

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

9th July 2021

Head's Message

We have reached the final newsletter of the year, and I would like to thank the whole school community for their support during these unprecedented times. Next week we will say a sad goodbye to the Year 6 children, as they begin the next chapter in their educational life. We are so very proud of each and every one of them. There will also be sad goodbyes to a number of staff who will not be returning in September. In other news, this week Class 4 had an Electricity Workshop and Year 6 took part in virtual transition. End of year bubble parties started in Class 1 and 2, with Class 3 and 4 to follow next week. We are thrilled to be welcoming Andy Moffat to school on Tuesday. Andy is the creator of No Outsiders, and will be working in each class during the day. Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful summer holiday.

Step 4 of the Roadmap

- This week we received more information regarding what will happen at Step 4 of the Roadmap. In summary the main points are:
- school will no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will still be identified via NHS Test and Trace
- from Step 4, your child does not need to remain in a consistent group/bubble
- face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas

Therefore, please note from September we will no longer be keeping the children in bubbles and the start and end of the school day will no longer be staggered and will revert to pre-pandemic times (8.50am-3.30pm). Face masks will no longer be advised, but should you wish to continue to wear a mask we would support that for both staff and visitors.

For further information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Piano Lessons from September 2021

Mrs Dooley who comes in to school to teach piano (fee applicable), will have 5 spaces for piano lessons from September for children who will be in Year 1 to Year 6. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please contact Mrs. Dooley direct on either 07940 717 626, 01625 573 039 or email: Pameladooley1@gmail.com

Football Final

England has reached the final of the Euros, a fact which has captivated and excited so many of the children in school. If your child is watching the football on Sunday, and requires a little more rest on Monday, please note that they can arrive at school up to 10am that morning without being registered late. School will, of course, be open as usual for all other children.

Earth Cubs

Linked to a Sustainability Assembly that took place in Class 4 this week, we would like to highlight Earth Cubs to you. This is a global education initiative, encouraging children to learn about the planet. Earth Cubs has a free app and many valuable learning resources. Sign up and engage, prepare and support children on their journey of discovery about sustainability and the environment. For more details please visit: www.earthcubs.com

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 written some fantastic stories linked to our book, The Flight of the Honeybee. We learnt how to start a story with an interesting sentence and we focused on remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We rounded off our learning about odd and even numbers by using ten frames and focusing on patterns. We have done fantastically well with recalling what makes a number odd or even. We enjoyed a great party on Thursday, with lots of dancing, party games and biscuit decorating.

News from Class 2

In literacy this week, we have continued with our circus project and have held a class debate about whether or not animals should be allowed to perform in the circus. We then wrote letters to the circus putting forward our views. We have researched different types of clowns and made information posters about them. We have also looked at circuses from the past and sorted acts into

past and present. In maths, we have answered circus number problems, which included us adding three one digit numbers. We then wrote our own. We have solved the ring master's hundred square counting back challenge and have revised odd/even. In our topic work, we have been performing circus poems and have created our own actions to go with them. We have enjoyed our class party and decorated clown biscuits.

News from Class 3

This week, in English, we have continued to look at our class book, 'A Lion in Paris'. Children have created a story based on the themes in this book. In maths, children have started to look at properties of shapes, identifying different types of angles. In our IPC lessons, children have created a fact file about the Canal du Midi.

News from Class 4

This week, the pupils, who are going to Tytherington High School, had their virtual taster day, and the rest of the class enjoyed an electricity workshop. We also have started a theme park project, looking at keeping to a budget, profit and loss. The children have also been learning about reversible and irreversible changes in science. On Thursday, we took part in a workshop all about sustainability. Finally, we are in the final stages of our rehearsals for our Leavers' Production next week.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we took part in team games and fun challenges.

Class 2 – This week, the children played mini tennis competitions, took part in races and practised their tennis skills.

Class 3 – This week, the children were curling and undertaking target practice. They also had a dodgeball tournament.

Class 4 – This week, we split into our year groups. Year 6 played a game of cricket using all the skills they have learned this term, and Year 5 played doubles matches in tennis, practising their skills. We then swapped over.

Star Performers

Class 1: Tabitha Oakes

Class 2: Jessica Grimshaw and Thomas Woolley

Class 3: Laurie Pearson

Class 4: Thomas Williams and Amelia Woolley

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