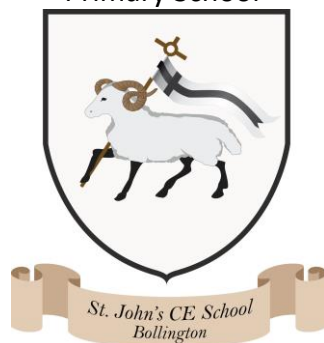


Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## **'Christian Value' – Respect**

*"Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves."*

*Philippians 2:3*

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### **Head's Message**

Welcome back to the Autumn term. It has been delightful to catch up with all the children this week, and to meet all our new starters. The children have settled into their classes beautifully, which are all looking newly decorated and ready for the year ahead. Over the summer lots of work has taken place at school. Mr Morrall has done a superb job of transforming the grass area at the top of the playground, as well as beautifully redecorating part of the school for us. The railings by Allsorts have been fitted and we have a super new front door. The toilets by Class 2 have also been completed, and builders are currently in school installing new boilers. We are delighted to welcome Mr Read and Miss Kemp; and Mrs Hofton will be joining us later in September to teach the junior children Spanish. We are all very much looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

### **School Uniform**

We would just like to politely remind you of our school uniform. Girls: school branded jade polo shirt and either school branded cardigan or sweatshirt; grey skirt or trousers, grey/white socks or grey tights, black school shoes. Girls may also wear green and white checked gingham dresses in warmer weather. Boys: school branded jade polo shirt and either school branded cardigan or sweatshirt; grey trousers/shorts, grey socks and black school shoes. PE: school branded jade t-shirt/plain white t-shirt with black shorts and pumps (indoors) and a dark tracksuit and trainers (outdoors). Please note the following items are NOT school uniform and should not be worn in school: leggings, boots, football shoes and tights and cardigans of alternative colours. There must also be no hooded tops and no logos on the non-school branded items. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

### **Holidays/Attendance**

Please find attached a copy of our Attendance Policy and a guide entitled 'Taking Children on Holiday during Term Time', which is published by Cheshire East Council. In particular we would draw your attention to the section, in the Attendance Policy, entitled 'Authorised and unauthorised absence during term time' and point out that unauthorised attendances may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

### **Website**

The calendar section of our website has been updated to include all dates for this term. We have added many dates including school trips, Christmas events, PTA meetings etc. Please take the time to regularly check the website as we add events all the time.

## **Swimming**

Swimming starts on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September for Year 4 and 5. Please be advised that swimming is part of the National Curriculum, and as a maintained school we are legally required to follow this curriculum. We are aware some families already send their children to private swimming lessons, but those lessons do not cover what the children will learn, and need to learn, as part of their statutory National Curriculum.

## **In school next week:**

Tuesday – Music lessons start.

Friday – Swimming starts for Year 4 and 5. PTA AGM at 8pm at the Bulls Head.

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

**Curriculum and sport updates will commence next week.**

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