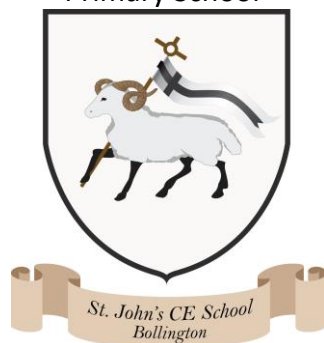


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

25th September 2020

Head's Message

Autumn days are truly upon us now, and I always know this is the case when the Reception children start baking apple crumble. I wanted to write this week and let you know some of the things we are doing in school, so the children feel connected. This week the Head of our School Council recorded a special assembly to mark the International Day of Peace. This was then available for all the children in every class to watch. Likewise we gather the House Points on a Friday morning and the School Council make a video announcing the latest tally, which can be watched in all classes. We are also in the process of recording Year 6 children reading a story, to share with their Reception reading buddy. All of these activities are examples of how we are keeping the school community bonded, and continuing to operate as close to normality as we can in these unusual times.

Key Priorities from the School Development Plan			
Ensure catch up interventions are in place, children are assessed and learning revisited following the coronavirus lockdown.	Write a new Anti-Bullying Policy with the School Council.	Embed the new PSHE and RSE frameworks to form a comprehensive well-being strategy that links to our Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors programme.	To embed a new phonics scheme throughout the school, ensuring all staff are trained.

Email Request

Please can we remind you to be considerate when emailing school staff. There is a growing number of parents emailing teachers at unreasonable hours – midnight to 2am in the morning. Each teacher gets a phone notification when they receive a school email, so they are immediately alerted to the message. We would ask that you do not email staff after 7pm please, unless there is an emergency.

Coronavirus Advice

Please do not send your child into school if they have **any** of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours and/or

- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back (if a temperature cannot be taken) and/or
- A loss, or change, to their sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. You should only get a test if you have one or more of these symptoms. To book a test call the NHS on 119 or go online to <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have focused on the story of The Colour Monster; we have linked our emotions to different colours to help us understand them better. We have looked at a range of music and how it makes us feel. Then, we've made our own musical instruments. In phonics, we have started phase 2, with a focus on single letter sounds. In maths, we have focused on matching objects according to shape, size and pattern. We loved baking at school for the first time; the apple crumble was delicious!

News from Class 2

This week, in literacy, we have learnt how to improve sentences by rewriting them and adding things like adjectives and adverbs to make them more interesting. In maths, in Year 2, we have looked at place value using part whole models and base ten equipment. We have also used these to help us solve word problems. In Year 1, we have counted forwards and backwards and looked at adding one more. In PSHE, we have looked at Human rights, leading onto Children's rights and why they are so important. In IPC, we made a list of all the different jobs we could think of and thought about what those jobs involve.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, children have continued to look at place value, and we have explored Roman numerals. In literacy, children have started think about their story based on 'Leon and the place between'. In IPC, children have researched the human digestive system.

News from Class 4

This week, we have completed our unit on place value and have started work on addition and subtraction in our math's lessons, focusing on formal column methods. In English, we have continued work on our current class novel, 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. We have been writing formal letters and have worked on extracting key information from the text in preparation for creating a wiki page. In IPC, we have also been identifying primary and secondary sources of information and exploring what an historian may learn from them.

Sports News

Class 1 – We have been focussing on our balancing skills again this week by balancing a bean bag on our head and manoeuvring around the cones and finishing off with a race.

Class 2 – We experimented with different ways to throw and bounce a ball and worked on core strength with some balancing skills.

Class 3 – In basketball, we practised defencing, using our bodies to force attackers into small spaces, 1 v 1 and 2 v 2. In our football lesson, we were focussing on our defending skills: 1 v 1, closing down space and limiting options for attackers.

Class 4 – We have been practising our defending skills in both football and basketball.

Star Performers

Class 1: Oscar Lapi

Class 2: Joseph Selwood and Natalia Walton

Class 3: Charlotte Williams and Halla Vanaudenaerde

Class 4: Megan Stevenson and Allegra Simpson

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