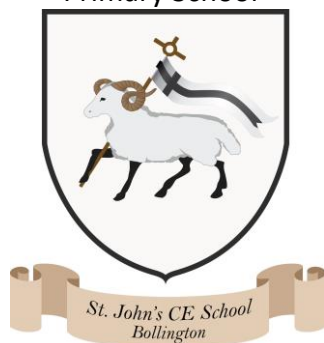


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'Christian Value' – Forgiveness

'Get rid of all bitterness, passion and anger. No more shouting or insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort. Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.'

Ephesians 4:31-32

9th March 2018

Head's Message

Welcome back to a snowy second half of the Spring term. Our new Christian Value as we journey through Lent to Easter is Forgiveness. I hope that Parents Evenings went well and that you had an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Please check out the March/April issue of Bollington Church News where you will find a lovely prayer written by Tyler in Year 1. Finally a note of thanks to parents, staff and children for your co-operation, understanding and support during the exceptional weather conditions we faced last week.

Rainbow Flag

Mrs Walker and Mrs Watson attended a training conference on Monday delivered by the Proud Trust. We hope our school will be chosen to move forward and apply for the Rainbow Flag Award.

The Football Academy

Children in Class 2 and Class 4 were extremely complimentary of their new sports provider, Steve, who runs the Football Academy. Rest assured he will not just be teaching the children football! Class 1 and Class 3 teachers have opted to teach their own PE in the wake of Mr Rutherford's departure.

World Book Day

The children all surpassed themselves on Thursday, as they celebrated a rescheduled World Book Day. As the day coincided with International Woman's Day it was lovely to see the female role models from literature being recognised.

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.

Mr John Kershaw

Our condolences to the Kershaw family on the sad news of the death of John Kershaw, a much loved member of the community, and former governor at the school.

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In school first week back after half term:

Sunday – 10.30am a Mothering Sunday service at St Oswald's.

Monday – British Science Week and Commonwealth Day.

Wednesday – Full Governing Board meeting. Class 3 and 4 visiting St Oswald's Church.

Thursday – Mrs Walker at Diocese meeting.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have focussed on story telling. We have used puppets, story maps and picture stories. We have created our own stories and recorded ourselves retelling them. We have started collecting our stories in our 'Helicopter Stories' book which is a technique used to build up children's ability to create a retell stories. In maths we have focussed on weighing. We loved dressing up for World Book Day!

Class 2 – This week we started our exciting new topic of Flowers and insects. We have done a bug hunt and learnt about the different parts of an insect. In literacy we have written a setting description about our new class story 'Tin Forest'. In maths we have been looking at analogue and digital time.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, we have looked at column subtraction and word problems. We have researched how we can create a realistic volcanic eruption. We looked at the properties of fizzy drinks using raisins and designed and carried out an experiment using Coke and Mentos. In literacy, we have started to read escape from Pompeii.

Class 4 – This week, we have been solving problems involving all four number operations in maths. In English, we have been reading 'Can We Save the Tiger?' by Martin Jenkins. We have been writing speeches to inform people about an endangered species and to persuade them to support the cause. In IPC, we have started our new topic, 'What a Wonderful World' and have been looking at the layers that form the earth and the different biomes.

Sports News – Class 1 have focussed on their throwing and catching skills using beanbags, Class 2 have done some football and ball control skills. Class 3 have enjoyed basketball and focused on ball control skills and Class 4 have been playing small team games, working on their basketball skills and playing some football matches.

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