

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Joy

"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

John 16:24

28th June 2019

Head's Message

What fantastic weather we had today for our sports day and family picnic fun day. It was a wonderful event. We were thrilled Vicky Jepson, manager of Liverpool FC women's team joined us. Before sports day she answered questions in assembly and talked about being a former pupil at St John's. It was a full sporting day today, with our swimming team representing us magnificently in the Bollington schools swimming gala. The full results of which will be published next week. On Wednesday we held our new starters parent information evening. It was a delight to meet all the children who will be in Reception class in September. We also welcomed our Year 5 parents for lunch. On Thursday our Academies had fine weather and Class 2 had a super walk to the canal. Please note school clubs finish next week.

Staffing in September

I am delighted to announce that from September Mr Ben Read will be joining our team at St John's as Head of PE. We will also be welcoming Mrs Hofton, from Tytherington High School, who will be teaching Class 3 and 4 Spanish once a fortnight. Class teachers and TAs will all be in the same classes in September as they are currently.

Building Work

During July we will be altering the downstairs toilet next to Class 2. Currently the toilet has just one disabled cubicle. This toilet will remain, and three other cubicles will be added. Hopefully this will provide a more adequate number of toilets for the children in Class 2 and at lunch time.

Diary Dates

Just a small reminder of some of our remaining diary dates this term. Our Academy showcase is at 9.15am on the 11th July. On Friday 12th July the Year 6 football team are taking part in a tournament at the Etihad Stadium. The Year 6 Bible Presentation is on Monday 15th July at 2pm. Year 6 parents are invited to lunch on 17th July at 12.15pm. Class 1 has their assembly at 3pm on Friday 19th July. Finally we have our Leavers Assembly at 9.30am on Tuesday 23rd July.

Move Up Afternoon and Transition

Most of Year 6 is on transition to Tytherington High School on Monday and Tuesday next week. On Monday afternoon the remaining children will be participating in Move Up afternoon, where they will spend time in their September classrooms. Some children will not move classes, but will get to spend time with their new class mates. Year 5 is having their transition visit to Tytherington on Wednesday.

In school next week:

Monday – Move up afternoon. Some Year 6 children on transition to Tytherington.

Tuesday – Some 6 children on transition to Tytherington.

Wednesday – Mrs Walker on Signs of Safety training. Year 5 transition to Tytherington.

Thursday – Academies week 5.

Friday – Water safety talk at 1.15pm. End of school clubs.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have focused on homes in different countries and the similarities and differences to our homes in Bollington. We have looked at the shapes and materials for each home and what properties each material has to make it suitable for house building in that country. In maths we have focused on the number 15 which led to us counting in 5's and 10's using a hundred square. We have used clay to start making our own models of Kenyan mud huts.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have made booklets about the history of canals. We have also written recounts about our walk down the Bollington canal. In maths we have been reading and writing numbers as words up to 100. In IPC we have learnt all about locks and canal boats and had a lovely sunny walk down the canal to see the boats, paying particular attention to the Roses and Castles artwork that we have been learning about.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have worked on measuring angles and recapping the different types of triangle. In literacy, children have started to create a newspaper report based on the mysterious crime scene that appeared in the Class 3 Allotment on Wednesday. In IPC, children have thought about the link between the rotation of the Earth and our day/night cycle.

Class 4 – This week, in maths, we have been revising long multiplication and division methods, and looking at how to solve problems using a logical approach. In English, we have been writing contrasting diary entries in role as characters from the class novel we are currently reading. We have also been rehearsing for the leavers' play.

Sports News – Looking to sports day this week and all classes had a rehearsal for their sports day! Well done to all and good luck to everyone today!

Well done to all of our pupils.

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