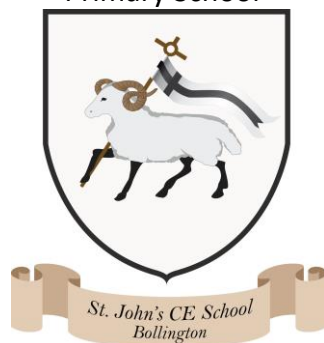


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Creation

"Through Him, all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men."

John 1:3-4

4th September 2020

Head's Message

I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to welcome everybody back to school on Wednesday. The school was buzzing, the children were back with their friends and we had the joy of meeting all our new starters. Happy days! Many thanks for your support as we operate under our new guidelines. It is a strange and new working environment for us all, but rest assured the safety of our school community is at the forefront of everything we do. We have created a new Coronavirus Update page under the Virtual Office section of our website, where we will now put any updates in relation to Covid-19. Finally, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Shelley Smith has returned to St John's to take over the SENCO role, and Mrs Howarth has joined the teaching team in Class 1.

RSE

After completing our consultation process, we are now in a position to start teaching our new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum from September. It is a statutory requirement that this is taught in school. We are also introducing a new Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum at the same time. For any further information on either of these curriculums please contact Mrs Stout.

Diary Dates

Next week, we welcome back Mrs Dooley and Front Row Music who will be delivering piano, ukulele and guitar tuition. If this is something your child /ren may be interested in then please email the admin team for further details.

We are excited to also kick start our after school clubs by offering Class 4 (Y5 and Y6) a chance to take part in a Football club every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm. Please complete the survey if you have not already done so The first session is next Thursday (10th September).

Forest School

From Friday 11th September, Marcella Lee-Gallon will return to deliver Forest School sessions in our very own woodland school area. For the first half-term, the Reception children will be exploring in the morning, and Year 5 will be taking part after lunch. Appropriate clothing will be required for the various outdoor activities which include: Nature crafts, Large scale art projects, Woodwork, Camp fire building, Cooking and Using tools etc.

Please could you ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing with them each Friday. Marcella has specified that double socks, wellington boots, multi-layers, a waterproof coat and hat & gloves are necessities.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have focused on settling in and getting used to our environment and routines. We have chosen our important class rules and how to be safe at school. We have also looked at recognising our own name, with a focus on the initial letter and how many letters our name has. The children have loved collaging their initial letter, playing some Phase One sound games and spending time doing group games outside. A wonderful first week. Well done everyone!

News from Class 2

Class 2 have had a wonderful first few days back! We have done some sentence writing and tried to include some adjectives to make our sentences more interesting. We have made our own journals that we can use in our free time. We have started reading "The Twits" together as a Class and have drawn some pictures of Mr Twit. We have completed fact files about ourselves and done lots of activities to get to know each other.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have enjoyed a brilliant first week back. Children have shown so much resilience adapting to school life. In PSHE, we have talked about mental well-being and looked at children's rights. In art, we have created a display for our new classroom.

News from Class 4

Class 4 have had a fantastic first week back at school. We have created our Class Contract, discussing our school rights and responsibilities. We have been busy making cards for our new Reading Buddies in Reception and Year 1. We have also been doing some PSHE work, learning about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In ESafety, we have been discussing the importance of strong passwords and not sharing personal information online.

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