

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*

18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### **Head's Message**

Unbelievably this is the final newsletter of this half term, as we close on Thursday and re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This week it was our pleasure to host an open day, and show some prospective parents around school. The visitors were treated to coffee and cake, courtesy of the PTA. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to join us. This week has been rather busy with parents' evenings, a trip to the Lyceum Theatre, a PSCO talk, Year 6 transition, a football tournament and a lovely Year 1 parent lunch. During the holidays, the boiler work should be completed, but we are happy to report that they are already up and running and the school is extra toasty in time for winter. Finally, we wish Mrs Jobbins a fond farewell as she travels to Uganda on Tuesday, taking all your amazing donations with her. We cannot wait to learn all about her experiences there. We are delighted to have already purchased a goat for a Ugandan family with the money raised from the apple sale.

### **Harvest Festival**

We do hope you can join us on Monday as we celebrate Harvest together. Refreshments are being served from 1.30pm, with the service starting at 2pm. Please remember to bring money, as a collection will be taken for the Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy.

### **Bikeability**

Level 1 Bikeability will be delivered to the children in Year 4 who have signed up. Please ensure your child has their bike, helmet and appropriate outdoor weather gear with them on Monday. Bikes should be parked alongside the railings outside main reception. These must be taken home at the end of the school day.

### **After Half Term**

Please note that Class 4 is attending Eucharist on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. More details will be sent out separately. Also on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, some children from Class 4 will be attending a Space Workshop at Alderley Edge led by Helen Sharman. Helen was the first British person in space.

### **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 by 19<sup>th</sup> November to:  
admin@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

### **PTA DisGlow**

The PTA's DisGlow is tonight from 6-7.30pm. Bookings must 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!

### **In school next week:**

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

Monday – Bikeability. Harvest from 1.30pm.

Tuesday – Mrs Jobbins visits Uganda. Mrs Walker and Mrs Watson on a diocese course.

Wednesday – Open the Book.

Thursday – We break up for half term. School reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week we have focused on ordering numbers and number formation. In literacy we have written a sentence about the goat in the story of 'Beatrice's Goat'.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have worked on retelling the story of the bear under the stairs. We have also done an author study on Catherine Rayner who we were lucky enough to meet. Photographs of our wonderful trip are on the school website. In maths we have ordered the months of the year and looked at how calendars work. In IPC we produced some water colour paintings in the style of Catherine Rayner and made our Harvest hats ready for our Harvest Festival on Monday.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, children have continued to look at shape. Children have identified features of 3D shapes and created their own 3D shapes top trumps game. In literacy, children have started to write some exciting descriptions based on our class book 'The First Drawing'. In IPC, children investigated the Stone Age diet by examining coprolite. We were also joined by Mrs Jobbins to create some excellent cave paintings.

**Class 4** – This week, in maths, we have been learning about factors and multiples. In English, we have finished writing our non-chronological reports about the kelp forests. In IPC, we have made our meals, based on a twist on a pre-historic menu and have evaluated them.

**Sports News** – Classes 1 and 2 have worked on their movement skills under pressure continuing to move into space at speed. During the balancing section of the lesson, pupils have worked well on staying stable for 3 seconds and more in new challenging positions. Classes 3 and 4 have focused more on basketball this week recapping on shooting and dribbling skills. Whilst playing in games; fairly, safely and competitively.

### **Upcoming Sports Fixtures**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Football Match vs St. Gregory's (to be held here).

**Mr Read's PE star performers:**

Class 1: Arthur and Olivia

Class 2: Skyler and Mia

Class 3: Dexter and Joseph

Class 4: James and Jayden

**Well done to all star performers.**

**PTA News**

Following the AGM at the beginning of the month, we are pleased to announce that we have a new Chair: Mrs. Jakubowski. Mr. Cotton will remain in post as Treasurer for another year, as will Mrs. Aaron as Secretary.

Please be reminded that the Class 4 cake sale takes place next Thursday (24th October). We therefore request that Class 4 bring in their cakes on Thursday morning and you are all warmly invited to purchase cakes from us at 3.30pm in the yard.

Shortly we will be announcing the date for the Christmas Fair PTA Meeting, we really look forward to seeing you, and hope we can make this year the best year yet!

Don't forget, to like our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StJohnsBollingtonPTA/](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsBollingtonPTA/) to hear all the latest news and reminders of events, and join our PTA WhatsApp Group by texting 07834688284 and we can invite you!

If you can support us while you do your online shopping, please do so:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bollingtonstjohnsschoolpta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bollingtonstjohnsschoolpta) or: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and support **St John's Bollington PTA.**

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