

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Creation

"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."

Hebrews 11:3

18th October 2024

Head's Message

We have reached the last Friday, and last newsletter of this half term. Please be reminded school closes on Thursday and re-opens Monday 4th November. All staff are attending Read, Write Inc training on INSET Day, and we are very excited to start this phonics programme. I am also very excited about our new Grow in the Woods Instagram page, which will launch next week, promoting and celebrating all of the amazing learning and activities that happen in our Forest School. Our girls did us proud this week in their first football match of the season, beating Rainow 2-1. Tonight, our boys are in action for the second time this season, against Nether Alderley, and then have a wonderful PTA whole school disco at 6pm to look forward to. Next week, we are holding Parents' Evenings on Monday – Wednesday. I am meeting the Class Reps on Wednesday, so please do let them know if there's anything you would like raising in that meeting. We also have the Class 2 PTA cake sale at the end of the school day. Finally, please can I just mention that the school office is not closed on a Friday; it is just manned by Mrs Hobbs instead of Mrs Green. Therefore, the admin school address is not accessed. If you have any issues please call the school as usual or email bursar@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

School Lunch Payments

We are very grateful for all the parents who have paid for their child's dinner/snack promptly. Please can any outstanding payments be made before the end of Tuesday. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Since we have taken over the catering in-house, it has been very successful, and we are even supplying hot meals to Allsorts. The children are thoroughly enjoying their lunches. In case you are not aware, we would like to point out that we support and use local suppliers: our meat comes from Barrows and items such as pizzas are always freshly hand-made on site.

Diary Dates

21st, 22nd and 23rd October – Parent/Carer Evening Meetings at 3:30-6pm

24th October – Last Day of autumn term 1

24th October – Class 2 Cake Sale at the end of the day

25th October – INSET Day (Read, Write Inc training for staff)

4th November – First Day of autumn term 2

6th November – Year 2 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm

27th November – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm
29th November – Last day of After School Clubs (teacher and volunteer led)
29th November – Year 6 Forensic Science Workshop (whole year group) at 12:30-2:30pm at Tytherington High School
10th December – Infant Nativity Play at 2pm. Families invited
13th December – Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Buxton Opera House (junior children)
17th December – Junior Christmas Production at 2pm and 6pm. Families invited
18th December – Christmassy Clothes Day and Christmas Lunch for the children
20th December – Last day of term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have used the book, *The Growing Story* to help us plot out a growth timeline. We made comparisons between what babies, children and adults can do, looked at clothing and shared our own experiences. In maths, we have made groups of objects and matched it to the numeral to show quantity. We have been working hard each day to blend short words to support our phonics lessons.

News from Class 2

This week, our highlight was our music lesson where we used instruments to fit the events of 'The Three Little Pigs' story. In maths this week, Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning about doubles and addition sentences with three numbers. In English this week, we have been writing letters to a character and in science we considered which human senses are used in different situations and places. In PSHE, we enjoyed learning about how to recognise different people's emotions and in history we discussed how holidays in the past were different to holidays in the present.

News from Class 3

In maths, we started our unit on addition and subtraction and have been looking at addition through boundaries of tens and hundreds. This week we have been learning all about David and the Psalms in RE, and in particular how special Psalm 139 is for Christians and their relationship with God. In PSHE, we have looked at gender, age and disability stereotypes and how we should not treat others unfairly. In science, we went over what we have learned in our forces and magnets topic. In English, we looked at direct speech and how to join sentences together using co-ordinating conjunctions. We also looked at how to make our writing more interesting using adverbials. The children are getting good at saying please in French during the dinner register in the morning!

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been exploring prime, square and cube numbers. We have also been revising multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000. In English, we have continued our work on our Literacy Tree unit, 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. We have been creating maps of the setting, based on details from the text, and we have been writing short newspaper articles about the events in the story. A highlight this week was our French lesson, where we have been learning how to say how we travel to school. We surveyed the class in French to find out the most popular forms of transport.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Callum for trying so hard with his writing.

Class 2 – Sasha for a well written letter in English.

Class 3 – Jack for doing some lovely work around how much God knows about us and loves us based on our learning around Psalm 139.

Class 4 – Talia for excellent work in French, describing how she travels to school.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Kit for his enthusiasm and participation during our learning.

Class 2 – Bertie for following instructions and trying his best.

Class 3 – Sophie for trying so hard in lessons, especially maths.

Class 4 – Phoebe and Olivia for making a great start to St John's and fitting into our school so fantastically.

Ethos Award (Creation) – Class 1: Isla for participating so well in our worships about creation.

House Points – Clarence are still in the lead, by 30 points.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE this week, we looked at being different animals and using different movements to complete a circuit, focusing on balance, speed, agility and awareness.

Class 2 – This week, we focused on cricket bowling in target practice using a under arm throw, overarm throw and cricket bowl, focusing on direction and weight of throw.

Class 3 – We have focused on a football tournament and challenges using passing, shooting and teamwork to earn points.

Class 4 – This week, we had a tournament for football, using all skills we have learnt and putting them into a game, using teamwork and good sportsmanship to earn bonus points.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Liam

Class 2 – Maksym and Sasha

Class 3 – Cora and Seth

Class 4 – Isaac and Louie

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