

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Reverence

"Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."

1 Samuel 12:24

25th June 2021

Head's Message

It seems almost unbelievable that there are only three more weeks left of this academic year. What a rollercoaster of a year it has been. However, despite the ups and downs of the last 15 months, the one consistency is how amazing the children of St John's are. This week children moving to a new class in September had their transition and spent time with their new teacher. Transition was also completed for the new starters. Class 2 have been busy in the school allotment. They have sown and grown flower and vegetable seeds, while also composting every day. Love Music Trust recorded this week's music lesson to make a promotional video. All of the children have been skipping today, as part of the 'Every Child Skips' sports initiative. Please check your emails thoroughly as High Schools are now cancelling, rescheduling or changing proposed face to face transition sessions in light of Covid-19 cases. The LA will not be changing their guidance for schools until August. They have advised schools to expect to be operating under the same guidelines and procedures as they are now in September. Therefore, we will keep all stagger times and protocols in place until we are advised differently. Finally, well done to Class 4 on two huge competition results this week. First, they have made it through to the Cheshire and Warrington Virtual Tennis finals. They have also been shortlisted (down to the last 3 schools) in the Storengy Solar Panel Competition for their wonderful app idea. We are wishing them all the very best as they virtually meet the judges next week.

No Outsiders

Sadly, Andy Moffat could not make it into school this week due to Covid-19 issues at his school. He is now re-scheduled to meet the children on 13th July.

End of Year Bubble Parties

We will be holding end of year parties for the children in their class bubbles this year. The children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform on their party day. We will be providing refreshments for them. Party times are:

Class 1 – Thursday 8th July pm

Class 2 – Thursday 8th July pm

Class 3 – Friday 9th July pm

Class 4 – Wednesday 14th July pm

Sports Day

As previously mentioned, we are unable to host a usual Sports Day this year, with parents in attendance. The LA has stated that, *'Cheshire East Public Health advice is that in-school sports days can happen; however, as part of the enhanced measures spectators should not be invited as this increases the risk of transmission.'* We plan to have lots of Sports Day fun with the children, keeping them safely in their bubbles. Class 4 will have their Sports Day on the afternoon of Friday 2nd July. Year 6 will also have Forest Schools in the morning, and so please ensure the children have appropriate clothes with them for both activities. The rest of the school will have their Sports Day on Wednesday 30th June, weather permitting of course.

Cheshire East Libraries Virtual Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Cheshire East Libraries are excited to announce that they will be running 'Wild World Heroes' as the Summer Reading Challenge 2021 this summer. The launch date is Saturday 3rd July. We hope you will encourage the children to visit the library over the summer to sign up for the challenge. You can find additional information and free resources to support children's reading for pleasure in the Summer Reading Challenge School Zone: wildworldheroes.org.uk/school-zone-src

Coronavirus Advice

Can we politely remind you that masks should be worn at all times on the school site, that you should remain 2 metres away from other families and leave the school site as quickly as possible. Please come to school at your allotted time. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please do not send your child into school if they have **any** of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours and/or
- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back (if a temperature cannot be taken) and/or
- A loss, or change, to their sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have focused on honey bees in preparation for our bee week starting on Monday. We have looked at the body parts of a bee and we have read 'The Flight of the Honey Bee', ready for a story writing project. We created a story map to help us recall important details and we created our own captions to describe our favourite part of the book. In maths, we focused on sharing and we've loved dividing up the party food fairly between the plates. We have done sketches and paintings of bees, considering the parts of the body ready for labelling next week.

News from Class 2

This week, in Literacy, we have created our own story maps for Jim and the Beanstalk. We focused on the different types of illustration in the story and did our best to recreate them. We have also written our own letters in character as the giant, thanking Jim for all his help. In maths, we have continued to focus on part-whole models and number bonds to different numbers up to 20. We have also been using tens frames to help us with addition. In IPC, we conducted a floating and sinking experiment to see which materials floated and which ones sank. We also looked at different types of toys and investigated what materials they were made out of.

News from Class 3

This week, in English, we have continued to look at our class book, 'A Lion in Paris'. Children have sequenced story events and created descriptions. In maths, children have practised converting time between analogue and digital. In our IPC lessons, children have created a timeline. Children have continued to practise their vocabulary.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning about spirals, looking at the Archimedean and Baravelle spiral, and looking at the golden spiral, linked to the Fibonacci sequence and how it occurs in nature. In English, we have been reading Anne Frank by Josephine Poole, and extracting the key events in the story, and we have been reading and discussing some extracts from Anne's diary. In IPC, we prepared bread for a mould experiment, looking at how bacteria grows, and we will check the results next week.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, in PE, we continued to practise for sports day and were practising throwing and catching the ball.

Class 2 – In PE, the children played tennis and practised balancing the ball on the racket, playing mini tournaments and learning ball control.

Class 3 – This week, in tennis, the children were practising their directional shots, backhand and forearm with volleys. In cricket, the children were playing attacking and defensive shots.

Class 4 – This week, we focused on bowling skills in cricket and shot selection in tennis.

Star Performers

Class 1: Austin Aincham

Class 2: Caprice Mulqueeny Roets and Olivia Beardmore

Class 3: Charlotte Williams and Lucy Jones

Class 4: Georgia and Olivia O'Sullivan

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