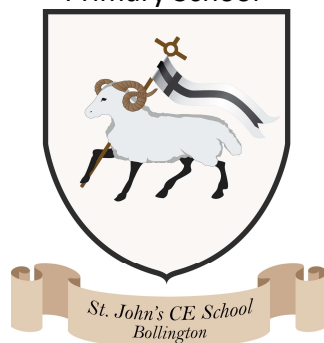


Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*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*

16th October 2020

### Head's Message

After what has been the most unusual half term in memory, we have reached the final newsletter of Autumn 1. It was an absolute joy to welcome our Class 1 bubble back this week – school was not the same without them. It has been a challenging time, but thank you so much to everyone for adhering to our coronavirus guidelines and getting the children tested when they show symptoms. I would also like to thank everyone who is wearing a mask on site. As we move into winter, we will be monitoring the current government Tier system, and it may become necessary to impose further restrictions, such as making it mandatory to wear a face mask both indoors and outside. As always we will follow local authority recommendations. In other news, this week school photographs were taken and we have been preparing a school video to show potential new starters in September 2021. I must send a huge thank you to the ladies in the kitchen (Mrs Roberts, Mrs Howarth and Miss Short), for working so hard to prepare wonderful lunches for the children during these past few weeks. We will be sending out the new school menu next week. I am delighted to announce Mrs Helen Brown will join our teaching staff on Monday. Mrs Brown will be working with Mrs Smith (our SENCO) to ensure gaps in learning, caused by the lockdown, are addressed. Finally, please note school closes next Thursday as Friday is an INSET day.

### Stagger Times

As we are now all familiar with the school protocols and safety measures, we will be extending the stagger times by 15 minutes after half term. Morning drop off times will stay the same. From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the new bubble times are as follows:

Class 1 – 9am – 3.15pm

Class 2 – 9.15am – 3.30pm

Class 3 – 9am – 3.15pm

Class 4 – 8.45am – 3pm

We will send a reminder home contact and details of club times next week.

### Applications to High School

Please note that the deadline for Year 6 parents to make an application for a Year 7 High School place for September 2021, is October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Coronavirus Advice**

Cheshire East has been placed into the government's Covid-19 alert level 'high' – also referred to as Tier 2. We have been asked to remind you that people from Cheshire East must not socialise indoors with anybody from outside their household or support bubble.

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**

It has been so lovely being back in school this week. We have been learning all about houses in other countries and considering why they are designed and made from certain materials. We have created some fantastic houses out of clay. In maths, we have focused on the the numbers 1,2 and 3 and finding different ways to represent them. We have been working hard to recognise and read our phase 2 tricky words, and we've enjoyed word hunts and putting sentences together.

## **News from Class 2**

This week, in literacy, we have filmed our own version of the Naughty Bus story. We have used this to help us write a story based on the book. In maths, we have recapped on counting in 2/5/10 and learnt how to count in 3s. We have also worked on numbers to 20 by playing lots of fun games in the hall. In IPC, we have thought about all the jobs in St John's and interviewed certain members of staff about their role. We spoke to Mr Morrall and Mrs Roberts to understand what they do day-to-day. I am sending home some weekend homework for the children to complete for Monday. Please refer to the separate Spider message.

## **News from Class 3**

This week, in maths, we have looked at developing fluency with addition and subtraction problems. In literacy, children have started a new book 'Jim - a cautionary tale'. In IPC, children have researched the human skeleton and the life cycle of a human.

## **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been working on short and long division methods. In English, we have been researching the achievements of the Maya civilisation, and we have written non-chronological reports about them. In IPC, in history, we have explored the Kingdom of Benin, and we have also drawn pictures of what we thought it may have looked like, using evidence from our sources of information. In art, we have designed masquerade masks.

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### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, we have continued to explore animal movements using different parts of our body. We had great fun being monkeys, crocodiles, butterflies and worms.

Class 2 – This week, we have worked on our ball skills, in particular bouncing and aiming into hoops. We also played team games and did relay races.

Class 3 – This week, we didn't have a PE lesson, but we look forward to a fantastic lesson next week.

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

### **Star Performers**

Class 1: James Burgess

Class 2: Ellie Jakubowski and Nathaniel Dean

Class 3: All the children in Class 3 were stars this week

Class 4: Emerson Hall and Eva Cotton

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