

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Respect

"Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God."

Romans 4:20

8th September 2023

Head's Message

We have had such a wonderful start to the new academic year. The weather has also been glorious! Our new starters have all settled in fantastically, and that includes our new staff members, our Reception class and all the other children throughout the school who have just begun their St John's journey. We are so thrilled you have all joined us. This week's newsletter will just to be provide information and diary dates, and we will resume our usual format next Friday. We are pleased to announce we have achieved our Gold Sports Award for the academic year 2022-2023. We will be aiming for Platinum this year! We have re-jigged the Houses this year, so please check with your child as to whether they have changed or stayed the same. If they are unsure please contact their class teacher who can let you know what House they are in. Class 4 have selected the House Captains and we have set up a School Parliament to replace the School Council. Finally, I am attaching an information leaflet for parents about the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment that takes place in the first six weeks of school.

Umbrella Project

Over the summer Mr Morrall hung umbrellas in the school hall so we could be part of the Neurodiversity Umbrella Project. Started by the ADHD Foundation, the Umbrella Project aims to raise awareness and understanding of neurodiversity. Each display is designed to represent the one in five of us who have a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia or Tourette's syndrome. These conditions fall under the umbrella term of neurodiversity. We are proud to celebrate all the many strengths that come from thinking differently. For more information please visit: <https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/events-and-webinars/neurodiversity-umbrella-project>

Kapow

We have changed our teaching curriculum from the IPC to Kapow. We are still a proud global school and we are currently in the process of gathering evidence to apply for the silver Global Neighbours Award (we have the bronze award). Please look at the website (Class Pages) to see class timetables and long term plans. For more information on Kapow, please visit: <https://www.kapowprimary.com>

After School Clubs

Our programme of after school clubs for this term will be sent to our families early next week with further details on how to book places.

PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA for all their support. We have just received 15 iPads, which have been funded by them. Added to this we are in the final stages of securing much needed air-conditioning for the juniors, again funded by the PTA. Our umbrellas are another example of items school have benefitted from, thanks to PTA funding. The PTA AGM will be taking place in the school hall at 7pm on Friday 15th September.

Diary Dates

Below are our diary dates for the autumn term. We are highlighting all the dates in this newsletter, but from next week we will just be focussing on a half term at a time. Key diary dates can also be found on our website: <https://www.bollingtonstjohns.co.uk/events>

11th September – Christian Relief Uganda assembly for children delivered by an outside speaker, all classes

14th September – Music lessons with Ben Simnett resuming (weekly on Thursdays)

15th September – PTA Annual General Meeting at 7pm in the school hall. All parents/carers invited

18th September – After School Clubs begin this week

25th September – Reception 2024 starters open evening at 4-4:30pm. Families of children starting school in 2024 welcome

28th September – Tytherington School Opening Evening

28th September – Wonderful World RE special workshop for Class 2 delivered by Sowing Roots organisation

29th September – Harvest Assembly at 9:30-10:15am. All families welcome. Donations for Silklife Foodbank

11th October – Tytherington Creative Writing Workshop, 4 Year 6 children at 9:30-11am

16th October – Playground Portraits in school taking photographs

16th October – Reception 2024 starters open evening at 4-4:30pm. Families of children starting school in 2024 welcome

18th October – Playground Portraits reserve date

18th October – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm. Reception families invited

19th October – Last day of term

30th October – First day of term (please note teacher-led After School Clubs will not run this week due to Parent/Carer Evening meetings)

31st October – Parent/Carer Evening meetings

1st November – Parent/Carer Evening meetings

2nd November – Parent/Carer Evening meetings

13th November – Reception 2024 starters open evening at 4-4:30pm. Families of children starting school in 2024 welcome

15th November – Year 1 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm. Year 1 families invited

20th November – School Takeover Morning for World Children's Day

21st November – Tytherington School Forensic Science Workshop, all Year 6 students at 12:30-2pm (to be confirmed)

22nd November – Anchor Creative Education delivering interactive spelling and grammar workshops to all classes

27th November – Last week of After School Clubs this term

4th December – Reception 2024 starters open evening at 4-4:30pm. Families of children starting school in 2024 welcome

8th December – Christmassy Clothes Day. Donation details to follow

8th December – School Nursing Team administering flu nasal spray in school

13th December – Infant Nativity Play (Reception Class and Class 2) at 10-11am and 2-3pm. All Reception and Class 2 families invited

19th December – Junior Christmas Play (Class 3 and Class 4) at 2-3:30pm and 6-7:30pm. All Class 3 and 4 families invited

20th December – Christmas lunch (children only)

21st December – Class Christmas Parties

21st December – Last day of term

22nd December – Inset Day

8th January 2024 – First day of the spring term

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