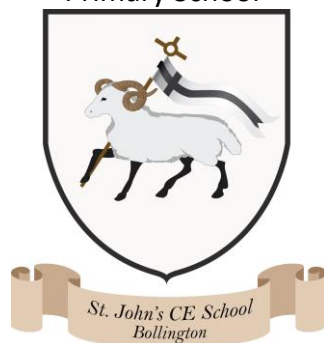


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Peace

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

Matthew 5:9

15th July 2022

Head's Message

I can hardly believe that this is the last newsletter of this academic year, and that in just a week we say the saddest of goodbyes to our Year 6 leavers. We wish them all the very best for their next adventure. They are such a delightful cohort of young people. It has been an honour to educate them, get to know them and watch them grow. We are so very proud of them all. We also say a fond farewell next week to Mrs Stout, Miss Gordon and Mrs Boyle. We all wish them the very best for the future. Mrs Raniwalla, the new Class 2 teacher, has been in today and spent the morning meeting children and getting to know our school. We are thrilled to welcome her to our St John's family. In other news, girls in Class 4 played brilliantly in a rounders competition last Friday, securing gold medals. On Monday, the Year 6 children attended the annual Bible Presentation at the Civic Hall. As always, they were a credit to St John's. The toy maker visited Class 2 on Tuesday, and the children were thrilled to each make a toy. We were finally able to celebrate Sports Day on Wednesday, and were very glad the weather cooled a little for us. Thank you to all the parents who joined us, for what was a marvellous afternoon. Well done to all the children who took part, and congratulations to our winning house, Clarence. On Thursday, the RSPB led assembly and held workshops for the junior children. It was wonderful for the children to learn more about swifts, following the installation of swift boxes at school. We will be giving the children their Queen's Jubilee book today, after finally receiving delivery of them. Lastly, thank you to the PTA for organising tonight's Leavers' Disco.

September Staffing

Please note the staffing arrangements for September:

Class 1 – Mrs Jobbins, Mrs Smith and Ms Goodall

Class 2 – Mrs Raniwalla, Mrs Howarth, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Woolley

Class 3 – Mr Timmis, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Brown and Miss Kemp

Class 4 – Mrs Watson and Mrs Hyde

The school's DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) is Mrs Walker, and Mrs Watson is the Deputy DSL

The SENCO and Mental Health Lead is Mrs Smith

Weather Warning

Please note the weather on Monday and Tuesday next week is expected to reach at least 35 degrees. Please ensure the children dress in cool clothes, with sun hats, and bring in water bottles. Please also ensure the children have sun-cream on before arriving at school. They can reapply during the school day. Teachers will assist the infant children to do this. In school, we will be monitoring the

heat at all times. We will be taking lots of water breaks, and doing our very best to keep the children as cool as we can. Timetables may change and outdoor play may be restricted as safety for our whole community is our top priority.

Next Week

Monday – Marc Makes Comics. Comic writing workshop for all classes.

Wednesday – Class 1 park visit.

Thursday – Class 2 park visit. An archaeologist is visiting Class 4.

Friday – Leavers' Play and we break up.

School reopens on Monday 5th September.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge launches in Cheshire East Libraries on 9th July. This a national scheme to encourage reading and prevent children's literacy levels from dropping during the long school holidays. This year's challenge, Gadgeteers, celebrates STEM and imagination. The challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities. There is also a Mini Challenge for pre-school children. For more information contact: libraries@cheshireeast.gov.uk

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we received another visit from the little old lady from the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. Luckily this time, she was delivering gingerbread to us ready to decorate! We have created an alternative version of this story and added our new characters to our story map. We wrote speech bubbles to show what our new characters would say in the story. In maths, we have continued using our bucket scales, carefully choosing objects and making them balance. We have also started our coding sessions using Espresso; the children have practised their ICT skills whilst creating simple code to make characters move across the screen. Thank you to Mr Lovick, our work experience student, for working so well with our class this week.

News from Class 2

This week, in maths, Year 1 have focused on doubling numbers up to 12. Year 2 have focused on using shapes to make patterns and following on existing patterns correctly. In English, we have finished off our class story and wrote our own version. We also had the pleasure of welcoming back Don and Catherine from 'Toys in School'. The children had an absolutely wonderful day and each made a working wooden toy plus a pocket toy. They used hammers, drills and chisels. They also impressed with their knowledge of forces and the history linked to toys. They learnt which forces they needed to apply to make their toys work. In history, we have looked at what the words 'national/local' mean and have compared a local event (The Bollington Festival) to a national event (Glastonbury). The children learnt all about the origins of two events and what impact they have had on the community/country.

News from Class 3

This week, Class 3 have started our new class book, 'Flotsam'. The children used evidence to make predictions. We created exciting descriptions to describe images from the book. In maths, the children have continued to study time, looking at converting between analogue and digital clocks. We have started to look at duration and what information we can find in a timetable. In RE, the children have looked at the Christian creation story. In STEM club, we made bottle rockets.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have continued our work on symmetry, working on completing symmetrical patterns. In English, we have been writing our prequels, based on the story 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. In IPC, we have been revising human and physical features in geography. The Year 6 children enjoyed the bible presentation on Monday. We have also been putting the finishing touches to the Leavers' Play, and we look forward to performing it to you next Friday.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, the children practised for Sports Day with a focus on the obstacle course. We cooled down with a yoga session.

Class 2 – In PE, we practised for Sports Day.

Class 3 – In PE, the children had a class competition in dodgeball. In kickball, the children were taught an overview of the rules. (Kickball is a mixture of football and cricket.)

Class 4 – This week, as well as enjoying a wonderful Sports Day on Wednesday, we played a dodge ball mini-tournament and a whole class rounders match.

Star Performers

Class 1: Bobbie

Class 2: Jack and Johnny

Class 3: Freddie and Phoebe

Class 4: Flynn and Tristan

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