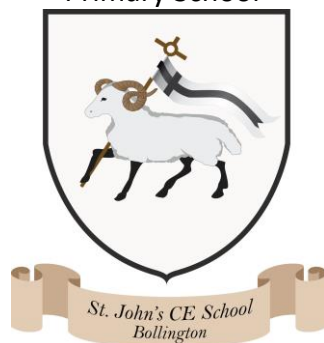


Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*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*

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### **Head's Message**

It's been a lovely week in school, with the children showing their enthusiasm and love of learning in all the classrooms. It has been a pleasure getting to know all the children in Class 1 at lunch time. Music and swimming lessons started back this week, and after school clubs will start on Monday. Please check the website regularly as we are constantly updating dates and events. Tonight the PTA is holding their AGM in the Bulls Head at 8pm, and would be delighted to welcome you there. Next week children in Years 3-6 will start their Spanish lessons. Class 3 will also visit the Clonter Opera on Thursday, on our first school trip of this academic year. Finally, there is a letter about free school meals and funding attached to this newsletter. If you think you would be eligible, and would like assistance in applying, please let us know.

### **Curriculum Document**

A new Ofsted inspection handbook came into force on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, which sets out the new criteria for Ofsted inspections. From September Ofsted will be looking at the following categories: Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Leadership and Management. The curriculum has rightly been placed at the heart of the inspection. Our 'Curriculum' and 'Progression in the Curriculum' documents can be found on the website.

### **Mission Statement**

As per the new SIAMs handbook, the school had to re-write its mission statement based on a Bible quote. After many hours working with staff and last year's Ethos group the following has been agreed. The school community very much wanted a message that linked to our 'Where talent grows' strapline. As crucial stakeholders, should any of you wish to change the proposed vision please do let us know. Currently it is posted on the homepage of the website.

**"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Colossians 3:23**

Guided by faith, with an understanding that we have all been given different talents by God, we strive for excellence in everything we do.

We believe every person has talents within them. As such, we nurture confidence and aspiration, supporting each other to work with all our hearts, to become the best that we can be. This truly makes St John's a school 'Where Talent Grows'.

## **200 Club**

The 200 Club draw was done at the Summerfest, and the following people were the lucky winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £100 Chris Parker

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £50 Kath Marshall

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £25 Faye Daley

4<sup>th</sup> Prize - £10 Mrs Walker

## **In school next week:**

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

Monday – Spanish lessons start in KS2.

Thursday – Class 3 trip to Clonter Opera.

## **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we enjoyed our first baking session using the apples from the orchard to make apple cakes. We have started our Phase One phonics where we have focused on listening carefully to sounds which led to us making our own musical instruments. In literacy we have explored rhyming words in stories and poems and we have played lots of rhyming games in small groups.

**Class 2** – In literacy this week we have started our niece class story called Dogger. We have made predictions on how we think the story will end and written sentences about pictures from the story. In maths we have done place value and numbers to 100. In R.E we have been thinking how Jesus healed people and we have looked at the story of Jairus’ daughter.

**Class 3** – Class 3 have enjoyed a fantastic couple of weeks back. This week, in maths, children have looked at place value and used place value facts to solve problems. In literacy, children have created predictions about our first class book ‘Black Dog’ by Levi Pinfold. In IPC, children started our new topic of ‘Scavengers and Settlers’. We have completed created glossaries, explained how fossils are formed and created our own fossils.

**Class 4** – This week, in maths, we have been focusing on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and the place value of decimal numbers. In English, we have been enjoying writing in role as characters from our current class book, 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. In IPC, we have been exploring the geological timeline of life on earth and looking at evolution. Both the year 5s and year 6s have settled brilliantly into their new year groups, and we're looking forward to a great year.

**Sports News** – Second week back at school, all classes have all enjoyed a basic introduction back into PE. Exploring working in different size teams, playing fairly and showing elements of what it means to be a good sportsperson. Mr Read is looking forward to a PE year filled with high expectations, engaging activities and fantastic PE students.

## **Mr Read’s PE star performers:**

Class 1: Olivia and Joseph

Class 2: Niamh and Jessica

Class 3: Amelia and Leo

Class 4: Chloe, James

**Well done to all stars performers.**

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