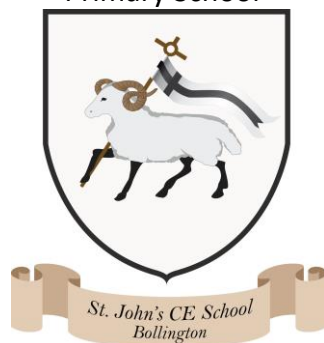


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

3rd May 2024

Head's Message

Without a doubt my highlight of the week was the absolute joy the children showed when they were finally let on the field at lunchtime on Wednesday, after so many weeks of rain. It did, however, impact our Year 5 family lunch somewhat, as they children were much too excited to run free than sit any longer than necessary with their parents. It was lovely to see you all. Other highlights this week included our 7-A-Side football match against Rainow on Tuesday, where our team played magnificently against much older boys. After school today, we are rooting for our girls who are taking on Nether Alderley in their football match. Win or lose we know they will make us proud. Class 2 had a very exciting visit to St Oswald's yesterday, where they learnt all about baptism and the features of a church. It was a busy week for Class 2 as on Monday the Silk Museum visited them to talk about life in the Victorian times. In this morning's Celebration Assembly I read out all the amazing Academy choices we have this year. I had hoped to send the sheet home today, but we are still waiting for confirmation from the Fire Station as to whether they can run an Academy. As a lovely addition when we hold our Academy Showcase our young musicians will be performing at the start of the assembly. These are the youngsters who have been having lessons with Ben. Finally, have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday.

SATs Breakfast

Our wonderful Year 6 children will be taking their SATs tests from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May. We would like to invite all of the Year 6 children to come into school for a pre-SATs breakfast on those days. We will have pastries, toast, fruit and yoghurt for the children, and they will be able to start the day in a relaxed fun way.

Tiny Art Gallery

We have placed a tiny art gallery on a wall as you walk into school. We hope our whole school community will join us in leaving and taking a piece of art from the box. Our very own creative swop shop. Here is a tiny photo of our tiny gallery.



Diary Dates

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 started our new topic of dinosaurs by gathering our own knowledge and fact checking with our non-fiction books. We have started our study of fossils and how they are formed. In maths, we have learnt more about number bonds to ten by focusing on the 'missing number'. We are still enjoying the chicks and we've taken it in turns to read and sing to them. We are eagerly waiting for the bluetit eggs to hatch so we can compare the chicks to our own.

News from Class 2

Our highlight of the week was the Victorian Toys workshop on Tuesday, which was delivered by Jodie from the Macclesfield Silk Museum. We had a wonderful morning and the children really enjoyed it! In maths this week, Year 1 have been learning about equal groups and arrays, whilst Year 2 have been learning about units of measurement. In English, we have continued our extended writing about the Moon and the children have produced some fantastic work. On Thursday afternoon, we had the pleasure of visiting St Oswald's church - we learnt about the features of a church and baptism. In art, we learnt how to plait and the children created some wonderful art work.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, Year 3 have started their new topic of fractions. Children have looked at how to add and subtract fractions as well as unit and non-unit fractions of objects. Year 4 have continued to look at decimals. They have looked at making a whole using tenths and hundredths and comparing amounts using place value. In grammar, the children have looked at spelling rules for common words as well as how to connect two main clauses. In history, they have started to look at Anglo Saxon villages and how they differed to the Roman settlements in Britain. In our computing lesson, they have used variables to create their own quizzes. In RE, the children have looked at the five Ks of Sikhism.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on decimals, and Year 6 have been working on coordinates, including translations and problem solving. In English, we have designed an imaginary creature, and we are now creating guide books about how to look after it. A highlight has been our art lesson where we have been designing a piece of artwork inspired by Maya symbols.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Maksym for his hard work during phonics. It is a joy to hear him read with such confidence.

Class 2 – Orla for excellent writing and editing in English.

Class 3 – Jack for his excellent work in computer coding.

Class 4 – Jessica for a super piece of artwork, inspired by Maya symbols.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Guy for trying hard to include others in his play and activities.

Class 2 – Emme for being so kind and helpful to her peers.

Class 3 – Hugo for working hard in all lessons, including handwriting.

Class 4 – Laurie for an excellent attitude in all areas of her learning.

Ethos Award (Growth) – Class 4: Josh for developing his resilience and confidence in lessons.

House Points – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we did target practice using balls and beanbags. We focused on rolling and throwing with control.

Class 2 – We have been practising our athletics with short races, working on block starts and standing starts. We have also done target practice using our underarm and overarm throw with bean bags aiming for different targets.

Class 3 – We have been practising our athletics with short sprint races, looking at block/standing starts and acceleration.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 have also been practising athletics with sprint races using block/standing starts looking at acceleration and how that affects a race. They have also played rounders focussing on shot selection and direction, using body shape to change direction.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Ivy

Class 2 – Rosie and Emme

Class 3 – Henry and Mark

Class 4 – Louis and Mia

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