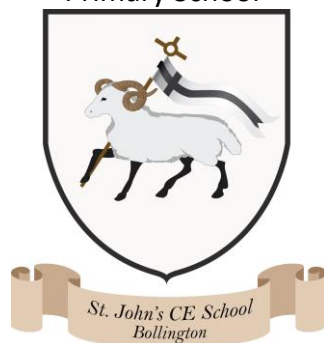


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

13th October 2023

Head's Message

We have already reached the last newsletter of this half term, and what a super term it has been. This week we celebrated World Mental Health Day, sent some Year 6 pupils to Tytherington for a Creative Writing Workshop and are ending the week with a PTA school disco. Our School Garden Project is already in local Tesco stores, so please encourage family and friends to vote for us and secure vital funds for the school. Looking ahead to next week, hopefully the rain will cease by Monday for our school photos. On Wednesday we have our Reception family lunch and a Phonics Workshop after school. Thursday is the last day of term as Friday is an Inset Day. Staff will be having training on a new Mighty Writer resource that we hope will inspire and motivate the children in their independent writing. I do hope you have a wonderful half term.

Diary Dates

16th October – Playground Portraits in school taking photographs (all children please come in uniform)

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

18th October – Reception family members are invited to a Phonics Workshop at 4pm

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 continued to use the text, Martha Maps It Out. In geography, we looked at maps of Bollington and identified recognisable landmarks. We created our own maps and learnt how to use a key to locate key features on a map. In maths, we have looked at the numbers 3 and 4, focusing on how both numbers can be made in different ways.

News from Class 2

In English this week, our highlight of the week has been our handwriting progress – many of us are making great improvements and we look forward to implementing our progress into other learning. We have enjoyed delving deeper into money in maths, exploring different quantities, values of notes and even selecting money to make an amount. The children have breezed through homophones in phonics this week and Mrs Smith is very pleased with the Year 1 work in phonics too! We enjoyed exploring the season of autumn in science and this week's history lesson saw us explore how we are making our own history. Overall, we have had an excellent week in Class 2 – see you at the disco!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have started to develop their fluency with column addition. They are now solving problems with multiple exchanges. In English, the pupils have continued our class book called 'The Tear Thief.' We have looked at persuasion, focusing on rhetorical questions. In history, pupils have identified the changes between the Neolithic and Iron Age houses/ settlements. In science, pupils have created a model hand. In PSHE, we have looked at what it means to be a good friend.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on inverse operations, and Year 6 have been working on long multiplication and division, including multi-step problems. In English, we have completed our final drafts of our biographies about Philippe Petit. We also started our work on Nightmail, by WH Auden. A highlight of this week has been designing our own monsters in French and writing a description about them, focusing on noun/adjectival agreements.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Viktoria for consistently trying so hard in every lesson.

Class 2 – Maisie for showing tremendous knowledge and perseverance with money in maths.

Class 3 – Megan working hard to improve her maths.

Class 4 – Louie for fantastic work on binary numbers in our computing lessons.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Bertie for making such an effort to be helpful in the classroom.

Class 2 – Emme for always listening impeccably in class and for demonstrating exceptional behaviour.

Class 3 – Arthur for his resilience. We are proud he is swimming without armbands.

Class 4 – Charlotte for having an amazing attitude in all lessons every single day.

Ethos Award – Class 1: Josephine for always taking care of others and helping her friends to make good choices.

House Points – Clarence are still in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we played stop/start games that encouraged everyone to follow instructions, move in a range of ways and find safe positions in the hall.

Class 2 – PE this week saw us focus on defending space and objects whilst an opponent tries to invade, a concept that is important to footballing tactics.

Class 3 – In football, we have been playing 2v2 mini games working attack and defence skills. In basketball, we have been practising shooting and off ball movement.

Class 4 – In football, we have been using step over skills to dribble past defenders. In basketball, we have been shooting and moving to create chances.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Florence

Class 2 – Gus and Rosie

Class 3 – Rory and Megan

Class 4 – Sigrid and Jessica

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