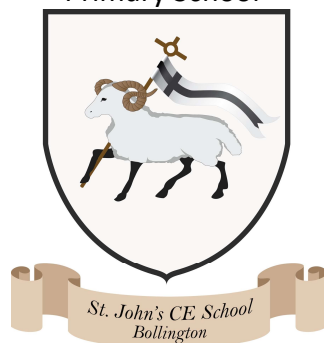


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

21st January 2022

Head's Message

Good afternoon, I hope you have all had a lovely week. Over the next two weeks, scaffold will be erected at school in preparation for the installation of our solar panels (which we are still very excited about). Also, within the next couple of months our fire doors at school will be changed or modified, as per a target on this year's School Development Plan. We still have 7th February as our date for our new gazebo, which will be placed in the main yard. This week some children from Class 4 attended a Maths Challenge event at Tytherington. I am delighted to say I had wonderful feedback from the school about their attitude to their learning. Well done everyone! I am also told a lovely photo of a couple of them will be appearing in this week's Tytherington Headteacher's Notes. Dates for upcoming cross-country fixtures should have been sent out, and Mrs Smith will be in attendance at these events. Thank you to all the parents who completed Mrs Stout's reading survey. Finally, please sign up for a parents' evening slot if you have not already done so.

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.

Covid-19 Advice

We currently have five children with a confirmed case of Covid-19.

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.

As you may have seen in the news, national guidelines around isolation have now changed. Children should isolate for 10 days if they test positive, however, you now have the option to reduce the isolation period after 5 full days, if your child tests negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 (and they do not have a temperature). For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. Day 1 of isolation is counted as the day after symptoms began or the test was taken. Following this week's

announcement by the Prime Minister of a return to Plan A by Thursday 27th January, we will no longer be requiring our staff and visitors to wear masks in communal areas from this date (although some staff and visitors may wish to continue to do so).

If you have any concerns or queries then please don't hesitate to get in touch, and as ever, we thank you for your support whilst we navigate our way through the pandemic and constantly changing guidance.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have been inspired by the book, *The Magic and Mystery of Trees*. We've looked at the differences between story books and information books and explored lots of wonderful facts about trees. In literacy, we have labelled the parts of a tree, using our phonics to help us. In maths, the children have used the number blocks to help them understand staircase patterns.

News from Class 2

This week, in maths, Year One have been looking at place value to 20. They have been focusing on teen numbers and understanding the value of each digit. Year Two have continued to look at money problems and have moved on to making different amounts of money in different ways. In English, we have written letters of advice for the bear in our story, advising him either to stay in the forest or follow his dreams in New York City. We have written setting descriptions and also written about a time that we have been brave. In IPC, we have started our new topic, 'Look and Listen'. This is all about light and sound. We have completed our Knowledge Harvest and answered the questions 'what is light/what is sound?' We have listened to a variety of different sounds and tried to guess what they were.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have started a new class book, 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. The children acted out scenes of discovering rats. We looked at including exciting verbs in our descriptions. In maths, we have looked at multiplying and dividing by 4,6,10 and 100. In IPC, we have have started our topic of 'Turn it Up!', and we have created paper cup telephones. The children used their knowledge about how sound travels to improve their designs.

News from Class 4

This week, we have been learning to convert fractions to decimals and have been practising rounding decimals to the nearest whole or nearest tenth. In English, we have finished work on our Literacy Tree book, 'The Strange Case of Origami Yoda' by Tom Angleberger, and we have been writing diary entries in character as Dwight, one of the main characters in the story. In IPC, we have been developing our knowledge about the concept of evolution, and researched and made our own geological timelines.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, the children played team games that focused on practising their balancing skills. They also looked at different ways we can move our bodies around a space.

Class 2 – In PE, the children practised balancing by walking along benches. They also practised leg and arm balances - one leg or arm raised, holding their position. In the second session, the children played a team game of dodgeball.

Class 3 – In PE this week, the children played a line ball tournament and practised their throwing and catching. In gymnastics, they were making beautiful shapes and learning about symmetry.

Class 4 – This week, in gymnastics, we continued developing our balancing skills and created balancing positions, and we played line ball outside.

Star Performers

Class 1: Finn

Class 2: Isaac and Lola-Rose

Class 3: Nathaniel and Charlotte

Class 4: Bethany and Joseph

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