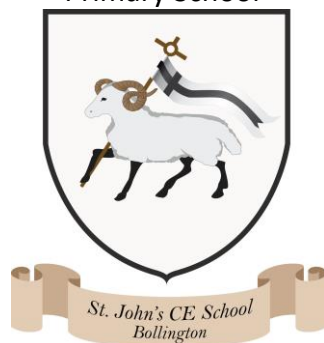


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

Head Teacher: Mrs M. Walker

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'Christian Value' – Peace

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5:9

10th June 2022

Head's Message

I do hope you all had a wonderful week, and enjoyed the extended Platinum Jubilee bank holiday. Every year I am amazed when we reach this last half term of the academic year. It always seems to come around so quickly. In school this week, we are in the process of having new fire doors fitted or existing doors upgraded. This was on our School Development Plan this year, and the work will be completed in the summer holidays. Mr Morrall has treated and painted our gymnastics climbing frame, making it much more colourful. Mrs Cotton managed to successfully avoid some rather serious downpours on Wednesday to ensure all the school photographs were taken. We are so proud of all the Year 1 and 2 children who completed their Phonics Screening test today. Next week, we are looking forward to Beverley coming into school on Monday to erect prayer stations and wellbeing hubs with the children. On Wednesday, we are thrilled that all the children will be able to visit the Planetarium, which is being staged in the hall for the day. Our thanks go to the PTA for organising this. Finally, you may remember that last year the BBC were in school filming for a drama series. That show, *Sherwood*, airs on BBC1 on Monday night at 9pm. You may catch a glimpse of our lovely school, or better yet, of Mr Morrall hiding in the school office!

Diary Dates

Please note the following diary dates:

Talent Shows – 29th June at 9.30am for the infants and 1.30pm for the juniors. Families are welcome.

PTA Summer Fair – 2nd July. Families are welcome.

Sports Day – 6th July at 1.30pm (the reserve date is the 13th July). Families are welcome.

Year 6 Bible Presentation – 11th July at 2pm at the Civic Centre. Families are welcome.

PTA Leavers' Disco – 15th July at 6pm. Volunteers are welcome.

Year 6 Leavers' Play – 22nd July at 9.30am. Families are welcome.

Staffing News

We are sad to inform you that Mrs Stout and Mrs Boyle will be leaving St John's at the end of August. Mrs Stout will be taking up a new position in Hazel Grove. We all wish them both all the very best for the future. We are currently in the process of recruiting a Year 1/2 teacher, and as soon as we have a successful candidate to announce we will let you know.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have started our new topic of Brilliant Bugs! To inspire lots of discussion, we started with a mini beast hunt in the woodland area which has helped us gather ideas about what we already know and questions about what we'd like to know. In literacy, we read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, before creating a story map. We linked our science lessons to the vocabulary in this book when we created our own butterfly life cycle wheels. In maths, we have used ten frames and multi link to find different ways of describing numbers according to their pattern and composition.

News from Class 2

This week, in maths, Year 1 have focused on counting in 2s and 10s as well as using concrete materials to help with trickier subtraction problems. Year 2 have focused on recognising quarters and thirds and moved onto finding fractions of amounts. In English, we have finished our story of Iggy Peck and filled thought bubbles with his thoughts using the personal pronoun 'I'. We have learnt what non-fiction leaflets are and gathered some notes to help us write our own. We have created exciting London bus shaped non-fiction leaflets based on our capital city. In history, we have created a large timeline of houses through the ages from the Stone Age to present day. We have then chosen one of these to sketch and write facts about. We have also learnt about different homes around the world and used our homework projects to compare these to our own homes.

News from Class 3

Class 3 are looking forward to an exciting final half term. This week, we have written stories based on 'The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.' The children have used their learning to create a text, including fantastic settings and characters. In maths, the children have started to look at money, including how to convert between pounds and pence. As part of their topic, 'All Aboard', the children have researched advancements in train technology. They have produced art to show movement and machinery using a style based on early 20th century futurism.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have been continuing to explore, and solve problems involving, angles within triangles, and Year 5 have been exploring the properties of triangles. In English, we have been exploring the poem, The Tyger by William Blake. We looked at the content and meaning, and then worked on learning part of the poem off by heart to perform to the rest of the class. In IPC, have completed our Knowledge Harvests for our new IPC topic, What a Wonderful World, recording what we already know about planet Earth. In RE, we have started to explore the key question: Does science disprove Genesis? This started with a very lively debate!

Sports News

Class 1 – As Monday was INSET, there was no PE this week for Class 1. However, a special mention to Bobbie as she is doing particularly well in swimming.

Class 2 – There was no PE this week, as Monday was an INSET day.

Class 3 – This week, in cricket, the children were developing their bowling techniques. In tennis, the children were looking at how to improve their accuracy.

Class 4 – This week, in cricket, we focused on bowling, and, in tennis, we improved our skills of hitting the ball accurately.

Star Performers

Class 1: Bobbie

Class 3: Max and Stella

Class 4: Max and Mathilde