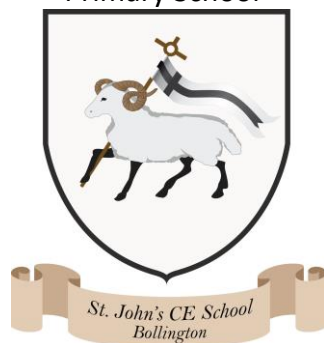


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

17th May 2019

Head's Message

Year 6 SATs are over and all the children were tremendous. Their attitude and focus this week was amazing. We could not be more proud of them and their efforts. Year 2 SATs will take place next week, but this is a much less formal affair and testing will take place in the classroom. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout for the Bollington Festival Parade last Saturday. I must admit I do think our Harry Potter train was spectacular. As well as SATs this week, some children in Class 3 entered a mini tennis tournament. Class 1 have been eagerly awaiting the chicks. Their patience was rewarded on Friday, as all four hatched. Class 2 has been rehearsing for today's wonderful assembly. Thank you to everyone who came to watch that rather marvellous World War II performance. The Ethos Group did a super job of selling our Ugandan bricks, and it was so nice to be able to give Year 6 their leavers' hoodies at the end of the test week. This is the last newsletter this half term as we break up next Friday.

Academy Letters

Academy letters with this year's choices have been sent home. Please ensure that the children have ticked three boxes and returned the sheet by Monday. We will tell the children what Academy they are in next week.

Events – Tuesday 21st May

Children in Years 1-6 will be taking part in a squash festival, which will last all day. There is also a scheduled football match between Year 6 and Wincle Primary School that day. Please ensure children have the right kit and shoes in school.

Events – Friday 24th May

To mark Climate Change Day our Year 6 Global Councillors will be leading worship with a Climate Change assembly. Class 4 will then work with their reading buddies, as children in all classes discuss and make posters related to this important topic.

In the afternoon Class 3 and some children from Class 4 are taking part in the Big Sing, as part of the Bollington Festival. We hope you can join us, in what is sure to be a wonderful event.

The Gospel Train

Also as part of the Bollington Festival, children in Class 3 are visiting St Oswald's on Wednesday to take part in the Gospel Train. Any helpers to walk with the children would be most appreciated. Please contact the school office if you are available.

Class 3 Orienteering

We have entered children in Class 3 into an orienteering event at Fallibroome next Thursday. We know they will represent the school magnificently.

PTA

On Thursday 23rd May, Class 2 will be holding a PTA cake sale in the playground at 3.30pm. Any cake donations would be appreciated and can be delivered to the office on Thursday morning. Please bring lots of change with you to buy some scrumptious cakes!

In school next week:

Monday – Year 2 tests will run all week. Mrs Walker at meeting in the afternoon.

Tuesday – Heads breakfast meeting. Squash festival. Year 6 football match against Wincle.

Wednesday – Mrs Walker at diocese in the morning. 2pm Gospel Train at St Oswald's.

Thursday – Class 3 orienteering. Youth Speaks auditions.

Friday – Climate change assembly. Bollington's Big Sing. Break up for half term.

School reopens Monday 3rd June.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have been learning all about the wonderful world of bees. We have read *The Flight of the Honey Bee* by Raymond Huber and focused on each role that a bee might have in her lifetime. We have made honey flapjacks and beeswax candles. We have made honeycomb prints and a giant painting of a bee to celebrate our learning this week. In maths we have continued to look at odd and even numbers and we have now moved on to looking at halving. After a long wait, we welcomed 4 tiny chicks on Thursday night, the children are so excited!

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been writing speech bubbles for the owl characters in our class story, *Owl babies*. We have also retold the story from the point of view of the mother owl. In maths we have been looking at 2D/3D shapes and moved onto looking at different types of scales and how to read them. In IPC we have looked at how shadows are created and we drew around our shadows and measured them on the playground. We looked at different materials and investigated which ones let light pass through. We also found different light source around the school and decided whether or not they were light sources or reflectors of light.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have continued to look at word problems. In literacy, we started to look at Indian folk tales starting with the book 'The Tiger Child'. In IPC, children have looked at different styles of painting and have created a self-portrait.

Class 4 – This week, while the year 6 pupils have been doing their SATs, the year 5s have been completing optional tests. Their attitudes have all been fantastic! The year 5s have also been completing ICT, looking at, and comparing, different search engines.

Sports News – Class 1 and 2 tried out various batting shots in cricket this week. Class 3 played a cricket match and Class 4 enjoyed a game of rounders.

Star class this week – Class 3

Class Stars – Class 1: Theo, Class 2: Raphael, Class 3: Jeanie-Rose, Class 4: Tabitha
Well done to all stars of the week.

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