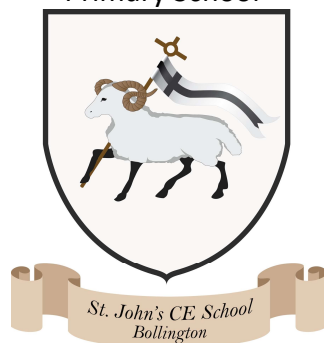


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

9th October 2020

Head's Message

We cannot wait to welcome Class 1 back on Monday. Gosh we have missed you all. I know that Mrs Jobbins and her team have ensured learning has continued while the children have been in isolation. This leads me nicely to saying how very thankful I am for the entire staff at St John's. A lot of us have been at the school for many years, and this term has been the most challenging start to a year we have faced. Teachers are teaching in class, ensuring blended learning for children in isolation and preparing to be up and running at a moment's notice should their class go into another lockdown/isolation. Staff are cleaning, sanitising, updating risk assessments, reading new protocols, staggering and on kitchen/break duty like never before. They have achieved this while keeping the wellbeing and happiness of the children top of their agenda. So, this week's World Teacher's Day was very timely indeed this year, and to all staff I wish to say a huge thank you.

Addendum – since I wrote the above a wonderful package of bags of chocolates has arrived at school from the parents to the teachers. What a truly thoughtful gift which has been very much appreciated.

Harvest Festival

The children have created a wonderful Harvest Assembly for you all to watch. The office will be sending out the link to the video separately. It will be available, on a private YouTube channel, for two weeks. We hope you enjoy it.

Catering Arrangements

We are delighted to announce that hot meals will return to St John's after half term. Thank you to all the parents who showed their kindness and support to the school during the last few weeks. Sadly, Miss Boustead has resigned her position at St John's, but a new cook will be in place in November. Please look out for a new menu and more details on this will follow.

Packed Lunches

A number of parents have contacted school this week asking if the children can bring hot soup in a flask for their packed lunch. Please note our Packed Lunch Policy states that: *To comply with Health and Safety and Food Safety Legislation no hot food or hot liquid is to be brought on site.* The policy can be found on the school's website.

Parents' Evening

On Thursday 9th October, the Parents' Evening booking slots went live. Please log on to School Spider to secure your appointment/s. If you have any trouble booking your appointment, then please email the office. We will be holding the meetings either virtually on Teams or via a phone call. We have all your preferences and the teachers are looking forward to updating you on the progress your child/ren have made this term.

Coronavirus Advice

Cheshire East is now an Area of Concern on the national Local Authority watchlist because of an increase in cases and a rise in infection rates. The number of positive cases of Covid-19 in schools and colleges has also risen since the start of the autumn term. Due to this rise, the LA are trying to encourage local people to wear face coverings in areas where they are likely to congregate with others, such as schools.

As a reminder:

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 worked really hard to complete our home learning. We have focused on new sounds and tricky words in phonics. We have practised segmenting and blending and letter formation. In maths, we have linked our topic of Our Homes to our maths learning, with a focus on 2D shapes. We have made shape view finders and done some fantastic shape hunts. We have looked at different types of houses, made cardboard villages, labelled pictures of our own homes and looked at the features of others. Thank you to all the parents and children for getting so involved. I've uploaded 200 videos and photos to Tapestry for this week alone!

News from Class 2

This week, in literacy, we have completed our own story maps of the Naughty Bus story. We took the bus outside and took some photographs of him doing naughty things. We are using these to write our own versions of the story. In maths, we have looked at counting in twos, addition using a place value chart and adding ten to a two digit number. In IPC/PSHE, we have thought about children's rights and the people who protect them. We have also thought about our dreams and aspirations for the future; where we would like to live; what hobbies we might enjoy and any skills we would like to develop.

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News from Class 3

This week, in maths, children have started to look at addition and subtraction. In literacy, children have published a final draft of their story based on 'Leon and the place between'. In IPC, children worked in small groups to create a working model of the human digestive system. In RE, pupils have created a booklet about Jesus healing the centurions servant (Matthew 8:5-13).

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been working on short and long multiplication methods. In English, we have continued writing our stories based on current class novel, 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. In IPC, we have used sources of information to explore the decline of the Maya kingdoms. We have also started learning about the Kingdom of Benin.

Sports News

Class 1 – We have been exploring moving round a space as an animal. We have practised walking like a caterpillar and crawling like a monkey.

Class 2 – In PE, we learnt passing skills and practised dribbling. We played some team games including football.

Class 3 – In basketball, we practised the correct shooting technique and attacking with speed. In bootcamp, we took part in circuit training with 6 varied stations focussing on different movements.

Class 4 – We have been practising shooting techniques in basketball, and we also took part in an indoor bootcamp.

Star Performers

Class 1: All of our Reception children are superstars again this week

Class 2: Lilian Brelsford and Shiri Puttock

Class 3: Niamh Vanaudenaerde and Max Williams-Spalding

Class 4: Mollie Farrar and Pheobe Valentine

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