

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*

11th October 2019

Head's Message

Apologies to all the Year 1 parents who could not come into school for lunch on Wednesday, due to a power cut in the kitchen (and some classrooms). We were also without gas on Thursday due to a part failure, which was fixed later that day. Thank you to the kitchen staff for ensuring the children were all fed. We do hope our Year 1 parents can join us next Wednesday instead. At school, as we whiz through this half term, the children are busily preparing for our Harvest service at 2pm on Monday 21st October. We hope you can all join us. Please see attached order of service. This week Class 4 visited Moss Rose on Monday for workshops on how to keep safe; and our Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors went for training at Tytherington.

Admissions Consultation

In line with the statutory duty of admissions authorities to consult on amendments to admissions arrangements, please find our proposed Admissions Policy for St John's Primary School, for admissions in September 2021 and onwards, on the school website.

As a statutory consultee, we would invite you to comment on the proposals, prior to determination and publication. Please forward any comments to admin@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk by the 19th November.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings take place on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October. Bookings are open in School Spider until 7pm on Monday 14th October.

Open Day for Reception Intake 2020

Next Thursday we are holding an Open Day at St John's. Please call 01625 572025 if you would like to book onto a school tour. Tours are at 9.30am and 10.30am.

Emotionally Healthy Partnership

Thank you to all the families who sent in donations to support World Mental Health Day. In school, after an assembly led by one of our Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors, all classes did activities linked to well-being and mental health. We raised a fantastic £101.10 – thank you!

Class 2 Trip

Class 2 are visiting the Lyceum Theatre on Monday where they will be having a performance of the story 'Augustus and his Smile' and a book fair. The children will also be considering global issues, such as the decline of tigers worldwide. As an extra treat, each child will receive a hardback copy of the book.

PTA

The PTA are holding a DisGlow on Friday 18th October from 6-7.30pm. Bookings are to be made through the school spider survey and the £4.50 entry fee (payable on the door) includes a goody bag, unlimited drinks and UV body paint!

Uganda Appeal

Mrs Jobbins' trip to Uganda is fast approaching. Donations of the following items would be much appreciated, and can be left in the red tub in the main school reception: alphabet flash cards, stationery supplies (e.g. pens, pencils, rubbers, and pencil sharpeners), toothbrushes and toothpaste. The last day for donations is Wednesday 16th October. Thank you.

In school next week:

Monday – Class 2 to the Lyceum Theatre.

Tuesday – Individual and sibling photos. Parents' Evening all classes.

Wednesday – Open the Book. Year 1 parent lunch. Parents' Evening all classes.

Thursday – Open Morning.

Sunday – St Oswald's Family Communion at 10.30am for Harvest.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have looked at the similarities and differences between life in Bollington and life in a Ugandan village. We introduced the book 'Beatrice's Goat' as a starting point for our learning; we will continue this next week. In maths we have focussed on the number 4. We have started to record simple addition sums using numicon. We all enjoyed reading the book 'The Colour Monster' as part of World Mental Health Day; we created our own colour monsters using water colour paint, to show how we feel.

Class 2 – In literacy this week we have looked at homophones and used them in sentences. We have started to plan our own scary story about a creature living under our stairs. In maths we have been looking at chronological order and sequencing our day. We have now moved on to ordering the days of the week. In IPC we have sorted different toys based on their materials and whether or not they are old or new toys.

Class 3 – Class 3 have enjoyed another great week. This week, in maths, children have looked at the properties of 2D shapes. In literacy, we have started our new class book 'The First Drawing'. In IPC, children have researched the Stone Age diet.

Class 4 – This week, in English, we have been writing non-chronological reports about sea-kelp, linked to our current class book, 'The Hidden Forest'. In maths, we have been looking at the properties of shapes. For our well-being day, we explored how we can help look after our own well-being and wrote poems about emotions and feelings. In IPC, we discussed whether or not there may be life on other planets.

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Sports News – Classes 1 and 2 have continued their movement and balancing lessons. This week looking at evading games, aiming to quickly find and move into space. When balancing this week pupils have safely worked on benches. Classes 3 and 4 have focused on shooting skills in both football and basketball, with an emphasis on accuracy over power.

Mr Read's PE star performers:

Class 1: Megan and Lilian

Class 2: Charlotte and Joshua

Class 3: Max and Phoebe

Class 4: Allegra and Aiden

Well done to all star performers.