

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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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

22nd September 2017

Head's Message

This week has been a busy week of meetings, having met with Committee 1&2, the local Tytherington heads and leads of an Emotionally Healthy Schools programme that St John's will be involved in this year. Below I have set out the school priorities for the coming academic year, which were written in collaboration with staff and governors. Today we were treated to a wonderful assembly from Zoe, who works at Finchley Progressive Synagogue. She came to talk to the children about Judaism and will be leading workshops later this year.

Priorities for 2017/2018

Outcomes for Children and Learners	Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment	Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare	Effectiveness of Leadership and Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a new assessment/tracking system, which tracks the non-core subjects in as much detail as the core subjects. Ensure children are on track to make good progress. Continue to ensure that progress for disadvantaged pupils and those with special educational needs matches other pupils with the same starting points. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To focus on delivering quality writing opportunities through the non-core subjects. Ensure that teachers have high expectations of all pupils and that teaching is always at least good, moving more consistently towards outstanding. Ensure pupils GLD is above, national standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement and embed new RE syllabus. Evaluate worship and ensure it meets the children's needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop and train the new governors so that the board is skilled and working strategically. Promote the emotional health and wellbeing of pupils and staff through the Emotionally Healthy Schools Programme.

School Clubs

After school clubs start on Monday – please make sure you let the school office know if your child cannot attend a session.

PTA AGM

The PTA is holding their annual AGM meeting at St John's next Friday at 3.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Phonics Parent's Meeting

Mrs Jobbins is holding a Phonics Workshop on Thursday at 3.30pm for Reception parents. Childcare is provided.

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In school next week:

Monday – Mrs Walker on a Diocese visit.

Wednesday – Open the Book starts for 10 weeks.

Thursday – C3 Meeting and Phonics evening at 3.30pm.

Friday – Mrs Walker at an Emotionally Healthy School conference. PTA AGM at school at 3.30pm.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in maths we have been matching numerals to numicon pieces. We have started our phase 2 phonics as well as our morning dough disco sessions. We have been looking carefully at our body, the bones and how we move. The children have linked their learning by measuring their height using a range of tools.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been looking at our new class story "Dogger" by Shirley Hughes. We have labelled Dogger using adjectives and made our own moving dogs. In maths we have been partitioning and ordering two digit numbers and measuring our feet in cm. In IPC we have been performing our own toy rhymes and performing them with percussion instruments.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, we have focused on different methods of addition. We are enjoying our 'Scavengers and Settlers' topic. In literacy, we have looked at Theseus and the Minotaur and created our own play based on this myth. In our topic lessons, we have once again looked at fossils and how they help us to learn about the past.

Class 4 – This week, in English, Class 4 have been exploring how characters in novels can be complex and have different sides to their personalities. In maths, we have been ordering decimals and mastering column addition of decimal amounts. In IPC, we have been learning how creatures who live under the sea can be classified.

Sports news:

In PE this week, Class 1 have been learning about the skeleton and the names of some of the bones. Class 2 enjoyed working on different body movements and putting them to music, whilst Class 3 put their basketball skills to use by playing competitive matches against each other. Class 4 have also been busy, improving their skills at Basketball, Netball and Archery.

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