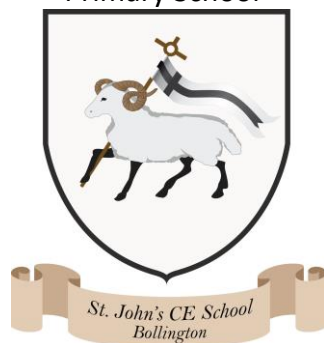


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

11th September 2020

Head's Message

What a wonderful week it has been in school. It has been my absolute delight to see the school full and flourishing once again. Forest Schools started today, and piano and guitar lessons have also started back. Our Spanish lessons will resume on Monday. Love Music Trust has delivered our instruments – which will be handed out to Class 4 on Wednesday. As a staff, we have all been amazed at how the children have settled back into school routines. They are so resilient and are coping extremely well with the new measures we have put in place. That being said, we must remember that coronavirus has not gone away, and we must all still work hard to keep the school community safe. Good hygiene and social distancing remain extremely important. Finally, thank you for your understanding as we had to make slight changes to the school menu this week. The menu will remain altered for the next two weeks, please see attachment.

Suspected Covid-19 Cases

We are following the Cheshire East guidelines with regards to managing suspected or confirmed covid-19 cases. In a nutshell, please keep your child away from school if they have covid-19 symptoms. Please contact us and we can organise work to be sent home. The government covid-19 website has details of how to get tested as well as requirements for household self-isolation. Should a child become ill in school, we will make contact with parents and ask for your child to be collected along with any other siblings. You can access the government guidelines on self-isolation at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>. In the event of a confirmed covid-19 case, the Headteacher is placed in contact with the local health protection team and local authority, who will then advise the next steps, i.e. identification of close contacts that will then be required to self-isolate and test. Please see attached information from Public Health England.

School Uniform

We would just like to politely remind you of our school uniform. Girls: school branded jade polo shirt and either school branded cardigan or sweatshirt; grey skirt or trousers, grey/white socks or grey tights, black school shoes. Girls may also wear green and white checked gingham dresses in warmer weather. Boys: school branded jade polo shirt and either school branded cardigan or sweatshirt; grey trousers/shorts, grey socks and black school shoes. PE: school branded jade t-shirt/plain white t-shirt with black shorts and pumps (indoors) and a dark tracksuit and trainers (outdoors).

Holidays/Attendance

Please find attached a copy of our Attendance Policy and a guide entitled 'Taking Children on Holiday during Term Time', which is published by Cheshire East Council. In particular, we would draw your attention to the section, in the Attendance Policy, entitled 'Authorised and unauthorised absence during term time' and point out that unauthorised attendance may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have learnt all about Frida Kahlo and her beautiful paintings. We have been inspired to do our own self-portraits, using a mirror to help us with the details. We have focused on rhyming words in stories, and we have matched rhyming words together in our focus time. We have enjoyed collecting apples up at the woodland as well as our amazing forest schools session.

News from Class 2

This week, in literacy, we have been working on sentence writing and comprehension skills. We have tried to make our writing more interesting by using vocabulary off our word tree and lots of adjectives. In maths, we have practised counting and number formation. In our topic work, we have looked at the "Big book of families", and we have discussed what makes our families different and why they are all special. We have also explored the term diversity and made a class mind map.

News from Class 3

Class 3 have enjoyed a fantastic week back. This week, in maths, children have looked at place value and used place value facts to solve problems. In literacy, children have created a setting description. In IPC, children started our new topic of 'How Humans Work'. We have completed created glossaries and a body MOT.

News from Class 4

This week, we have been working on developing our understanding of Place Value in our math's lessons. In English, we have started reading 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen, and we have been recording the key events in the story, in preparation for writing a newspaper article based on the events in the book next week. In PSHE, we have been looking at how laws are made, and, in IPC, we have completed our Knowledge Harvest for our topic AD900.

Sports News

Class 1 - We have been practising getting changed for PE, and we have been playing games that require us to listen and follow instructions.

Class 2 - We have worked on our general ball skills as well as practising our throwing and catching skills.

Class 3 - We have played basketball and football.

Class 4 – We have explored different ways of moving and worked on developing our skills in both basketball and football.

Star Performers

Class 1: Ena Kershaw.

Class 2: Henrietta Lock and Thomas Woolley.

Class 3: Freddie Aaron and Lucy Jones.

Class 4: Flynn Tappenden and Hannah Phillips.

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