sup>th</sup> May – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> May – Playground Portraits (reserve date)  
26<sup>th</sup> May – Infant Talent Show at 9:30-11am. Junior Talent Show at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome  
26<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term  
5<sup>th</sup> June – INSET Day  
6<sup>th</sup> June – First day of term  
7<sup>th</sup> June – Start of our Academies  
13<sup>th</sup> June – Class 3 trip to the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)  
15<sup>th</sup> June – Class 4 trip to the Bridgewater Hall to play with the Halle Orchestra  
21<sup>st</sup> June – Parent coffee afternoon with Mrs Walker, Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Smith  
27<sup>th</sup> June – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23  
28<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome  
1<sup>st</sup> July – Well Dressing Event. All families welcome. Timings to be confirmed  
4<sup>th</sup> July – New Starter Visit at 2-3pm for children who are starting in Reception in September 23  
5<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day (reserve date) at 2-3:30pm. All families welcome  
8<sup>th</sup> July – PTA Summer Fair  
10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School at 9:30am-2:30pm. Move up afternoon for children  
11<sup>th</sup> July – Bibles will be presented to Year 6 in school  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Celebration Academy Assembly at 2:30-3:30pm. All families welcome  
14<sup>th</sup> July – Class 4 Swimming Gala  
14<sup>th</sup> July – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm  
21<sup>st</sup> July – Leavers' Assembly for Class 4 families at 9:30-11:30am  
21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of term  
4<sup>th</sup> September – INSET Day  
5<sup>th</sup> September – First day of term

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we have welcomed 5 ducklings into the world, and they are keeping us very busy. We were lucky enough to watch them all hatch; it's been amazing to finally meet them after tracking their growth inside the egg for so long.

We have planned our own stories about an Odd Egg, and we will continue our writing- in between duckling duties!

In maths, we have made colour coded odd and even number lines, and, in phonics, we have written sentences that include air words.

We had a fantastic trip to Peak Wildlife Park on Wednesday and our follow up learning will include map work and sorting animals.

### **News from Class 2**

In maths, both year groups have explored division by grouping into equal groups. Year 2 have looked at the 2 and 10 times tables and division.

In English this week, Class 2 have planned a recount of our school trip to Peak Wildlife Park which we will write next week.

In IPC, we planned our trip to Peak Wildlife by annotating the park map, and we used a key to find the different animals we would be visiting.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, the children have continued their topic of fractions. They have added and subtracted fractions, found tenths on a number line and divided one-digit numbers by 10. In English, the pupils have continued to enjoy our class book, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children have started to

create their own story based on our class book. We have identified key features that we want to use in our adventure stories.

In our new topic of 'Shake It', we researched states of matter and created a fact sheet about their properties. In RE, the children have started to look at the story of Moses.

#### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been calculating angles on straight lines and have been exploring polygons and 3D shapes. Year 6 have been looking at co-ordinates in all four quadrants and have been translating and reflecting shapes. In English, we have continued to write our stories based on 'The Princess' Blankets' by Carol Ann Duffy. In IPC, as part of our new topic, Tour du Monde, we have started to explore artwork inspired by France. We have also completed our class timeline of monarchs ready for our Coronation celebration next week.

#### **Celebration Awards**

##### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Orla for putting in so much effort with writing tricky sentences.

Class 2 – Eleanor for her map work skills in Geography.

Class 3 – Ella Jones for creating a great opening to her story, using features from our class book.

Class 4 – Charlotte for a fantastic, precise drawing of the Eiffel Tower.

##### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Rosie for being such a thoughtful and gentle friend.

Class 2 – Seth for working hard on his listening skills in class.

Class 3 – Nathaniel for being a great role model to other pupils by always trying his best.

Class 4 – Eleanor for great perseverance and a good attitude in maths.

**Ethos Award** – Class 3: Thomas for always being a kind and caring friend.

**House Points** – Clarence currently lead by just 2 points.

#### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, the children have taken part in athletics outside, practising our sprint races and bean bag throw.

Class 2 – We have been practising sprint races and long jump outside, focusing on using a good running and jumping technique.

Class 3 – In PE this week, the children have been long distance running, reserving energy for final sprints. In rounders, they have been practising fielding and understanding where to throw the ball.

Class 4 – This week, the children have been long distance running, concentrating on being able to save stamina in order to have the best chance of winning. In rounders, we practised fielding, understanding when and where to throw.

#### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Orin

Class 2 – Lola-Rose & Bobby

Class 3 – Arthur & Natalia

Class 4 – George & Dylan

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