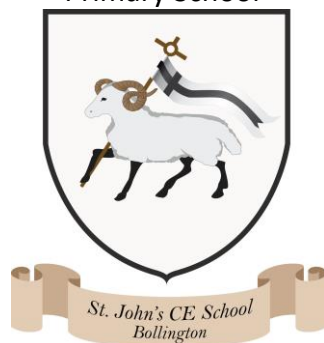


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

17th May 2024

Head's Message

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."

A.A. Milne

Well done to our amazing Year 6 children who completed their SATs tests this week. They were absolutely splendid. I would also like to thank the rest of the school for being so quiet and supportive of their friends. Our Year 2 children will be doing their optional SATs next week. Hopefully all the children have been notified of their academy place. Any issues, please let me know. Class 4 have written some beautiful letters in support of Bollington Library. These will be hand delivered to the library when Reception visit there next Wednesday. The letters have all been emailed to the councillors who sit on the Environment and Communities Committee. Next week, we are thrilled that members of the Bollington Festival will be with us on Wednesday afternoon as our Class 4 children paint banners and posters for this event. Then on Friday, we have Image Musical Theatre in school performing The Selfish Giant. This will be the last newsletter this half term and so I wish you a relaxing break, and we will see you on Monday 3rd June.

PE Kit and Forest School Attire

We are noticing a growing number of children wearing various non-uniform clothes for PE. Please can we politely remind you that the PE kit is as follows, and only these items should be worn: PE: school branded jade t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt with black shorts and pumps (indoors) and a dark tracksuit/shorts and trainers (outdoors).

Furthermore, please ensure your child is in suitable clothing for their Forest School session. In particular, may we politely request there is no jewellery, no short denim shorts and no bare midriffs.

Government Attendance Guidelines from August

Nationally the government has made tackling poor attendance a top priority. Please note the new government guidelines regarding attendance, and specifically term time holidays:

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22th May – Reception Class visit to Bollington Library

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

Tuesday 4th June – Junior Girls Football Match v Rainow at 3:45pm at Capelli Football Ground

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 3:45pm at St John's

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

Thursday 20th June – Junior Boys Football Match v Rainow at 3:45pm at St John's

Friday 21st June – Year 5 Maths Team Challenge at King's School (team of four students) at 1-3pm

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 read the story of Marianne in our book of the week, The Girl and the Dinosaur. This led to us learning about the life of Mary Anning, a palaeontologist that lived 200 years ago. We have made our own fossils out of clay, set up a fossil shop, made skeleton artwork and sketched different types of fossils. In maths, we have focused on counting on when doing simple addition using number tracks.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight has been learning how to weave in art, by using the warp and weft method. We have been very busy in maths. Year 1 and Year 2 have started their fractions topic, learning to recognise halves and quarters. In English, we have been learning about the structure of a paragraph

and using conjunctions in our writing. In history, we continued our learning about the history of aviation, and we used a timeline to order significant milestones.

News from Class 3

This week in maths, the children have completed their topic of money. They have looked at adding and subtracting amounts of money. We have estimated using money and completed multi-step problems. In English, the children have looked at the 'Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. We have written in role from a character's perspective, created a fact file about rats and looked at different techniques of persuasion. In history, the children have examined Sutton Hoo. We made inferences using objects found at the site. In our computing lesson, the pupils created a times table quiz using Scratch coding. In RE, the children have looked at the 8 fold path.

News from Class 4

This week, Year 6 completed their end of year national assessments. In maths, Year 5 have been looking at adding, subtracting and sequencing decimals. In English, we have explored an animation called The Lighthouse. We answered comprehension questions, and we are now working on retelling the story. Another highlight this week has been experimenting with chiaroscuro in our art lessons, applying understanding of using light and dark to create form and impact.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Lilia for fantastic sketches of fossils.

Class 2 – Bobbie for excellent writing in English.

Class 3 – Austin for amazing effort in his coding work.

Class 4 – Luke for a wonderful start to his piece of writing based on the animation, 'The Lighthouse'.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Gus for being so helpful and encouraging others.

Class 2 – Dyiako for showing great enthusiasm in all areas of learning.

Class 3 – Jack for showing growth.

Class 4 – Year 6 for having an amazing attitude to their SATs this week.

Ethos Award (Growth) – Class 2: Ruby for showing growth in her independence.

House Points – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This we enjoyed a music and movement session before focusing on some key yoga poses.

Class 2 – We have practised athletics in particular relay races and looking at changeovers using bean bags. We have also done some target practice using bean bags to score points in different size hoops.

Class 3 – We have played a rounders match in teams, recapping all the rules. We have also practised athletics in particular relay races, including changeovers with a baton.

Class 4 – This week, Class 4 had a reward for completing their SATs. The class chose a dodgeball tournament.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Viktoria

Class 2 – Heidi and Cora

Class 3 – Austin and Freja

Class 4 – Nathaniel and Scott

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