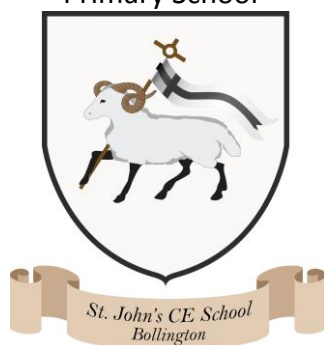


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'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

'Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!'

Psalm 106:1

16th February 2018

Head's Message

I must start by saying how wonderful Class 4 were on last week's residential. We are very fortunate to have such caring, thoughtful, kind and funny children in this school, and it was a pleasure for us as staff to take them to Boreatton Park. We are already excited for the next one! Please check out the website for lots of amazing photos of the children's accomplishments. We hope you enjoyed today's Talent Show – an annual event which has now become a firm favourite with the children. Thank you to our judges Mrs Dooley, Mrs Valentine and Mrs Healey for giving up their time and helping us to make the event so special. I am attaching the January Chester Diocese newsletter to this message, as it has three small stories about events at the school. Mrs Jobbins has also completed her RSPB birdwatching week, and has submitted the data. Finally, with sadness, we say goodbye to Mr Rutherford today. He will be sorely missed by us all, but never forgotten. Happy half term everyone – see you on Tuesday 27th February, as Monday the 26th February is an INSET day.

Parents' Evenings and World Book Day

We are holding Parents' Evenings the first week back after half term – so please ensure you have signed up for a slot with your child's teacher. Also World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.

Thinking Day and SATs Week

Please note that, as always, we will be supporting Thinking Day this year. Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beaver, Cubs and Scouts are invited to wear this uniform to school on Tuesday 27th February, rather than their usual school uniform if they wish. This year the Year 6 SATs tests will take place week commencing Monday 14th May.

Mobile Phones

A few older children have started to bring mobile phones into school each day, stating that they need to call home when they arrive. Please note that except for Class 4 Golden Time, phones are not permitted in school. If a child is not at school by 9am we will contact you, so there's no need for your child to bring their phone. Also should the phone go missing during the school day, school is NOT liable.

Parent's E-Safety Information Evening

PC Jane Commins will be once again leading a parent's online and e-safety information evening on 22nd March at 4pm. Childcare will be provided. This is an extremely useful workshop aimed at helping parents help their children navigate their way through a technological age. We do hope you will attend.

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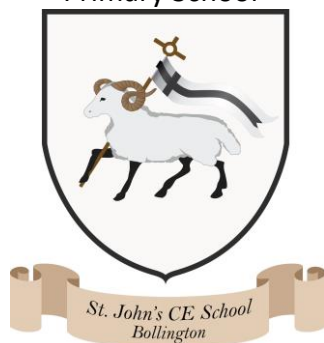
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Deputy Mayor

We were delighted to welcome the Deputy Mayor, Jon Weston, and other Bollington Councillors to school this week. They had a wonderful visit and met the school council after touring the school.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

A huge thank you to Sarah and Amy for providing pancakes for us to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. The whole school had an assembly on these important Christian dates, and Class 4 had a wonderful trip to St Oswald's on Wednesday to join with Bollington Cross children for an Ash Wednesday service.

In school first week back after half term:

Monday 6th February – INSET day. Staff will be at Tytherington High School for a joint INSET.

Tuesday – School re-opens. FORGIVENESS is our Christian Value. Thinking Day. Parents Evening.

Wednesday – PCSO assembly. Mrs Watson on a course. Parents Evening.

Thursday – World Book Day.

Sunday – Family Worship at St Oswald's.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We watched a video about the animal race that determined the animals of the zodiac. In maths we ordered the animals according to who finished the race first; we focussed on using ordinal language. In literacy we have tried to write our names and the names of the animals in Chinese symbols. We opened a Chinese restaurant and tried all sorts of delicious Chinese food and then we discussed our likes and dislikes.

Class 2 – This week in Literacy we have been looking at the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have made our own porridge and written our own recipes. In maths we have been doubling and halving shapes and numbers. In IPC we have learnt all about the artist L.S Lowry and recreated some of his famous paintings. We have also begun to learn about Florence Nightingale and her contribution to medicine. In R.E we have looked at the parable of the hidden treasure and discussed what is precious to us.

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Class 3 – This week, in maths, we have recapped our learning from this half term. We have continued to look at earthquakes in our topic 'Active Planet'. In literacy, we have completed our stories based on Billionaire Boy. In RE we have researched the meaning of churches to Christians.

Class 4 – This week, class 4 have been writing recounts about their time on residential. In maths, we have been mastering short and long division methods and investigating factors, multiples and prime numbers. In IPC, we have looked at the Celts and Romans.

Sports News – Class 1 and 2 have worked on exercise routines and fun fitness, while Class 3 and 4 have studied basketball skills and taken part in basketball tournaments.

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