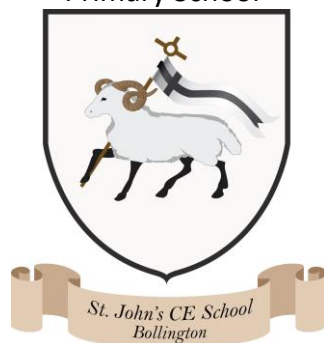


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

"The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made."

Psalms 145:9

15th November 2019

Head's Message

A highlight of the week for me was interviewing all the children in Class 4 for the jobs they want next week, as we celebrate Universal Children's day. Next Wednesday school staff roles will be filled by the children in Class 4, who have thought about the position they would like, and written their letters of application. I am impressed four people want to be the caretaker, even though this means a 7.30am start to open up the school. Our Swimathon team did very well on Sunday, swimming 73 lengths at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. We are very proud of them. This week we marked both Remembrance Day and Anti-Bullying Week with special assemblies. Class 4 had a science packed day on Tuesday participating in Chemistry with Cabbage workshops. Finally, it was wonderful to see all the children dressed up today to support Children in Need.

Visit from the Mayor

We are delighted that the Mayor, Roland Edwards, will be joining us in our worship on Monday. Mr Edwards wants to thank the children for participating in a competition to design a Christmas card.

Universal Children's Day

On Wednesday, in order to celebrate Universal Children's Day, the children from Class 4 will be 'taking over' the school. They will be the teachers, teaching assistants, caretaker and Headteacher. It should be a very exciting day.

Stay, Play and Pray and Parent Lunch

We welcome family and friends of children in Reception to join us for Stay, Play and Pray on Tuesday at 3pm. You are also warmly invited to join us for the Reception family lunch on Wednesday.

Silk FM and Fluenz Cancellations

Sadly Silk FM, who were due to talk to pupils this week, were unable to keep their appointment at school, due to the ill-health of the gentleman who was due to visit. We will reschedule their visit. Also the immunisation team that administer Fluenz has also cancelled their appointment for next week. It has been rescheduled for the 12th December.

Chocolate Workshop

On the afternoon of Thursday 21st November, Class 3 will be participating in a chocolate workshop, delivered by Oliver's chocolate parties, please can you ensure you've given consent and made the necessary payment for what is going to be a fabulously chocolatey afternoon!

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 19th November to:
admin@stjohnsboll.cheshire.sch.uk

In school next week:

Sunday – Family communion at St Oswald's at 10.30am and a Teddy Bears Picnic at 3pm.

Monday – Mayor to attend worship.

Tuesday – Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm.

Wednesday – Open the Book. 'Take Over' day. Reception parent lunch.

Thursday – Year 5 Fire Safety Talk

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have discovered all about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We read the story Dipal's Diwali which taught us all about the traditions of this festival. We also learnt about Rama and Sita and we wrote speech bubbles to show what these characters might have said in the story. In maths we have looked at patterns, linked to Rangoli and Mehndi designs and we made a poster on how to be a careful counter. We made delicious Diwali sweets and Diva lamps out of clay.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have written predictions about our new class story, The Minpins. We have written a setting description and also drawn and labelled the minpins tree. In maths we have been doubling numbers up to 20 and year 2 have been doubling two digit numbers. In IPC we have written down the golden rules for taking a photograph. We have explored the rule of thirds and looked at composition.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have looked at frog and column method for subtraction. In literacy, children have worked on improving their editing skills. We have continued our IPC topic of 'Chocolate' and this week children have completed a glossary.

Class 4 – This week, we have been working on division methods in maths. We have also been learning how to calculate fractions of numbers. In English, we have been writing in role as Philippe Petit, linked to our current class book, 'The Man Who Walked Between the Two Towers' by Mordcai Gerstein. We have been working on creating an atmosphere and building tension in our writing. The children have also been interviewed ready to 'take over' the school next Wednesday, in celebration of Universal Children's Day- we are really looking forward to it.

Sports News – This week classes 1 and 2 have carried on their jumping activities working on endurance and repeated accurate hopping and bouncing around obstacles. When working teams we have seen some fantastic examples of children working fairly and taking their own leadership roles within their teams.

Key Stage 2 classes have this week had their first taste of hockey, testing their existing knowledge or rules and gameplay. Both classes also performed excellently in our fitness skills circuit again, well done to them all.

Mr Read's PE star performers:

Class 1: Hugo and Jessica

Class 2: Kit and Bunny

Class 3: Lilly-Belle and Olivia

Class 4: Chloe and Freddie

Well done to all star performers.

PTA Message

Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair Tombola prizes – Friday 6th December

On Friday 6th December, we will be holding a non-uniform day for the whole school in return for prizes for the Tombola Stalls at St Johns PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December. Anything you can donate would be very much appreciated. Last year people donated: Alcohol; Chocolate/Sweets; Toiletries; Games/Toys; Books; Candles; Soft Toys; Gift Vouchers and Gift Sets.

Christmas Fair Volunteers Needed – Saturday 7th December 12-4pm

The Christmas Fair takes a huge amount of work and without a team of volunteers we can't run such a big event. Please help! You can see the list of stalls and activities we need help with and sign yourself up via our St Johns PTA page on PTA Social which you can access via this link: <https://school.plansocial.app/events/59668>

NB One of the activities on PTA Social is requesting raffle prizes; if you can help with requests the list of companies is there and you can see which companies still need to be contact. If you think there are companies to be added that you can help get a prize from, make a comment on the wall on PTA social and we will add them in under your name.

All you have to do to help is browse the tasks and activities list below and pick a timeslot or task. Your name will be updated automatically once you register. You will also be able to see who is else is helping.

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