

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

There are two attachments with the newsletter this week. One is a page from the Autumn Diocese School Newsletter, as an article from the school is included. You can read the whole newsletter by visiting www.chester.anglican.org and hitting the Education tab.

The second attachment has been sent by the Local Authority, as applications can now be made for 2020 Primary and Secondary school admissions.

Autumn days are truly upon us now, and the school seems filled with apples, after a bumper crop this year. We were delighted to welcome Rev Veronica, Beverley and Scruffy into school on Tuesday, to welcome the new starters. Open the Book started on Wednesday. This term they will be exploring the friends of Jesus. Finally we celebrated European Day of Languages yesterday by making a huge paper chain of European flags. Our friends in Romania were doing the same activity. Please see the website for more information and a super little video.

Kerridge War Memorial

The centenary commemoration of the unveiling and dedication of the Kerridge war memorial takes place at the memorial on Oak Lane on Sunday at 12.30pm. All of the children are invited to join in with singing some of the original hymns that were sung 100 years ago when the memorial was built. Staff will be in attendance from 12.15pm for a service that will commence at 12.30pm.

Rev Veronica Worship

Rev Veronica will be leading worship for all the children on Monday.

Stay, Play and Pray

We have our next Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm on Tuesday. All reception family and friends are very welcome to join us at 3pm.

Phonics Workshop

Mrs Jobbins is running a phonics workshop at 4pm on Thursday evening. Please come along to find out more about how we deliver phonics at school, and what you can do at home to support your child's learning.

In school next week:

Monday – Mrs Walker Signs of Safety training. Rev Veronica whole school worship.

Tuesday – Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm. All welcome.

Wednesday –Open the Book.

Thursday – Mrs Walker at eCaph. Phonics workshop at 4pm.

Friday – Mrs Walker at the diocese.

Saturday – Autumn Fair at St Oswald's at 2-4pm.

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

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week we have looked in more detail at numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have completed challenges to show that we are experts in counting and also that we can represent each number in lots of different ways. We have continued to focus on initial sounds and segmenting and blending in our extended phonics sessions. We created some amazing collage owls to link to our story, Wow said the owl.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have finished writing our own stories about our missing toys. In IPC we have had a wonderful board game afternoon where we taught each other the rules to our games and learnt how to take turns. We have made our own snakes and ladders games and done some beautiful watercolour paintings of toys. In maths we have looked at odd and even numbers, one more and one less and finding equal values.

Class 3 – We have enjoyed another great week. In maths children have recapped different addition and subtraction methods. In literacy children have started to create their own stories based on our class book. In IPC children have examined a Stone Age crime scene. We looked at Ötzi the ice man, a murder mystery stretching back 5300 years.

Class 4 – This week, in maths we have been looking at column subtraction and subtraction by counting on. In English, we have been reading our new class book 'The Hidden Forest' by Jeanie Baker. We have extracted key information from the text. In IPC we have been looking at the life cycle of a flowering plant.

Sports News – This week in PE classes 1 and 2 practised balances on different body parts in a controlled manner, ensuring that limbs are still and positions are held for at least 3 seconds. They have also continued to explore different ways of moving around the hall, this week with more emphasis on moving under pressure in races. Classes 3 and 4 have been learning passing skills in both basketball and football. Aiming to ensure that they work with their teammates to move the ball in a controlled and accurate manner.

Mr Read's PE star performers:

Class 1 - Harry and Ella

Class 2 - Heidi and Shiri

Class 3 - Mathilde and Lilly-Belle

Class 4 - Ines and William

Well done to all stars performers.

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