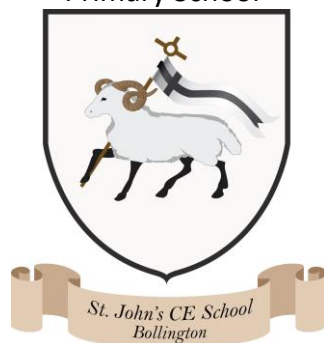


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

26th April 2024

Head's Message

At last the sun has made an appearance, giving us a very pleasant Friday. It was made all the more enjoyable for me when I received a pancake, freshly made, from children at Forest Schools. This week, our main excitement has come from our blue tit eggs, our hatched chicks and our growing froglets in Class 4. Wonderful signs that winter has passed, and it has been so lovely for the children to embrace the beauty of nature. We have a busy week ahead. Class 2 has a special History of Toys workshop which will be delivered by the Silk Museum on Monday. On Tuesday there is a football match against Rainow and on Friday a match against Nether Alderley. On Wednesday we will be welcoming our Year 5 families to join us for lunch. I would like to draw your attention to some dates that been added to our diary dates. Monday 10th June will be our Phonics Screening Check for Year 1. Class 3 have their trip to Chester on Wednesday 12th June. The Year 6 children will receive their leavers Bibles on Wednesday 17th July. We have a back-up Sports Day pencilled in for Wednesday 10th July. Finally, we have arranged a Parent's Information Evening on Monday 8th July. This is to share with parents' information from the Mental Health training that Mrs Watson and I have participated in. Further details of all these events can be found below.

Diary Dates

Monday 29th April – The History of Toys workshop delivered by the Silk Museum for Class 2
Monday 29th April – PTA meeting at The Poachers Pub at 8pm
Tuesday 30th April – 7 A-Side Football Match (Junior Boys) v Rainow Primary School at the Cappelli sports ground at Bollington Leisure Centre at 3:30-4:30pm
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 – Phonics Screening Check
Monday 10th June – Junior Rounders Match (mixed team) v Dean Valley Primary School at St John's at 3:45-4:40pm
Wednesday 12th June – Class 3's Roman Day class trip to Chester
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 at 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
Monday 8th July – Mental Health Information Evening for parents at 4-5pm
Thursday 11th July – Academy Celebration Assembly at 9:30-10:30am. Families invited
Wednesday 10th July – Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
Wednesday 10th July – Sports Day (back-up date) at 2-3:30pm
Monday 15th July – Move up Afternoon for all classes
Wednesday 17th July – Bible Presentation to Year 6 at 9:15am. Year 6 families invited
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 been very focused on the arrival of our chicks. We have watched three chicks hatch safely and they are doing really well. We have learnt all about how to keep the chicks safe and what they need to stay healthy. We have also loved watching our bluetit lay eight eggs in the nesting box. We will watch closely over the next ten days for more chicks to hatch! In maths, we have started to learn about odd and even numbers; we have linked this to our previous learning about doubles.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight has been our art lesson on Tuesday. We created a 'woven wonder' which was inspired by the artist Judith Scott. All of the children's artwork was fantastic. In maths, Year 1 have been learning to count in fives, and Year 2 have been measuring in grams and kilograms. In English, we have started writing our information booklets about the moon. We have also enjoyed learning about the Wright brothers in history and their story of how they made the first aeroplane. Overall, we have had a really good and exciting week!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, Year 3 have continued to look at using measuring. They have looked at the difference between capacity and volume. The children have learnt to measure using millilitres and litres. Year 4 have looked at decimals, looking at the place value of tenths and hundredths. In grammar, the children have started to look at subject and objects as well as clauses. In history, we have started to look at Anglo Saxon Britain. In our computing lesson, we have learnt how to save our scratch creations and how to create quizzes using operators.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been exploring coordinates, including translations. Year 6 have been investigating the sum of the internal angles in different polygons, and learning about radius

and diameter of circles. In English, we completed our stories, based on 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. In history this week, we have been learning about the events which led up to the beginning of World War 2.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Ivy for fantastic writing.

Class 2 – Maggie for creativity in art.

Class 3 – James for justifying his opinions in our history lesson.

Class 4 – Lois for excellent story writing, with a great mixture of action, description and dialogue.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Sky for being kind and patient with others.

Class 2 – Finlay for always trying his best in all areas of learning.

Class 3 – Poppy for building resilience in all of her lessons, especially maths.

Class 4 – Scott for a mature attitude to all his learning and for always doing his best.

Ethos Award (Growth) – Class 3: Olivia H for growing in confidence.

House Points – Clarence are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we focused on throwing and catching using a ball. We also rolled the ball through a target.

Class 2 – We have been doing target practice in a competition style, using curling to aim for a target, focussing on direction and weight of push.

Class 3 – The class has taken part in athletics using weight and direction in an Olympic style curling tournament. In rounders, we have focussed on batting and connection with the ball using hand eye co-ordination.

Class 4 – Children enjoyed curling in athletics, figuring out the weight of push and direction over different distances. In rounders, we have been understanding how to use your body to change the direction of a shot by opening or closing your body.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Fred

Class 2 – Orin and Sophie

Class 3 – Megan and James

Class 4 – Kit and Matilda

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