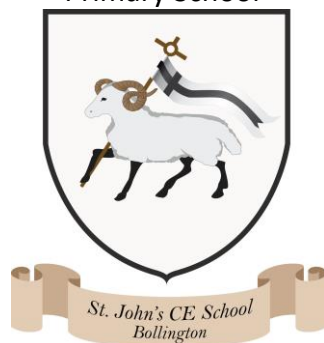


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

"The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion."

Psalm 116:5

26th November 2021

Head's Message

This week has all been about the Christmas rehearsals, which we are still very much hoping, will go ahead. The local authority has indicated that this week Covid-19 cases in primary schools have increased to 423 compared to 273 in the previous week. There are now outbreaks in 21 Cheshire East primary schools, up from 15 the week before. At St John's we currently do not have any confirmed cases, although none of us should be complacent as there are a lot of cases in the wider community, and the landscape could change very quickly. In light of this, I am reiterating the message to keep lateral flow testing twice a week, and should your child have any Covid-19 symptoms please book a PCR test. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they should return to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice. Children should isolate for five days if a household member tests positive. Next week, Chemistry for Cabbage will be leading a workshop in Class 4 on Monday. On Wednesday, the children will have their Fluenz vaccination and Year 6 will be attending Tytherington High School for a Forensic Science transition workshop. Finally, please remember that all school led after school clubs will finish on Thursday 2nd December, which unbelievably is next week.

Christmas Play Update

We have received guidelines from the LA regarding Christmas plays this year. For the events to go ahead the LA are recommending the following measures, all of which we will have in place. Please note we would politely request you take a LFT before coming to the performance, and please do not attend if you have any of the Covid-19 symptoms. We will be asking parents to enter school via the hall fire doors and wear a face mask while inside the premises. Thank you so much for your co-operation. Should rising case numbers force us to cancel our events we will notify you immediately.

Limiting mixing

- Hold separate performances for Key Stages/classes if possible
- Using ticketing or a booking system to manage numbers
- Holding an event multiple times if possible, to reduce the total number of people present at any one time
- Consider and eliminate pinch points where crowding may occur, including the use of one-way systems where appropriate

Reducing the risk of transmission

- Holding events in large, well-ventilated spaces
- Encouraging social distancing
- Encouraging wearing of face coverings
- Encouraging frequent use of hand sanitiser and handwashing
- Ensure adequate cleaning before and after the event

Reducing the number of positive cases attending

- Asking attendees to take an LFT before they attend (this cannot be enforced/checked on arrival, and is unlikely to be applicable to primary-age pupils)
- Asking attendees not to come if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or feel generally unwell. Asking attendees not to come if someone in their household is a confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 10 days (before the date of the event)

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have continued to learn about hibernation. We have focused on hedgehogs, and we have created information posters showing interesting facts. In maths, we have focused on the number 5 and subitising patterns to determine if there are more or fewer. We are all enjoying our nativity practice with Class Two.

News from Class 2

This week, in English, we have worked on letter writing skills and written goodbye letters to Beegu, our alien visitor. We have also written letters to our new pen pals at Mount Hall Care Home. In maths, we have continued working on related facts and number bonds to 100. Year One have focused on subtraction, using a number track and counting back. In IPC, we have created our own glossaries for our new topic and learnt all about human and physical features of geography. We went on a walk of the school ground, and identified all of the human and physical features. We have made tally charts of all of the different ways we travel to school and used these to create pictograms and bar charts.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have started a new book, 'Varmints'. This week, children have looked at describing a setting and making a prediction. In maths, we have looked at subtraction. Children have focused on column method and have built up to problems with multiple exchanges. In IPC, children have created a timeline of electrical inventions. In RE, children have created Islamic art. In the forest this week, children have worked in small teams to create shelters.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have continued working on fractions. We have been converting mixed numbers into improper fractions and visa versa, and we have been looking at sequences of fractions and placing them correctly on a number line. In English, we have started our new Literacy Tree book, 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We have been making predictions based on evidence from the text and have been exploring layout of dialogue, and how speech in a text can be used to move a story along. In RE, we have been retelling the Exodus story, linked to our unit about Judaism.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, the children played underwater themed games where they had to adapt their movements to represent different creatures. This focused on coordination and spatial awareness.
Class 2 – In PE, the children played team games and completed obstacle course relays. The children also practised jumping over hurdles and balancing on ropes.

Class 3 – In PE, the children played hockey, overloads 2V1 and passing/dribbling practice. In archery, the children were participating in target practice.

Class 4 – This week, we worked on overloads in hockey, and we did target practice in archery.

Star Performers

Class 1: Asher

Class 2: Sophia and Freja

Class 3: Kit and Charlotte

Class 4: George and Emerson

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