

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Trust

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

14th January 2022

Head's Message

We have had another busy week at St John's. First the LA has now removed the requirement for children to isolate for 5 days should a household member test positive. Instead the children must take a daily LFT. If the test is negative, and they do not have any symptoms, they are able to attend school. Please see the following guidance if you require more details. [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection](#). The LA is currently working on a letter which we will send out to all parents as soon as we receive it. This week children have attended Forest school, swimming and the Year 4 children have enjoyed their Bikeability session. Our Class 4 Games Makers have been busy running activities for the children to enjoy at break times. The School Council and Ethos Group have met, and put forward some wonderful suggestions. The Ethos Group is preparing to lead worship. We have also had our drains unblocked, which many of you will be aware of if you dropped children off at school on Wednesday. Finally, after school clubs started this week and will run until Thursday 24th March, except for the week of parents' evening appointments.

Solar Panels and a Gazebo

In July, we were thrilled when our Year 6 team won a LA competition, with the prize being £10,000 of solar panels for the school. We are delighted to say that in the next few weeks 37 panels will be fitted onto our flat roof. Added to this, on 7th February we will take delivery of a 5m Hexagonal Gazebo which will be constructed in the playground for use by all the children.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note the following diary dates. Parents' Evening will be held week commencing 14th February. The link to book your appointment has gone live. World Book Day is 3rd March this year and the event is celebrating its 25th anniversary. March 18th will be a Red Nose non-uniform day. On March 21st we will be selling gingerbread socks to mark World Down Syndrome Day.

Online Safety Advice for Parents

We have organised a parents Teams meeting with our PCSO Alex Camenzuli on March 23rd at 7.30pm. Alex's presentation is aimed to help parents navigate through the ever changing digital world, and help you keep your child safe online. We do hope many of you will attend this virtual meeting, which we are sure will be very informative.

Our New Cook

We are delighted to announce our new cook, Anne Matheson, started this week. We wish to thank all our families for their patience and understanding in the run up to Christmas, as the Cheshire East catering team battled many logistical and Covid-19 related issues.

Reception Places for September 2022 – Deadline 15th January

Please note that the closing date to make an application for a child to start primary school in September 2022 is Saturday 15th January 2022. Late applicants will be considered after all on-time applications have been processed.

Covid-19 Advice

If your child has any of the main Covid-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell us the test results. 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 go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have continued learning around our book, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. In literacy, we focused on alternative descriptions for each challenge in the story; everyone then decided if the bear at the end was grumpy, sad or lonely and why.

In maths, we have focused on formation of numbers and matching quantity to each numeral.

In forest school, the children made bear dens and enjoyed making their own 'thick oozy mud'.

News from Class 2

This week, in maths, Year 2 have continued our work on money and have learned how to add a mixture of coins and notes and solved money based word problems. In Year 1, we have finished our work on relating patterns with 2D shapes and moved on to place value within 20. In English, we have started our new story called 'The Bear and the Piano'. We have learnt key vocabulary from the story and have made predictions about what we think will happen. We have also used a picture from the story to create some expanded noun phrases. In IPC, we have finished off our travel topic by learning all about how planes work. We learnt about the forces that planes need to fly, and we have designed our own planes and tested out how far they flew. We have evaluated our designs. We have also learnt about the famous aviators, Amelia Earhart and The Wright brothers, and we have written mini biographies about these interesting characters.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have continued to write explanation texts based on our class book, 'Until I met Dudley'. In maths, we have continued our new topic of multiplication and division and have looked at how to multiply and divide by 2,5,10 and 100. In IPC, the children have created a glossary for the vocabulary they will use this topic and a description of how we hear. In R.E. the children have looked at Christian communities and how people use the bible to support them.

News from Class 4

This week, we have been exploring decimals numbers, with tenths, hundredths and thousandths. In English, we have continued working on our Literacy Tree book, 'The Strange Case of Origami Yoda' by Tom Angleberger, and we have been looking at forming persuasive arguments. In grammar, we have been learning about parenthesis. In IPC, we been exploring the key concepts and vocabulary in our IPC topic, Out of Africa. In RE, we have continued exploring the concept of forgiveness, and we

have discussed at what the parable of The Tax Collector and the Pharisee teaches Christians about forgiveness.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, the children played circus games that involved throwing and catching bean bags just like a juggler and balancing on beams. Everyone practised safe jumping and landing.

Class 2 – As an introduction to gymnastics, the children enjoyed a double session and were practising different rolls.

Class 3 – In PE this week, the children enjoyed forward and backward rolls in gymnastics. In dance, they have been completing and filming dance routines in preparation for an assembly.

Class 4 – This week, in gymnastics and dance, we focused on movement, and we also recorded a dance.

Star Performers

Class 1: Finn

Class 2: Seth and Lillian

Class 3: Kit and Mia

Class 4: Harry and Scarlett

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