

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

'Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!'

Isaiah 30:18

9th June 2017

Head's Message

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. Incredibly in just a while we will be welcoming our 17 new starters for their transition days, ready to start school in September. This is always a very busy time of year, with Academies, new starters, sports day, well dressing, school trips, reports and a Leavers Assembly on the final day of term, to name but a few. Already the Year 5 children have enjoyed a trip to the Chill Factor and some Year 5 children have been representing the school, rather magnificently, in the Stellar Debating Tournament. Also the children in Class 1&2 have had a super time at the Blue Planet yesterday. Finally I would like to comment on what a wonderful time we had on our Year 6 residential to Marchant's Hill. The children were a credit to the school and had a marvellous time.

Global Learning

As part of our ongoing commitment to Global Learning, we will be taking part in Refugee Week starting on 20th June. During this week the children in all classes will do some afternoon activities linked to refugees and/or global issues. This also links to our current Christian Value of 'Compassion.'

Sports Day

Sports Day this year is scheduled for a 1:30pm start on Friday 23rd June. The reserve date, in case of bad weather, is Thursday 29th June, same start time.

Academies

Our Academies got off to a wonderful start on Wednesday, with the children thoroughly enjoying their chosen experience. Please make a note in your diary that our Celebration event will be held on 12th July.

Come and Play with the Hallé and Youth Speaks

We have a very exciting day on Tuesday when the Year 5 children will be playing with the Hallé Orchestra after a year of strings lessons with Love Music Trust. A home contact has gone out to parents informing you of the heightened security measures in place at the Bridgewater Hall. On the same day our Youth Speaks winning team will be competing in the final at the Deanwater Hotel, Wilmslow.

Goslings

As you are aware school is providing wrap around care this half term, following the departure of B'Brookers. I am pleased to announce that from September, Goslings will be providing wrap around care for the school. Goslings have been in business for over 12 years, starting at Gawsorth Primary School, before expanding to Hollinhey and Wincle Primary Schools. The club is owned and managed by Shaun Gosling, who will be available to meet parents at the Celebration Assembly and at the new parent's information evening.

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Parent Governor

We still have a parent governor position available, as well as two foundation governor vacancies. A new nomination letter has been sent out this week. If you would like to be a school governor, and play an integral part in the school's future, then please contact Mrs Walker.

In school next week:

Tue – Year 5 at the Hallé and Youth Speaks final at the Deanwater at 4.30pm. Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm.

We – Academies Week 2 and FGB at 6.30pm.

Thu – Mrs Walker at a safeguarding meeting in the afternoon.

Frid – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test.

Curriculum update

Class 1 – This week we have focussed on money in Maths. We have identified each coin and discussed its value. We have started to add smaller coins together. In Literacy we have focussed on a letter that we received from Dillon the Diver. He asked us to come up with questions and research objects that he had found whilst diving. These included a starfish, a mermaids purse and shells. We were able to ask some of our questions to the experts at the aquarium. Our school trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium was fantastic and the children were beautifully behaved as ever.

Class 2 – This week we enjoyed our fantastic trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium. We have written recounts about our trip and created fact files about our favourite animals. In maths we have been doing doubling, halving and reading scales. In IPC we are continuing with our geography topic of oceans and seas and have been investigating some artefacts from under the sea that were sent to us by Dillon the diver.

Class 3 – In maths, we have been looking at methods of division and scaling up/down ingredients. We have been looking at Dick King Smith's 'Hodgeheg' this week and writing alternative endings. We have also started our 'Gateways to the World' topic and talked about jobs at the airport. Finally, the Year 3s were invited to Bollington Cross School for Forest School activities on Friday afternoon, where the children joined their Year 3s and took part in a range of outdoor activities, including building models of Bollington landmarks out of sticks. The children worked really well all together as a team.

Class 4 – It's been a busy first week back for Class 4. In English, we have been completing our short stories. In maths, we have been revising short and long multiplication methods. The Y5s had an amazing trip to the Chill Factor, and our debating team have been preparing for their first debate. We have also made a start to our Leavers' production, which will be 'Oliver!' this year- we are very much looking forward to it.



The children, holding hands during a minute's silence, showing respect to our friends in Manchester.

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