

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Growth

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen."*

*2 Peter 3:18*

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### Head's Message

I hope you all had a very lovely Easter break, and are ready for the summer term. Lots of the children did activities today to mark Earth Day. I led a Celebration Assembly today and was so thrilled to hear all the children's news. So many of them had gradings to tell us about or trophies to show. It is always wonderful to hear about the things that the children are accomplishing outside school. In school this week, we have been very busy, as always. Class 1 are thrilled that they have eggs incubating, and we should have some news on chicks very soon. Class 2 have completed some excellent science experiments. The children in Class 3 have done some thoughtful work on E-Safety and how to appropriately communicate online. While in Class 4 the Girls on Board scheme has been launched by Mrs Smith. We have also erected swift boxes on to the side of the school today, and hope that some birds nest soon. Finally, the PTA held a cake sale this afternoon – our thanks to all the parents who bought or baked cakes.

### Summer Term Diary Dates

We have the following diary dates for you, of some lovely summer activities:

Jubilee Party – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the afternoon, for the children;

Talent Shows – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June and families invited. The shows will be 9:30-11am (Classes 1 and 2) and 1:30-3pm (Classes 3 and 4);

Sports Day – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm and families are invited. (Reserve date is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.)

### News from Reception

Our first week back has been very exciting! We have 7 eggs in our incubator and the children have spent all week debating what might hatch out from them. We have used the story 'Hattie Peck' to help us sort animals that hatch from eggs from those that don't. We have also been eagerly watching our bluetits building their nest, and it won't be long until we are watching even more eggs! In maths, we have linked our previous learning about doubling to odd and even numbers. We have used practical methods to help work out the 'odd block'.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, in English, we have started writing our own version of the story, Goldilocks and the three bears. We have focused on the sounds in the story and created a new story table in class to help us with our writing. In Maths, we have looked at one less than and addition facts to 20. Year 1 have been counting forwards and backwards across 50 and using their knowledge of tens and ones to help them count on. Year 2 have been looking at odd and even numbers, spotting any patterns and using division to help us solve problems. As part of our forces topic, we have been investigating friction. We learnt why friction is so important and why we need it in our everyday life to keep us safe. We built different sized ramps in the hall and tested rolling toy cars down them. We then used different materials to create friction on the surface of the ramp. We found out that the thicker and rougher the material, the more friction and the slower the car travelled. To finish off our forces topic we performed a series of experiments this week. We used research and observation to test how air resistance changes speed. We timed ourselves running across the yard and then we did it again each holding a large piece of card to increase our air resistance. We ran slower holding the card and it felt harder to move. We have built on our existing knowledge of the force drag which we learnt about in a previous topic, 'From A to B'. We also had a great first forest schools session, which you can read all about on the school website.

### **News from Class 3**

Class 3 have had a great first week back. We have completed a persuasive leaflet based on our class book, 'Tin Forest'. In maths, we have continued to look at fractions. The children have looked at counting in fractions and fractions greater than 1. In IPC, the children have researched facts about staple food crops around the world.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been working on statistics, reading, and answering questions about, different types of tables and timetables. The Year 6 children have started learning about ratio and how it relates to fractions. In English, we have finished reading 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. We have completed short grammar tasks, using relative clauses and noun phrases. We have also used the story structure of story to plan our own version of the fantasy story. In IPC, we have explored the difference between how Athens and Sparta were ruled. We have also found out all about the Persian Wars, and the impact that they had on the Ancient Greek city-states. In PSHE, we have explored the concepts of perseverance in Year 5, and children's rights in Year 6.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 and Class 2 – We are very much looking forward to starting PE again next week.

Class 3 – In Athletics, the children practised sprints and running technique and in rounders, the children were looking at striking techniques.

Class 4 – This week, in rounders, we focused on striking in different directions, and, in athletics, we worked on our technique in short and long sprint races.

### **Star Performers**

Class 3: Phoebe and Eleanor

Class 4: Angelica and Izzy