

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*

12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Head's Message

SATs are over and Year 6 have been absolutely splendid. We are so proud of each and every one of them. Nationally there has been a lot of chatter about how difficult this year's papers were, but our children all coped magnificently. Today's Coronation Party was timed so that they could all enjoy the celebrations with test week behind them. Thank you to everyone who came to our assembly this afternoon, for all the cake donations and to the PTA for serving our refreshments. It has been a wonderful afternoon and we were very lucky with the weather. All week we have had a former student in school on a Year 10 work placement. It has been a joy to have her back at St John's. Next week we have Colin Foley in school on Monday to talk first to the staff, and then to parents. We also have our school photos being taken that day. On Friday, the PTA have organised a school disco. Finally, please note we have added the remaining 'Family Lunch' dates to our ever expanding list of diary dates below. We thought Year 6 parents might like to join us on the last day of the summer term to have lunch with their children following the Leavers' Assembly.

### Diary Dates

- 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 – Year 4 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
- 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
- 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> June – Parent coffee afternoon with Mrs Walker, Mrs Hemmings and Mrs Smith
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Primary Maths Competition at King's School (small team from Year 5)
- 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  
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 – Swimming Gala (swimming team from Class 4)  
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 – Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm  
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4<sup>th</sup> September – INSET Day  
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### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we have learnt about the coronation of King Charles and why it was such an important event. We have created artwork for our celebration event and enjoyed building models of Buckingham Palace.

We have begun to look in more detail at fossils and what they can teach us about the past. We have learnt about the role of a palaeontologist and set up a museum of fossils.

In maths, we have started to look at numbers beyond 10; we have arranged groups of objects on to ten frames to help us see that teen numbers can be broken down into tens and ones.

We are very busy taking care of our ducklings, and we are excited to report that we also have a nest full of bluetit eggs.

### **News from Class 2**

In English this week, Class 2 have written a recount of our visit to Peak Wildlife Park. We looked an example and the features we needed to include in our writing, such as past tense and time openers for our sentences.

In maths, Year 1 finished their maths unit on division, using counters to practise sharing equally and make groups. Year 2 practised multiplying and dividing by 5 and 10.

In IPC, we considered which wildlife would use an oak tree as a habitat and created a habitat for sale poster. We learnt about life processes of all living things and sorted different items by considering if they are living, dead or never alive.

In art, we learnt about the history of the crown jewels and created our own artwork ready for the coronation afternoon tea on Friday.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, Year 4 have continued their topic of fractions. They have started to look at decimals and hundredths. Year 3 have started their new topic of mass and capacity, we have look at definitions, key facts and examples. In English, pupils have completed their adventure story based on our class book ‘The Iron Man’ by Ted Hughes. They created their own exciting test of strength and resolution. We have continued to identify key features that we want to use in our adventure stories.

In our new topic of ‘Shake It’, the children researched solutions and the key vocabulary around them. We then conducted an experiment to find what substances can dissolve in milk.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, our wonderful Year 6 children took their SATs- I am incredibly proud of all the hard work they have done preparing and for the resilience and positive attitudes they have shown this week. In maths, the Year 5 children have been working on position and direction, reading, plotting and

solving problems involving coordinates. In IPC, as part of our new topic, Tour du Monde, we have continued to explore artwork inspired by France.

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Samuel for always having such excellent ideas and trying hard to put them into his writing.

Class 2 – Eleanor for trying very hard with her handwriting.

Class 3 – Olivia for helping to create our Coronation Chair and expertly describing it to parents.

Class 4 – All our wonderful Year 6 pupils!

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Gus for his enthusiastic contributions during discussion time and for encouraging others to share their ideas too.

Class 2 – Cora for working independently in English.

Class 3 – Louie for always trying his best around school.

Class 4 – Josh for amazing resilience and an outstanding attitude in all lessons.

**Ethos Award** – Class 4: Matilda - For being a great friend and caring for others.

**House Points** – Clarence currently lead by 1 point.

#### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, we have been practising sending and receiving ball skills using rolls and throws.

Class 2 – We have been using ball skills for target practice using rolling and throwing at different targets.

Class 3 – In PE, the children enjoyed athletics, sprint and relay races getting ready for Sports Day.

Class 4 – This week we did athletics, sprint and relay races in preparation for Sports Day. We played football rounders matches looking for target areas.

#### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Finlay

Class 2 – Darcy and Dyiako

Class 3 – Hugo and Heidi

Class 4 – Mia and Rachel

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