

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

10th May 2019

Head's Message

This week school has been a hive of activity. The working party, along with staff, have built a super train for tomorrow's Bollington Festival Parade. It even has wheels – I am very impressed! Mrs Jobbins and Mrs Roberts have been hard at work designing and creating our rather special scarecrow for the festival. He goes on display today. Izzy in Class 3 has written a wonderful article about him for the scarecrow trail leaflet. Mrs Stout welcomed local school children to St John's on Wednesday, for a Big Sing rehearsal. Reception children have been busy candling eggs; the chicks are due to hatch on Wednesday. They also welcomed their families for Stay, Play and Pray this week. Year 5 had a wonderful science transition to Tytherington on Wednesday, and our Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors represented St John's at the high school on Tuesday. Class photographs were taken yesterday, and I am sure you will be delighted with them. Finally, Year 6 children have been working hard in preparation for their SATs, which start on Monday. The children are invited into school at 8.30am each day next week for a special SATs breakfast. Each and every child at St John's is amazing, and tests only reflect a fraction of who they are. Year 6 know we are so very proud of them all.

Diocese

This week I met with the diocese to discuss work that is soon to be carried out at school. At present we are scheduled to have a new boiler installed over the summer. A governor is investigating eco alternatives for us. We will also be having new toilets installed outside Class 2; and film placed on the windows in Class 3 to keep the room cooler throughout the summer. This work should be completed over the half term.

Climate Change Action

On May 24th children across the country are taking part in a strike to highlight concerns about climate change. At St John's we will not be closed, but we are fully supportive of this initiative to raise awareness of this most important issue. We already pride ourselves on the work we do in school on this subject; from our compost initiative to our plastics pledge, from our children cleaning the rec to our position as a global school. On the 24th May, to mark this day, our Year 6 Global Councillors will be leading worship with a Climate Change assembly. Class 4 will then work with their buddies, as children in all classes discuss this topic.

Class 3 Sport

We have entered the children in Class 3 into two different sports events. On 16th May they are taking part in a mini tennis tournament in Poynton. On 23rd May they are entered into an orienteering event at Fallibroome. For both of these events we are in need of parent helpers to help transport the children. If you can offer assistance please contact the school office.

Class 2 Assembly

Class 2 are busily preparing for their WWII assembly extravaganza next week. We do hope you can join us. We will have refreshments from 1.30pm. At the same time the Ethos group will be selling bricks in aid of our sponsored school in Uganda.

PTA

The PTA is meeting tonight at the Bulls Head at 8pm. All welcome. Envelopes from the PTA have also gone home to all children, requesting that bunting is made for the summer fair. They are also hosting the ceilidh at St John's on Friday 17th May, which is sure to be a marvellous event.

Swimathon

We have handed a cheque worth £320.50 to the Rotary Club, which is the money we raised during this year's Swimathon. Half of that amount will be given to our PTA. Thank you to all who donated or took part.

Young Voices Message

The following message is from Young Voices; 'Year on year your continued support of Young Voices helps us raise a huge amount of money and food for our chosen charities **TEENAGE CANCER TRUST** and **FareShare**. We would like to share this special news that our last Young Voices concert tour raised **£133,000** in wristbands, bucket collections and text donations for Teenage Cancer Trust. FareShare have also asked us to say a massive thank you for your food donations which have helped to feed disadvantaged children and adults across the UK. **From the bottom of our hearts here at Young Voices, thank you.'**

In school next week:

Monday – SATs start. SATs breakfast club at 8.30am all week. Spelling and grammar papers.

Tuesday – Reading SAT. A visit from Mr Beardmore and his bees.

Wednesday – Maths arithmetic and reasoning papers. Chicks due to hatch.

Thursday – The last SAT is the second reasoning paper. Year 3 and 4 mini tennis.

Friday – Class 2 assembly. Ceilidh at St John's at 7pm.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have learnt all about butterflies. We have been watching our own caterpillars grow and change and we have written sentences about the life cycle they will go through. In maths we have started learning about odd and even numbers. We used the numicon to help us see the pattern. We have candled the eggs again and we have seen 4 wriggly chicks inside. Just a few more days until they hatch!

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have started our new class story, Owl babies. We have explored the characters and written about how each owl felt in the dark. In maths we have looked at multiplying and dividing by 5, telling the time to five minute intervals and balancing number

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sentences. In IPC we have done an artist study of Vincent Van Gogh and recreated his famous painting called stary night. We made it out of fabric first then copied our creation using paint on black paper.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have looked at word problems. In literacy, we have created fact files about famous artists. In IPC, children have looked at different styles of painting and have created their own painting using pointalism.

Class 4 – This week, in maths, we have been focusing on co-ordinates, reflecting and translating shapes within the four quadrants. In English, we have been planning play scripts, having completed reading 'The Tempest'. In IPC, we have been investigating gravity. We have also been looking at the global goal of 'Gender Equality' and discussing stereotypes.

Sports News – Class 1 and 2 enjoyed cricket coaching in their PE lessons this week, working hard on improving their bowling and batting skills. Class 3 were not so lucky with the weather so, spent their PE lessons inside, working on their archery and taking part in some fun games of bench ball. Class 4 weathered the rain and had a very wet game of rounders!

Star class this week – Class 4.

Class Stars – Class 1: Sigrid, Class 2 : George, Class 3: Hannah, Class 4: Elsie

Well done to all stars of the week.