

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

22nd September 2023

Head's Message

Another busy week at St John's. Mrs Jobbins and I have finished the Reception Baseline Assessment, so formal teaching can begin in Class 1 on Monday. Mrs Jobbins is very much looking forward to starting phonics. Throughout the assessments the children were all amazing. We have our first tour after school on Monday for all parents who would like their child to start in Reception in September 2024. Class 2 are looking forward to their Wonderful World workshop on Thursday, and we have our Harvest Assembly on Friday at 9.30am. All donations for the Silklife Foodbank will be greatly appreciated. Tytherington have their Open Evening on Thursday evening, and may I remind you that if your child is in Year 6 the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31st October. My thanks to all the parents who attended last Friday's PTA AGM. It was a very productive meeting, with lots of plans in place for exciting activities for both the children and the adults. Finally, there are four attachments with this newsletter. We are sending home three information leaflets from the LA and our Harvest order of service.

Wellington Boots

There are two boxes of wellies in the big playground, where the children line up in the morning. They all belong to the current Year 1 children, and were used last year when they were in Reception. Could we kindly ask you to take your wellies in the coming week, after which we shall donate them to charity.

Forest Schools

Some of the children in Class 3 got very cold and wet in the forest today, as they were not suitably dressed. Please ensure that they have long trousers on and have fleeces, long sleeved tops and waterproofs with them.

Class 4 Mobile Phones

Please can you remind your child, if they are in Class 4, that their mobile phones are not to be used anywhere on school premises. The children are only permitted to have phones in school as they are allowed to walk home, and therefore might need them on their journey. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

General Permissions

Please note that we keep a record of parental/carer permissions relating to your child. These are collected by School Spider. If you ever need to change your permissions please contact the School Office. For the new academic year we are currently surveying Class 4 and Class 3 families about whether permission is given for children to watch PG movies and Class 4 families about whether permission is given for children to walk home from school.

Diary Dates

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 invited

6th October – Class 4 PTA Cake Sale

13th October – PTA School Disco

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)

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have read the story of Vashti in *The Dot*; we learned all about trying our hardest and not being afraid to have a go. We created our own dot pictures using watercolour paints before adding patterns in black pen. We have also learnt about the life of Frida Kahlo and how she painted her beautiful self-portraits. We used mirrors to study our own faces before creating our own. In maths, we have focused on 2D shapes in the environment. We created shape finders and went on a shape hunt to find objects in our room that matched. In forest school, we collected plenty of apples ready for some exciting activities next week. Well done to all the Reception children for doing so well with their baseline activities.

News from Class 2

In Class 2, this week we have been exploring contractions in English. The highlight of the week was our science lesson on Thursday where we were learning outside by exploring how trees change through the different seasons. Year 1 have been learning about tens and ones in maths by using base ten equipment and tens frames, whilst year 2 have explored the topic of greater than, less than and equal to in maths. Also, we have enjoyed preparing for the Harvest Assembly by practising our song every day and using our artistic skills to create some special props!

News from Class 3

Class 3 have had another great week. In maths, we have continued our topic of place value. The children have looked at estimating on number lines, flexible partitioning and adding 1, 10, 100 and 1000. In English, the pupils have enjoyed our class book of 'The First Drawing'. We have created our own story based on this book. We have written in first person, including exciting noun phrases. In history, the pupils have researched Bronze Age Britain. In science, the pupils have continued to look at the human skeleton.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have continued working on place value, focusing on rounding to the nearest 10,000, 1,000, 100 or 10. Year 6 have been revising column addition and subtraction and have been exploring factors of numbers. In English, we have started reading 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. We have been writing in character as Philippe, just as he takes his first step onto the tightrope from the top of the tower. A particular highlight of this week has been listening to 'Walk Like An Egyptian' by The Bangles and using pictorial notation to explore its musical composition.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Lilia for trying so hard to create a fantastic self-portrait.

Class 2 – Sasha for excellent work with contractions in English.

Class 3 – Mark for always trying his best to present his work.

Class 4 – Mia for writing a wonderful script, interviewing characters who witnessed Philippe's amazing walk between the Twin Towers.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Sky for always taking care of anyone that is upset or injured.

Class 2 – Heidi for always showing exceptional listening skills and for always being kind to her classmates.

Class 3 – Laurie for settling in well to class.

Class 4 – Nathaniel for having such an amazing attitude to his learning.

Ethos Award – Class 2: Finlay for always demonstrating our value of respect.

House Points – Clarence have overtaken Oak Bank, and are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – We focused on listening skills and lower body movements, using obstacles to weave around whilst moving in a range of ways.

Class 2 – In PE this week, Class 2 explored different speeds and motions of movement, as well as focusing on the technique of passing in football.

Class 3 – This week, Class 3 focused on football skills, passing and shooting. Class 3 also practised their basketball skills including attacking 2v1.

Class 4 – Like Class 3, Class 4 focused on football skills, passing and shooting. They also practised their basketball skills including attacking 2v1.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Viktoria

Class 2 – Ruby and Eleanor

Class 3 – The whole class were superstars

Class 4 – Thomas and Leon

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