

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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'Christian Value' – Peace

'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.'

Numbers 6:24-26

8th June 2018

Head's Message

Unbelievably we have reached the last half term of this academic year. Our new Christian Value is 'Peace.' In this glorious weather the Academies have started, and they are always such a joy as there is a greater energy and buzz around our already very happy school. Having held our full governors meeting on Wednesday night, I am happy to report our budget is healthy and so we will be doing some much needed maintenance work around the school in the summer. Also following the governors meeting, updated policies (including Attendance and Anti-Bullying) have been added to the website. Finally I am delighted to report that Mrs Louise Cooper will be joining our staff as a TA from September. She is already a familiar face around school as she is currently completing her TA qualification in Class 3 and working as a midday assistant. Therefore, at present, our staffing structure for next year will be unchanged, with the same teachers and TAs in each class.

Touchscreens

The brand new C-Touch touchscreens have now been installed in each classroom and are amazing. They have only been possible due to the fundraising efforts of our wonderful PTA. If you are not already helping our PTA out, please consider it, as the benefits to the children are enormous.

Sports Day

Please note Sports Day has now been arranged for Friday 13th July at 2pm. A reserve date of Wednesday 18th July has also been set. Sadly Mr Rutherford is unable to break his cricket commitments to join us.

Arts Project

Mrs Jobbins has been working with colleagues from Dean Valley, Bollington Cross and St Gregory's to organise a Bollington arts project, which will go on exhibition in the Arts Centre from June 29th. Please keep this date free in your diary for the launch event (5-8pm) and further details will follow separately.

Book Tokens Competition

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://po.st/schools18>

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In school next week:

Monday – Mark Jackson leading a Comic Workshop in Class 3.

Tuesday – Year 5/6 Puberty Talk by the School Nurse. Mrs Walker at 'Valuing all God's Children' course.

Wednesday – Mrs Walker at new SIAMs framework course. Phonics Screening for Year 1.

Thursday – Academies Week 2.

Friday – Mrs Walker and Mrs Watson at MMU.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we used the children's wonderful holiday diaries as a starting point for discussion. We have talked about holidays, travel and adventures. The children made large scale maps and they have added a range of transport to illustrate how they would get from one place to another. This has encouraged their writing about a journey. In maths the children have started to look at coding and keyboard skills. We all enjoyed our first academy session on Thursday.

Class 2 – This week in Literacy we have started our new class story called Beegu. We have used adjectives to describe Beegu's planet and tried to translate her alien language. In maths we have done number bonds to 20 using money and ordered three digit numbers. Year 2 have been rounding numbers up and down to the nearest 10. In IPC we have started our new topic of 'From A to B' we have listed all different types of transport that we have been on and thought about some questions we would like answering throughout this exciting topic.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have recapped place value. In literacy we have started a new unit of haiku. Children have created and performed poems. In IPC, we have started our new topic of living together.

Class 4 – This week, class 4 have been working on investigations and problem solving in maths. In English, we have been writing story openings, focusing on describing settings, creating an atmosphere and using dialogue to portray the characters. In RE, we have started exploring the question, 'Does science disprove Genesis?' We discussed the question, 'How did the world begin?' and listened to varying opinions.

Sports News – Class 1 have focussed on hoop skills and gross motor skills. Class 2 have been practising tennis skills. We have learnt the different types of shots and have practising balancing on different body parts. Class 3 have enjoyed a sunny afternoon playing rounders and Class 4 did athletics, focusing on javelin, shot put, long jump and running.

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