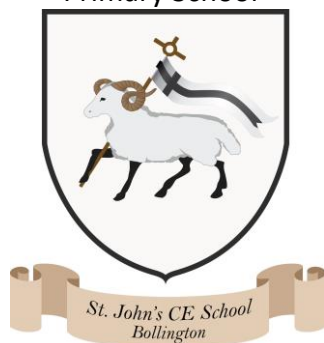


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Hope

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

18th January 2019

Head's Message

The children have had some lovely assemblies this week, thanks to Front Row Music, the NSPCC and Lucinda Hodges from ANSA (Cheshire East recycling). Lucinda has given our Junior Recycling Officers (JRO's) lots of ideas to ensure the school is recycling as much as we can. In light of this, from next week, the Reception pupils' daily milk will be delivered in reusable glass bottles instead of the throw-away plastic cartons. In addition, the JRO's will soon be running some competitions across the school. Please tune in to Silk FM 'School of the Week' next week (3.45pm to 3.50pm Monday-Friday) to hear the Year 6 children talk about school life and especially their work on eliminating plastic. This interview will also be available to listen to, at your own convenience, via the Silk FM Website: www.silk1069.com/on-air/podcasts/school-of-the-week/episode/bollington-st-johns-primary-school/

Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament

Seven children from Class 3 represented St John's in a Small Schools Football Tournament at Tytherington High school this afternoon. We are delighted to report they finished third and they are extremely pleased with their bronze medals. Well done children.

Parents' Evenings

This term we will be holding our parents' evenings on February 4th and 5th. Time slots will be available to book from 6pm on Friday 25th January. Please remember this is a first come, first served system, so we would advise you to log on and complete your request as soon as possible if you require a specific time/day.

Stay, Play and Pray

Family and friends of children in reception are warmly invited to come into school at 3pm on Tuesday for Stay, Play and Pray in the classroom.

Year 1 Parent Lunch

Year 1 family members are invited to join the children for lunch on Wednesday. If you would like to attend, and have not already let us know, please just contact the school office.

Throat Lozenges

Please be reminded that we do not allow children to bring throat lozenges into school. As per current First Aid advice they are a choking hazard in a Primary School setting. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

School meals and packed lunches

Please be reminded that in order that the catering department can control the food ordering, we require two weeks' notice if you wish to switch your child from school meals to packed lunches and vice versa.

In school next week:

Sunday – St Oswald's Family Communion at 10.30am.

Monday – Silk FM 'School of the Week'.

Tuesday – KS2 Fire Service assembly. Mrs Walker at Head's meeting. Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm.

Wednesday – Mrs Walker on safeguarding training. Year 1 parent lunch.

Sunday – St Oswald's Epiphany Party at 3pm.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have continued learning about the features of a fairytale. We have retold the story of Cinderella and looked at different story openers. We have recalled all the important features of a castle and labelled a diagram. In maths we have focused on the number 11 as well as starting to look at measuring with cubes and rulers.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been writing non-chronological reports about polar bears. We have written a piece of descriptive writing to describe how the polar bear felt about his habitat disappearing. In maths we have been creating a bar chart of all of the birthdays in Class 2. In IPC we have been investigating deforestation and the effects this has on Orang-utans.

Class 3 – In maths, children have looked at solving addition and subtraction problems that involve money. In literacy, we have continued our myths and legends topic. We have read Persephone and the Pomegranate seeds, Theseus and the Minotaur and the Sword in the Stone. In IPC, we have used technology to explore our local environment.

Class 4 – This week, we have been working on rounding and ordering of decimal numbers in maths. In English, we have been exploring the picture book, 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan, focusing on making predictions and writing in role as one of the main characters. In IPC, we researched Maya gods and goddesses. We also had a workshop by the NSPCC where we discussed things that may worry us and what we can do if we are worried.

Sports News – It's been a good week in PE: The Reception pupils had two fun lessons on improving their body movement and thoroughly enjoyed throwing and catching. Class 2 are really working hard to improve their hand- eye coordination, by focussing on ball games. They and Class 3 rounded off the week with great gymnastic lessons. Class 4 also focused on hand-eye coordination games and undertook a fitness 'bleep' test - something they will all individually improve upon by the time summer arrives.

Star class this week – Class 4.

Class stars – Reception: Kit, Class 2: Jessica Dawson, Class 3: Jeanie and Class 4: Harry.

Well done to all stars of the week.

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