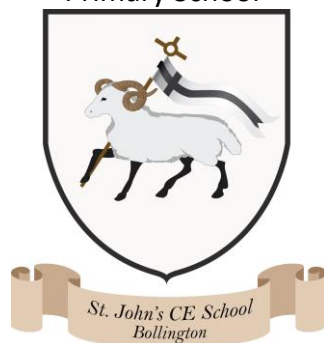


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Creation

"All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." John 1:3

14th October 2022

Head's Message

We have reached the final newsletter of the half term, as next Friday is an INSET day and school will be closed to pupils. We return on Monday 31st October, which is also the deadline for Year 6 parents to make their application for a secondary school place for their child. When we return we will be welcoming Karen Crosland to our school office as our new bursar. At St John's we are all so sad to say goodbye to Mrs Farrar, and wish her the very best in her next adventure. This week, Class 4 spent Monday taking part in science experiments during their workshop led by Chemistry with Cabbage. I had the pleasure of spending time in all the classrooms this week, and was delighted at the learning taking place. Class 1 made excellent use of our musical instruments; Class 2 were planning their own village in geography; Class 3 have been discovering 'How Humans Work' in their latest science topic and Class 4 have been comparing the Mayan civilisation with other civilisations the children have previously studied. Finally, a huge thank you to the PTA for arranging a Class 1 cake sale today, which will be followed by a crazy hair school disco this evening.

Cheshire East Council Carbon Neutral Video

Cheshire East has produced a video clip about their carbon reduction projects, and we are delighted that pupils from St John's feature in the film. Please visit @bollstjohns Twitter page to see the full video. The children talk about our solar panels, which are just one example of our global learning and commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Diary Dates

Please note some of our more important diary dates for the upcoming term. Please be advised that this is just a few dates we would like to highlight. The full list of all our events can be viewed on the school website.

Monday 17th October – Playground Portraits will be taking school photos (reserve day 19th October)

Monday 31st October – Deadline for applications for secondary school (Year 6 children)

Tuesday 1st November – Flu vaccination team in school

Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November – Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 7th December – Infant Nativity (Class 1 and 2 children) at 10am

Thursday 8th December – Infant Nativity (Class 1 and 2 children) at 2pm

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Play (Class 3 and 4 children) at 1:30pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Play (Class 3 and 4 children) at 5pm

Thursday 15th December – Christmas lunch

Friday 16th December – Christmas parties and school closes for the Christmas holiday

Attendance

Non-attendance is one of the single biggest blockers to achievement, with evidence suggesting that an attendance figure of below 96% will have a detrimental effect on the achievement of that individual student. By focusing on good attendance, we can make a significant impact to the outcomes of our pupils. While dealing with the challenges surrounding Covid-19, it felt appropriate to allow some flexibility with attendance authorisations (which remain at the discretion of the school). Although we intend to remain as supportive as possible, it is important to note that attendance will be a priority area this upcoming academic year.

News from Reception

In Reception, this week we have read the story, 'When I Was Little Like You', which focuses on what life was like for Rosie's grandma when she was little. This led us to explore a history box from Macclesfield museum; we discussed what each item was and how it was used. Then, we matched it to its modern version and compared them. In maths, we have learnt how to be careful counters, focusing on small objects that can be moved, sounds and actions as well as larger objects that cannot be moved.

News from Class 2

This week, Class 2 started a new English unit based on the book, 'Rosie Revere Engineer'. We practised our engineering skills by working together as a team to build an opening bridge using cardboard, string and tape. We had lots of fun and tested out different methods to build our bridges. Next week, we will be looking at Tower Bridge in London and describing the movement of the bridge. In maths, both classes have been working with number lines, counting the steps between numbers and estimating where numbers should be placed on a number line to 100. In IPC, we have planned a map of a town in geography and looked at our local area 100 years ago, discussing the job roles which existed then and now.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, we have looked at how to round to the nearest 10 and 100. We have continued to build fluency with the four times table. In English, we have continued our class book, 'Leon and the Place Between'. The children have used their plan to create a story. We have focused on creating vivid descriptions using powerful verbs and interesting adjectives. In our topic of 'How Humans Work' the children have researched the digestive system. We have looked at the organs used in digestion and their functions.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, in Year 5, we have started to look at mental strategies for calculation, and, in Year 6, we have been looking at prime numbers, rules of divisibility and long multiplication. In English, we have continued reading 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen, and we have planned and started writing our own apocalyptic stories. In IPC, we have continued our unit, '900CE', focusing on finding out about the Mayan society and comparing it to other civilisations that we have explored in the past. We have also been exploring the religious beliefs of the Maya.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we have been focusing on target practice. We threw beanbags into hoops on the floor and also into the basketball hoop. We threw balls into buckets and rolled them into hoops. We practised underarm and overarm actions to help us with these skills.

Class 2 – In PE, we practised ball control skills and team games.

Class 3 – This week, we played football and worked on passing skills. In basketball, we enjoyed some dribbling races, using our skills and manipulation techniques learnt.

Class 4 – This week, in football, we focused on passing accuracy, and, in basketball, we focused on dribbling and passing skills.

Star Performers

Class 1: Gus and Orin

Class 2: Rory and Emme

Class 3: Olivia and Theo

Class 4: Jessica and Bunny

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