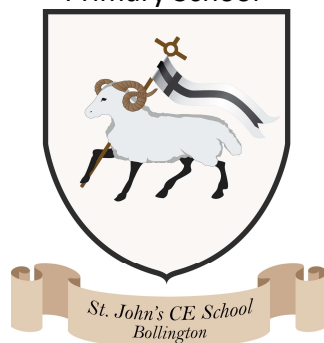


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

2nd July 2021

Head's Message

There have been so many exciting activities this week, but one of my highlights was meeting with the Year 6 children to listen to the presentation they have written for the final stage of the Storengy competition. They were truly inspiring, and their commitment to both climate and global issues is magical. All the children enjoyed a bubble Sports Day this week. Although we missed having spectators in school, the children did all have a wonderful time. Bev from St Oswald's came into school this week to lead a transition session with the Year 6 children, as they get ready to start new High Schools. Our tennis team competed in the Summer Virtual Tennis finals on Thursday. We also welcomed Mr Beardmore into school this week with his bees. The infant children thoroughly enjoyed their socially distanced time with him. Finally, reports will be going home with children on Monday.

Next Week

There will be an Electricity Workshop for children in Class 4 on Monday and the Year 6 children attending Tytherington in September, will take part in an online virtual taster day.

Staff Updates

We have a number of staff changes this year to report. We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Roberts, Mrs Harris and Mrs Bostock. However, we will be extending a warm welcome to Mrs Green, Miss Gordon, Miss Connor and Mrs Woolley. There are no changes to the class teachers, and they will all remain in the same classes as this year.

End of Year Bubble Parties

Just a reminder of our end of year party times:

Class 1 – Thursday 8th July pm; Class 2 – Thursday 8th July pm

Class 3 – Friday 9th July pm and Class 4 – Wednesday 14th July pm

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, which launches tomorrow. We hope you will encourage the children to visit the library over the summer to sign up for the challenge.

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 enjoyed learning more about bees; we have made beeswax candles, participated in some honey tasting and completed a science investigation all about pollination. We welcomed Paul the beekeeper into school with 15,000 of his bees. We identified the queen and watched the worker bees within the glass hive. In maths, we have focused on odds and evens, linking this learning to our knowledge of doubling. In literacy, we created our own story map outlining the adventures of our own bee character.

News from Class 2

This week, we have started our new mini topic about the circus. In literacy, we have made mind maps using our five senses to think about what we could see/hear/smell/taste/feel at the circus. We used these to write our own circus poems. In maths, we have looked at how to use a ruler correctly and measured items around the classroom. We have also completed sharing activities and making equal groups. We harvested some berries from our garden and made our own jam. It was delicious.

News from Class 3

This week, in English, we continued to look at our class book, 'A Lion in Paris'. The pupils created fact files about famous landmarks around the city, including the catacombs. In maths, we have continued to practise converting time between analogue and digital. In our IPC lessons, pupils continued to practise and develop their vocabulary. We have created a pop-out booklet presenting our research.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been creating artwork based on our learning to do with spirals. In English, we have been focusing on reading comprehension skills, looking at supporting our answers with quotations and evidence from the text. In IPC, we completed our mould experiment, and we have been exploring different reversible and irreversible changes.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week in PE, we enjoyed taking part in obstacle races and practising bean bag balancing.

Class 2 – In PE, the children enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day and partook in tennis.

Class 3 – This week, in PE, the children continued with their Sports Day practice including sprints, relays, obstacle course and bean bag throw.

Class 4 – This week, we practised races and hurdles ready for Sports Day, racing in our year groups. We also played rounders, taking it in turns to bat and field. A small group of children practised their tennis skills, such as how many bounces they could do on the racquet.

Star Performers

Class 1: Olivia Hood

Class 2: .Daniel Chapman and Hugo Williams-Spalding

Class 3: Laurie Pearson and Max Williams-Spalding

Class 4: Flynn Tappenden and Jeanie-Rose Parker Campbell

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