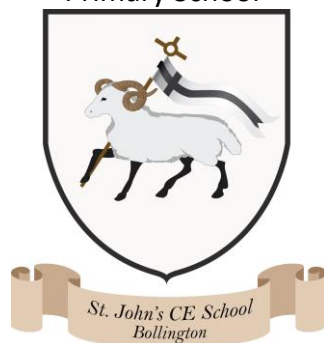


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

*"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore He will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!"
Isaiah 30:18*

17th November 2023

Head's Message

The school was so bright and colourful today, as the children wore their non-school uniform in support of Children in Need. Thank you to all the families who have donated. We have currently raised £106. If you have not yet had a chance to donate you can still do so at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/bollington-st-johns-primary-school-1697462799658>

It was so lovely to welcome all our Year 1 families to school on Wednesday for a roast dinner lunch. After Christmas, we will be sending invites out to Year 2 and Year 3 families. Next week, we have lots going on. On Monday a TV crew from BBC Deadly 60 will be visiting Class 3. We also have our information evening about 'Girls on Board' at 5pm for parents of children in Class 3 and 4. On Tuesday Year 6 are attending a Forensic Science workshop at Tytherington High School. This is always such a fun transition event. On Wednesday a team of girls from Class 3 will be attending a 5-a-side football tournament at Tytherington High School (St John's kits will be sent home on Monday), and we have our SPaG workshops. Then, on Saturday 25th November we have our wonderful PTA Christmas Fair. Finally, please note I am sending home a leaflet with this newsletter for parents whose children are in Year 4, and will sit the Multiplication Tables Check in June next year.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week was Anti-Bullying Week, and at school we have focussed on kindness and respecting everybody.

Class 1 – We looked at the book ‘The Kindness Elves’ and thought about how to be good friends.

Class 2 – We celebrated people’s strengths and discussed always giving a helping hand to others.

Class 3 – We had a class assembly on the topic and made posters in PSHE.

Class 4 – We held a class assembly exploring different children’s stories about bullying.

Diary Dates

20th November – BBC TV crew meeting with Class 3 to explore and discuss animals and habitats

20th November – Girls on Board Presentation Evening at 5-6pm. Class 3 and 4 families invited

21st November – Tytherington School Forensic Science Workshop for Year 6 students at 12:30-2:30pm

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

22nd November – U9 Girls Football Team at Tytherington School for local inter-school competition at 9:30am-1pm

25th November – PTA Winter Fair at 12-3pm. All families invited

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

29th November – Presentation to children by Sue Whyatt, a former England football goalkeeper

1st December – Wreath Making PTA event at 7-9pm

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

5th December – Christingle workshops for all classes

6th December – Infant Cinemac Trip to see The Grinch (morning)

8th December – Christmassy Clothes Day

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

11th December – Bikeability for Year 4 and Year 5 students

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

15th December – Junior Cinemac Trip to see Wonka (morning)

19th December – Junior Christmas Play (Class 3 and Class 4) at 10-11:30am, 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

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have learnt all about the four seasons and their key features. We used the book ‘Tree’ to introduce new vocabulary and to link our own experiences. In maths we have looked at the composition five and represented our learning in a part whole model. We are well under way with our nativity practice and the children are all doing brilliantly!

News from Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been exploring the ‘oa’ and ‘ey’ sounds in phonics with a huge degree of success. In geography, we enjoyed learning about position and direction, and then used this knowledge to help us create a map for the school playground. During maths this week Year 1 have been working hard on related number facts and adding more, whereas Year 2 have been working on

adding 2-digit numbers. We have practised our Christmas nativity play this week and it is coming together nicely! Thank you all for coming along to the Year 1 Parent Lunch. It was lovely to see so many families.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, the children have worked hard to develop their fluency with formal methods of addition and subtraction. The children have continued to practise column addition/subtraction and counting using a number line. In English, the pupils have continued to enjoy our class book, 'Escape from Pompeii.' We have started to write vivid descriptions and look at how to expand noun phrases. In science, we have started to look at contact and non-contact forces. In computing, the children have started to include loops in their codes.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Class 4 have continued working on fractions. Year 5 have been mastering converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. Year 6 have been finding fractions of amounts and consolidating all the skills they have learned during their fractions block. In English, we finished reading 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We have written in role, as Julie, one of the characters from the text. A highlight of this week has been our science lesson where we explored thermal conductivity.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Fred for segmenting and blending words independently in his writing.

Class 2 – Kobi for his understanding of position and direction in geography.

Class 3 – Ella for writing an excellent, vivid description of Pompeii erupting.

Class 4 – Dylan for fantastic work on learning his numbers in French.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Guy for being a good role model and helping others to be kind.

Class 2 – Henry for ensuring that his friends are safe and cared for at all times on the playground.

Class 3 – Megan for working hard to learn her 9 times table.

Class 4 – Heidi for having a great attitude to learning and wonderful concentration.

Ethos Award – Class 3: Ena for showing compassion and helping class mates.

House Points – Lowerhouse are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we warmed up our bodies with stop/start games then cooled down with a full session of yoga.

Class 2 – We have continued our circuit training, and this week's circuit was focussed on improving endurance.

Class 3 – In PE, this week we have been developing our hockey skills. We have practised passing and receiving around opposition players. We also enjoyed circuit training.

Class 4 – This week, we have developed our hockey skills. We have been passing and receiving around opposition players and focussing on our passing technique. We have also worked on circuit training.

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Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Viktoria

Class 2 – Samuel and Emme

Class 3 – Oscar and Megan

Class 4 – Natalia and Abi