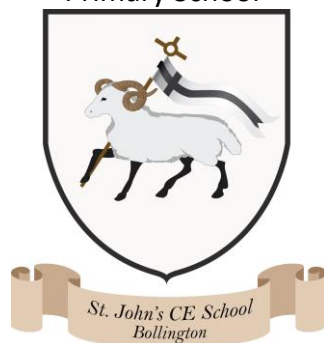


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Growth

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity."

2 Peter 3:18

19th April 2024

Head's Message

Welcome to the summer term, where our new Christian Value is Growth. Over the Easter holidays the air conditioning units were successfully installed in Class 3 and Class 4, which of course meant this week has been particularly cold and wet. Weather aside, the units are wonderful and will make a real difference to the classrooms on days when it is hot. Our thanks to the PTA, and to every parent who has helped fundraise, for financing them. This week, swimming and Forest Schools started back, and we introduced our Meet and Greet programme. Our Wellbeing Coach will be with us every week from next Tuesday. We have published below our programme of events for the summer term, but please remember this list can change, and more events will be added. I would like to highlight our Online Safety talk which is being delivered to parents by the police on Wednesday 5th June at 9:15am. Please do not miss this briefing if at all possible, as it gives valuable insight into some of the dangers of today's online/digital world.

Playground Zones

We have separated the yard into zones for the children to access at lunch time. We have a Games Zone (Sam and Mr Hanson are running structured games for the children to play), a Fitness Zone (the gym equipment and trim trail), a Quiet Zone (in the gazebo) and a Free Play Zone (at present behind the gazebo, but hopefully soon this will be on the field). Children are free to move between the zones or stay in just one as they wish. This initiative was championed by the recent Mental Health training courses that staff have attended.

Diary Dates

Monday 29th April – The History of Toys Special Workshop delivered by the Silk Museum for Class 2

Monday 29th April – 7 A-Side Football Match (Junior Boys) v Nether Alderley Primary School at St John's at 4-5pm

Monday 29th April – PTA meeting, The Poachers Pub, 8pm

Wednesday 1st May – Year 5 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

Friday 3rd May – 5 A-Side Football Match (Junior Girls) v Nether Alderley Primary School at Nether Alderley at 4-5pm

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May – Year 5 and 6 Netball Match v Rainow Primary School at St John's at 4-5pm

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs

Friday 17th May – Class 1 PTA Cake Sale at 3:30pm
Friday 24th May – Image Musical Theatre in school performing ‘The Selfish Giant’
Friday 24th May – Last day of term
Monday 3rd June – First day of term
Wednesday 5th June – Online Safety Talk for families with PC Marc Harley at 9:15-10:15am
Wednesday 5th June – Online Safety Talk for junior children with PC Marc Harley at 11am-12noon
Thursday 6th June – Academies begin
Monday 10th June – Junior Rounders Match (mixed team) v Dean Valley Primary School at St John’s at 3:45-4:40pm
Monday 17th June – New Family Information Meeting for families whose children are starting Reception in September at 4:30-5pm
Tuesday 18th June – New Starter Afternoon for children starting Reception in September at 1:30-3pm
Wednesday 19th June – Sports Day at 2-3:30pm
Tuesday 25th June – New Starter Afternoon for children starting Reception in September at 1:30-3pm
Wednesday 26th June – Tytherington School Year 6 Information Evening (6pm)
Friday 5th July – Infant Talent Show at 10-11:30am. Families invited
Friday 5th July – Junior Talent Show at 1:45-3:30pm. Families invited
Friday 5th July – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm
Monday 8th July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School at 9:15am
Thursday 11th July – Academy Celebration Assembly at 9:30-10:30am. Families invited
Wednesday 10th July – Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
Monday 15th July – Move up Afternoon for all classes
Friday 19th July – Leavers Assembly at 9:30-11am. Class 4 families invited
Friday 19th July – Last day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have read the story of Hattie Peck and learnt all about which animals hatch from eggs. This has helped us to predict what will hatch out of the mystery eggs that have appeared in our incubator. We have candled each of the eggs and we identified the embryo and blood vessels. In maths, we have been counting to twenty and beyond and looking at the composition of teen numbers using ten frames and numicon.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight has been starting lots of new topics. In science, we are learning about plants, and we enjoyed exploring the different types of plants on the school premises. In history, we are learning about the origin of flying and the story of how planes were first made. In maths this week, Year 1 have been counting in 2s and 10s, whilst year 2 have been measuring in centimetres and metres. Our English text, ‘Stella and The Moon’ has taken us on a path of lunar learning! We have enjoyed being back at school.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, Year 3 have looked at using scales and measuring in grams and kilograms. Year 4 have looked at the place value of decimals. The children have looked at different suffixes and the present continuous tense. In geography, we created a fact file about Macclesfield Forest. In D&T, we looked at the features of a castle. In PSHE, the children looked at how to call for help in an emergency. For our computing lesson, the children looked at how to create a multiplayer game in Scratch.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been calculating angles within right-angles, straight lines and around a point. Year 6 have been learning to calculate the mean and work out vertically opposite

angles. In English, we have started planning and writing our own stories based on 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol-Ann Duffy. Another highlight this week has been learning about how to manage bleeding in our PSHE lesson.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Rory for careful writing and brilliant phonics work.

Class 2 – Sasha for focus and ambition in maths when counting in 2s and 10s.

Class 3 – Joey for excellent research of a rainforest.

Class 4 – Luke for writing a wonderful opening to his story, editing with great care.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Fabian for making such a great effort with his learning this week.

Class 2 – Finn for settling in so well into Class 2 after his trip.

Class 3 – Johnny for always applying himself in class.

Class 4 – Phoebe for being kind, helpful and hard-working.

Ethos Award (Growth) – Class 2: Maggie for taking time and effort to grow her friendships.

House Points – Adelphi were the winners last half term.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we combined our maths and PE by focusing on our throwing and catching skills then keeping individual scores.

Class 2 – We have practised athletics in particular the long jump. We have used momentum and body parts to improve jump distance. We have also done target practice – working in teams aiming for gates (of varying distance) using rolling and throwing.

Class 3 – The children practised athletics, in particular standing and running long jump, using our body to gain momentum and improve jump score.

Class 4 – We practised rounders and fielding using the long barrier correctly and understanding when to use it.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Arthur

Class 2 – Joseph and Oliver

Class 3 – Olivia and Poppy

Class 4 – Sigrid and Scott

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