

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Peace

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:7

10th July 2020

Head's Message

It feels quite unbelievable that we only have one week left of this academic school year. What a year it has been, one I am sure all of us will never forget. Above all else, the children have showed us their resilience, their fortitude, their joy and their boundless ability to find the best in ever changing circumstances. We have been delighted to be able to welcome some children, and have deeply missed the year groups who have not phased back into school. We are thrilled that all pupils will return in September. Remember our last day of term is Friday 17th July, and we re-open on Wednesday 2nd September.

Year 6 Leavers

We are determined to make the last day of term as special as possible for our Year 6 children. Apart from the fact we were unable to do a Leavers' Play this year, everything else that usually happens on the last day will happen this year. The children will have the chance to get their school jumpers signed, they will be treated to an American diner themed burger lunch, they will receive their Leavers' Bibles and a little pack from St Oswald's, and we will place our Leavers' photos on a special disc for you to keep and cherish.

We plan to hold a Leavers' Assembly at 2pm outside on the 17th July. For this special occasion, more than one parent/family member can attend, although we do ask that you stay in socially distanced family bubbles.

17th July – Key Worker Pick Up Time

To ensure we can safely say goodbye to the Year 6 children, please can the key worker pupils be collected at 3pm on Friday 17th July.

Microsoft Team Meetings for Years 2 – 5

We have been busily working on arranging video get-togethers for the Year 2 to Year 5 pupils. Our IT supplier has spent hours trying to set up Microsoft Teams. However, due to the security checks needed, this is taking much longer than we originally anticipated. When this has been set up, it will be an excellent learning platform. In the meantime, to ensure that we are able to see the children before the Summer holiday, we may need to use the Workplace app. This app was downloaded by many families at the start of lockdown.

Mrs Bostock will be in touch with an update next week, detailing which video conference method we will be using. Please download the Workplace app in preparation if you have not done so already. Regardless of whether we use Teams or Workplace, the year group get-togethers will be next week at the following times:

Year 3 at 2.30pm on Tuesday

Year 2 at 2.30pm on Wednesday

Year 5 at 3.30pm on Wednesday

Year 4 at 2.30pm on Thursday

There will be some pre-activities on the class pages of the school website to complete before the get-togethers.

Boris Johnson

The Year 6 children watched the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, address school leavers today.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have focused on days of the week and the vocabulary 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow'. We ordered the days and practised writing them out. We have continued to recap our Phase 3 digraphs and read words containing the sounds ur and or digraph. We have done rock painting and large scale art to create a new jungle display.

News from Year 1

This week, in literacy, we have used adjectives to write our own version of Handa's Hen. In maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes, 3D shapes and using number bonds to 10 to bridge through multiples of 10. In topic work, we have looked at the origin of bunting and spelled out our names in flags. We have made origami boats and looked at what makes an island. We have also designed our own treasure maps.

News from Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful week. In maths, we have been revising fractions, and we have been exploring spirals, looking at the Fibonacci sequence. We have also been completing some amazing artwork linked to this. In English, we have finished reading 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick, and we have been writing diary entries in role as Hugo, the main character.

News from our Key Workers Group

This week, in the Key Worker group, we have completed home learning packs. We have spent our afternoons undertaking a woodwork project.

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