

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Peace

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give it as the world does. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*

*John 14:27*

14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Head's Message

This week has been rather full of statutory tests and requirements. The Year 1 children did brilliantly in their Phonic Screening Test on Monday. Our Year 4 pupils sat their Multiplication Tables Check on Tuesday and did exceptionally well. Finally, Mrs Watson and I travelled to Holmes Chapel on Wednesday, as the LA selected us for external moderation of our Year 6 writers. After reading the pupils work, the moderators were delighted and charmed by them, as we are on a daily basis. Class 3 had a wonderful trip to Chester on Wednesday, where a child versus teacher shield battle took place. I am reliably informed (by Henry) that the result was a draw. It was week 2 of our Academies, which are now in full swing. Please see the website for the journalist's article. As always it is so lovely to see the school buzzing with excitement and activity. Next week, on Monday, we have our information meeting for parents of our new Reception starters. We then meet those children for the first of their two transition afternoons the following day. All staff have their fingers crossed that Sports Day will take place on Wednesday. As always if we have to cancel we will let you know. We also hope our Junior Boys Football Team get to play Rainow on Thursday.

### Staffing for September

It is with sadness we must inform you that Mr Timmis will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mr Timmis has been at St John's since September 2017 and has become an integral part of our family. We will all miss him, but wish him the very best as he embarks on a new chapter. Class teachers for next year are:

Class 1 – Mrs Jobbins

Class 2 – Mr Hanson

Class 3 – Mrs Smith

Class 4 – Mrs Watson

### Diary Dates

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – New Family Information Meeting for families whose children are starting Reception in September at 4:30-5pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – New Starter Afternoon for children starting Reception in September at 1:30-3pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day at 2-3:30pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Junior Boys Football Team v Rainow at Cappelli Ground, 3:45pm-4:45pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – New Starter Afternoon for children starting Reception in September at 1:30-3pm

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Tytherington School Year 6 Information Evening at 6pm  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Junior Girls Football Team v Rainow at Cappelli Ground, 3:45pm-4:45pm  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Infant Talent Show at 10-11:30am. Families invited  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Junior Talent Show at 1:45-3:30pm. Families invited  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – PTA School Disco at 6-7:30pm  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Taster Day at Tytherington School at 9:15am  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Mental Health Information Evening for parents at 4-5pm  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Academy Celebration Assembly at 9:30-10:30am. Families invited  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day (back up date) at 2-3:30pm  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Move up Afternoon for all classes  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Bible Presentation to Year 6 at 9:15am. Year 6 families invited. Followed by P4C session with the parents of Class 4 from 9.45-10:30am  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Assembly at 9:30-11am. Class 4 families invited  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we have been busy writing up our story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff using our story plans to help us. We have created watercolour paintings of the story setting and made puppets of each character. In maths, we have used the rekenreks to help us answer simple addition sums. We all loved making artwork for our Father's Day cards.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, our highlight was moving on to our new maths topic of time. I have been so impressed with the children's knowledge, resilience and determination in this new topic. Year 1 have started learning about the language associated with time and Year 2 have focussed on o'clock and half past. In English, we have used the conjunction 'but' and begun our creative writing about a character from the text. In RE, we have been learning about the story of 'Joseph and his Multi-coloured Coat. In geography, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the seas and oceans that surround the UK, and we can't wait to continue our learning about the coast.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, in maths, the children have continued our topic of time. The children have looked at seconds, minutes and hours. They have thought about how to choose the most effective unit of measurement when looking at duration. In English, they have started to create their own narrative based on our class book, 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. We have used fronted adverbials in our build up and then looked at including all our literacy tools such as simile, metaphor and expanded noun phrases. In history, we have started to look at the end of Anglo-Saxon rule, and the events that led to the battle of Hastings in 1066. On Wednesday, Class 3 visited the Grosvenor Museum in Chester. We can be proud of how Class 3 represented our school when out in public. They were well mannered and keen to share their learning. We attended a workshop about Roman Chester, and our instructor told us that we are the first class ever to be able to talk in detail about the Roman pilum! We were led around the city by a Roman centurion and visited the amphitheatre and the Roman gardens.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on converting units of measures, for example, km to m and l to ml. In Year 6, we have been revising division, giving remainders as fractions. In English, we have been writing stories based on 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. Another highlight this week was in technology, where we explored the 'farm to fork' production of beef products. We have also had our auditions for our end of year production, 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'.

## **Celebration Awards**

### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Josephine for an excellent start to writing her story independently.

Class 2 – Sophie for showing excellent understanding of time in maths.

Class 3 – Tabby for excellent historical research.

Class 4 – Sigrid for a fantastic story based on 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan.

### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Finley for his enthusiastic attitude to learning.

Class 2 – Gruff for always listening and trying his best.

Class 3 – Aaruhi for settling so well into class.

Class 4 – Skyler for having a wonderful attitude to learning and always doing her best in class.

**Ethos Award (Peace)** – Class 4: Lois for always wanting peace and being a wonderful friend.

**House Points** – Oak Bank are currently in the lead.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – Our usual PE session was replaced with a visit from the school nurse, who taught us all about health and wellbeing.

Class 2 – We focused on obstacle races in readiness for Sports Day.

Class 3 – We have looked at batting techniques and direction in cricket. In tennis, we looked at shot direction and selection.

Class 4 – This week, we practised obstacle racing and sprint races. We also did a circuit training session.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Lilia

Class 2 – Gruff and Heidi

Class 3 – Henry and Arthur

Class 4 – Heidi and Jessica

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