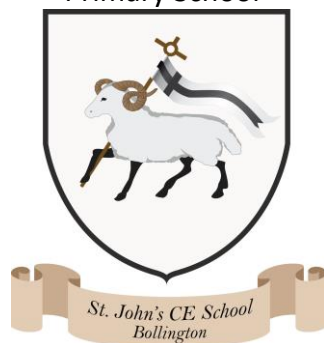


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Wisdom

"Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you."

Proverbs 4:6

26th April 2019

Head's Message

Welcome back to the Summer term. We were treated to marvellous Easter assembly before we broke up – thank you Class 3. During the Easter holidays we were notified that we have successfully obtained the Intermediate International Schools award. Thank you to Mrs Watson for all her work on our global partnerships and learning. New diary dates were sent out this week (as well as details of after school clubs). Please remember these dates are just some of the activities going on this term, for up to date information please refer to the calendar section of the website. I am attaching a leaflet with this newsletter which has information for parents about the 2019 key stage 1 and key stage 2 tests.

Bollington Festival

The Bollington Festival is fast approaching and we are working hard at school to be ready for a number of activities. The Festival Parade is 11 am on Saturday 11th May. We have asked the children to form a parade committee to help organise this event. On Friday 17th May, a ceilidh is being held at school, organised by the PTA. Mrs Stout is also preparing the children for a Gospel Train event at St Oswald's on the 22nd May, and the Bollington sing-a-long on Friday 24th May.

Ethos Group

Mrs Jobbins met with the Ethos group and after much deliberation and thoughtfulness; the children have decided the values they would like us to explore next (academic) year. The list is on the homepage of the website. From September 2019 the group have elected to focus on; Respect, Compassion, Trust, Endurance, Growth and Peace.

Year 3 Parent Lunch

Parents of children in Year 3 are warmly invited to join us for lunch on Wednesday at 12.15pm. As always there will be a wonderful roast dinner on the menu.

Allsorts

We are delighted that the children from Allsorts will be joining us on Thursday, as their room is used as a polling station. For the children who will be joining us in September, this will be an excellent extra transition for them.

School Photographs

Please be reminded that class and leavers photographs will be taken on Thursday by Playground Portraits.

In school next week:

Monday – After school clubs start and run until Friday 5th July.

Wednesday – Year 3 parent lunch.

Thursday – Class photographs.

MONDAY 6th MAY Bank Holiday – School closed.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have started our new nature topic. We have started by focussing on mini beasts and their micro habitats. We have explored our woodland area to find different mini beasts and then linked their needs to why they live in certain areas. We have placed our chicken eggs inside our incubator and learnt all about the stages of development for the embryo. The children are very excited! In maths we have started to learn about doubling, this will continue next week.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been looking at noun phrases, adjectives and homophones. We have written a setting description for the secret garden in our class story, The lion and the unicorn. In maths we have been looking at number patterns and labelling number lines. In IPC we have started our new topic called 'Seeing the light'. We have thought about light and dark places and started to investigate light sources. Please could you bring in any unwanted cd's and cardboard kitchen roll tubes as next week we will be making our own spectrosopes.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have looked at Roman numerals. In literacy, children have started a new book, 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith. In IPC we have started a new topic Paintings Pictures and Photographs. Children have painted their own version of Sunflowers by Van Gogh.

Class 4 – This week, in maths, we have been working on reasoning and problem solving, involving long multiplication and division. In English, we have started a new unit of work, based on 'The Tempest' by Shakespeare. We have been writing descriptions of a storm at sea. We have also started our new IPC topic 'Fairground'.

Sports News – We enthusiastically returned to our PE this week and finally being able to get back onto the field is a real treat for the children. Class 1 and 2 really enjoyed their ball familiarisation lesson and demonstrated some good throwing and fielding skills. Class 3 had a cricket batting and throwing technique lesson whilst Class 4 also enjoyed a cricket lesson, practicing their batting and fielding skills.

Star class this week – Class 3.

Class Stars – Class 1: Kit, Class 2: George, Class 3: Harry, Class 4: Maizie.

Well done to all stars of the week.

****NEWSFLASH - PTA NEWS!****

Following a great turn out and some brilliant suggestions from the PTA meeting last month, we are looking for someone to organise a monthly bake sale (Class by class) if anyone would like to take on the task! The next PTA meeting is on 10th May at 8pm at the Bulls Head, and we hope to finalise the Summer fair details! We are also looking for volunteers to help bake, and serve refreshments at Celebration Assembly on 17th May and 19th July at 1.30pm if anyone can assist please let us know. Finally we are starting Recycle4School in which we will pass a recycling bag to each child and any old or unworn clothes can be donated and brought back to school which will raise money for the PTA, further details will be sent home shortly. Our Twitter Page is: StJohnsBollyPTA and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsBollingtonPTA/>
If you aren't a member of the PTA WhatsApp group, please text 07834688284 for an invite!

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