

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*

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### Head's Message

This week was marked by the first positive Covid-19 case in our school community. It was always just a matter of time until someone tested positive. Indeed we could be facing a term of disruption as others among us test positive, and other bubbles are potentially asked to self-isolate. We have such a strong bond and a wonderful school community that I am sure we will all get through the months ahead together. Microsoft Teams is up and running for every student, so that in the event that a bubble is asked to self-isolate, remote learning can begin immediately. As a school we are committed to doing all we can to ensure the children's education is impacted as little as possible during these very trying times.

Also this week classes have started to prepare for their Harvest festival, which will be recorded for you all to watch at home. Class 3 and Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed Forest Schools today. On Wednesday, Class 4 took part in a very tuneful strings lesson courtesy of Love Music Trust. We have received our International Schools Award plaque, which will soon be on proud display by the school office. Finally, we would like to thank Mrs Toolan for her super roast dinner on Wednesday.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be taking place during the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> October. These meetings are a great way to find out how your child has settled back into school life and to give you an update on their progress so far this term. The meetings will be 10 minutes long and will be held either by Phone call or Teams meeting. We will be sending out further communications next week about how you can book a slot with your child/ren's teacher.

### Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Harvest collection boxes, which were left outside the school. All collected items will be given to Hope Central. The collection ends today, and to date seven bags of food have been gratefully received.

### 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**

We started this week by reading two fantastic books, My Family Book and In Every House on Every Street. We discussed what family is to us and how this can be the same and different for other people. Since being at home, we have continued our discussions about family. The children have created some amazing family portraits and looked at different families on video. We have also continued to look at numicon and their shapes and value. In phonics, we continue to focus on segmenting and blending and the children have shown me some fantastic letter formation paintings.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, in literacy, we have started our new class story, The Naughty Bus. The bus visited our classroom and made a terrible mess! The children wrote letters to the bus explaining the class rules and asking him not to do it again. We have moved onto writing captions for images from the story. In maths, we have learnt how to use place value charts and continued our work on part whole models. In Year 1, we have learnt how to count one more/one less than and moved onto comparing objects and numbers. In our topic work, we have looked at some different occupations in depth and thought about what their day to day tasks include.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, in maths, children have continued to look at place value. We looked at rounding numbers and began to explore negative numbers. In literacy, children have created a rough draft of their story based on 'Leon and the place between'. In IPC, children have continued research about the human digestive system. We have used ICT to research a healthy diet.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, we have continued our work on addition and subtraction in our math's lessons, looking at using bar modelling and inverse operations to help us when solving problems. In English, we have continued with our work on our current class novel, 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. We have planned stories, using the story structure of the book to help us. In IPC, we have used sources of information to learn about daily life in Ancient Maya and the gods and goddesses the Maya people worshipped.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – The children were asked to focus on moving around a space safely and when instructed to 'stop', find a safe and strong position in which to hold their balance.

Class 2 – We worked on ball skills with a focus on dribbling. We played dodge ball and football.

Class 3 – In both our Basketball and football lessons, we focused on attacking 2 v 1. We used our decision making skills to decide whether to pass or dribble. We practised finding space on the court/pitch.

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Class 4 –We have been practising our attacking and defending skills in both football and basketball and have also been working on good decision making.

**Star Performers**

Class 1 – All of our Reception children are superstars this week

Class 2 – Jessica Grimshaw and Louie Kershaw

Class 3 – Isadora Aguilar and Jessica Walton

Class 4 – Jeanie-Rose Parker Campbell and Amelia Woolley

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