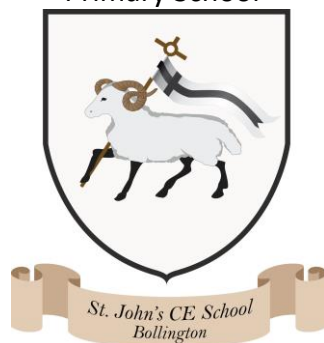


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Respect

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

10th September 2021

Head's Message

It has been truly wonderful to see everybody back at school this week, and to meet all the new starters. The children have all settled in beautifully and we were thrilled that all PE sessions, swimming and Forest Schools activities were able to start. Teacher led school clubs will commence on 20th September, with the exception of Mrs Jobbins club which will start after half term. As you will be aware from my previous letter we are no longer staggering the start and end of the day, or maintaining strict bubbles within school. However, the LA have advised that we caution parents that the landscape is still unclear and case numbers are set to rise in the coming weeks. Therefore, schools need to be prepared in case increased measures need to go back into place. Three schools in the area have already met the 'outbreak' criteria. For the moment though we are thoroughly enjoying a more normal school environment, and hope it continues.

Attachments to this Newsletter

Please note there are a number of attachments being sent with this newsletter. We have the DfE Contingency Plan. This document can also be found on the Coronavirus Updates section of the website, along with our current Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan. We are also sending out two information leaflets; one to Reception parents about the Baseline Assessment and the other about Covid-19 and returning to school. Finally, we are attaching a letter with information about applying for free school meals and ask you to please consider applying if you think you are eligible. For help in this matter please contact the school office.

Macclesfield Netball Club

Macclesfield Netball Club (MNC) are looking to recruit new members in Years 2-6. If anybody is interested in registering, please visit their website: www.macclesfieldnetballclub.com

Fluenz

This year the Fluenz nasal spray will be offered to all children in both Primary and Secondary Schools from Reception age through to Year 11. Consent for the Fluenz this year will be via an E Consent form instead of a paper form. As soon as we have more details we will notify you.

Covid-19 Advice

If your child has any of the main Covid-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at

home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell us the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

News from Reception

What a wonderful first week in Reception. We have spent our first week settling in to our new routine of school; we have explored the space both indoors and outside and spent time together reading and playing. We have discussed how we might be feeling a little nervous and how we can help each other by being a good friend. All the children have tried so hard to take of one another. We have read a book called, 'All Are Welcome', and we created artwork to represent our hands together, working as a team. On Wednesday, we explored the woodland area and collected hundreds of apples, and, on Thursday, we enjoyed a Forest School session with Marcella. Thank you to all the parents for their support this week.

News from Class 2

We have had a super first week in Class 2. We have focused on three stories this week which cover topics such as friendship, anxiety and diversity (The Rainbow Fish, The Worrysaurus and Elmer). We have made our own beautiful rainbow fish to display in our classroom and thought about how the rainbow fish changed his behaviour from the beginning to the end of the story. The class thought about their own worries and have made our own happy thoughts butterflies, which we have painted with watercolour paints. We have listened to the story of Elmer and thought about the word 'unique'. We have thought about what makes us unique. We carried out an Elmer colour hunt around school and created our very one unique Elmers.

News from Class 3

It has been a great first week back. We have started our topic of 'Scavengers and Settlers'. Children have spent this week getting hands on with fossils and learning about how they are formed. In English, we have started a new class book, 'The First Drawing'. We have thought about the differences between the Stone Age and now. Children created a diary entry about their life in the Stone Age. In maths, Year 3 have looked at adding 100s and Year 4 have looked at adding 1000s. We have thought about how to show respect online in our E-Safety lesson.

News from Class 4

It's been a great first week back to our new school year. We have completed our first maths lessons on place value, focusing on numbers to 100,000. We have completed our Knowledge Harvest for our new IPC topic, 'What Price Progress?'. We have also completed our half termly E-Safety lessons, learning about strong passwords and talking safely online. In PSHE, we have been discussing mental health and issues surrounding discrimination and unhelpful stereotypes.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we got to know each other, did some movement exercises and played games.

Class 2 – This week, we focussed on passing skills and played team games throwing and catching the ball and working together.

Class 3 – This week, in basketball, we looked at different passing techniques including the chest pass, bounce pass and shoulder pass. In football, we also explored different passes including the inside foot pass.

Class 4 – This week, we practised different passing skills in basketball and football. We also played a game of benchball.

Star Performers

Class 1: Eleanor

Class 2: Freja and Austin

Class 3: Heidi and Niamh

Class 4: Izzy and Lilly-Belle

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