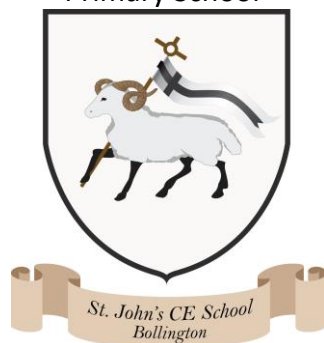


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Joy

"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Romans 14:17

18th November 2022

Head's Message

What a lovely non-uniform day we have had today celebrating Children in Need. I am delighted to report we have already raised £140. Thank you to all who donated. Sue Noakes, the Assistant Director of Education for the Diocese, visited us yesterday, and was very impressed with all the children. Pupils in all classes have taken part in activities, and assemblies, relating to Anti-Bullying Week. There have been some very thoughtful and mature discussions taking place. Next week, we have a very busy schedule. On Tuesday, Anchor Creative Education will be in all day, working with all the children. They specialise in SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) workshops that use drama and song to extend pupils' knowledge. It should be a fun day. On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 will be visiting Tytherington High School for a Forensic Workshop, and Year 5 will have a Road Safety talk after their music lesson. After school on Thursday, Mrs Jobbins is running a Phonics Workshop for Class 1 and Class 2 parents. Finally, on Friday children from St John's will be showcased at the Diocese Headteacher's Conference.

Coronation Bank Holiday

Please note an extra Bank Holiday has been announced by the government to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. This will take place on Monday 8th May 2023. School will be closed on this date. This was scheduled to be the start of SATs week for Year 6. The Department of Education have yet to release an amended timetable due to this Bank Holiday. As soon as we have further details, we will let you and the pupils know.

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we started our new topic, Weather Wonders. The weather fairy sent us a letter asking us to keep an eye on the weather while she takes a break, so we have started our own diaries so we can report back to her. In design technology, we made our own rain shakers using tubes and rice. In maths, we have focused on the number five and how to represent it in different ways. We used our hand prints to help us count.

News from Class 2

This week, Class 2 have continued our writing based on The Owl and the Pussycat. Firstly, we wrote a love letter from Owl to Pussycat using contractions. We then composed questions to interview the

characters and thought about how they would respond. We practised spotting capital letters in the poem and wrote our own sentences using capital letters for people and the start of sentences. In maths, Year 1 practised number bonds to 10 and wrote addition sentences. We used cubes and counters to talk through addition problems. Year 2 began the addition and subtraction unit by looking back to previous work on number bonds, and how we can use the bonds to 10 for larger numbers. In IPC, we finished our 'Day in the Life' topic, looking back at our learning and began an exciting new unit called 'Treasure Island' which focuses on geography and the role of pirates!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, we have continued our topic of addition and subtraction. The children have developed fluency with column subtraction building up to multiple exchanges. In English, we have continued to explore our class book, 'Shackleton's Journey'. The children have inferred a character's feelings and written a persuasive letter in our topic of 'Island Life'. We have looked at how to describe the features of a river.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, in Year 5, we have been exploring common multiples and factors, and prime numbers. In Year 6, we have started to look at fractions, firstly revising equivalent fractions and simplifying. In English, we have finished work on 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta. We have planned and written our own stories, focusing on varying our sentence starters to make our writing more interesting. In IPC, we have started to explore the Benin Empire, starting off by locating where Benin city was and how the empire began.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, the children have been focussing on Postman Pat, using hand/eye and foot co-ordination to sort objects into the correct areas.

Class 2 – The children have been practising different movements using balancing and ensuring they maintain a good form while moving. They have also been doing circuit training, using skills from their last lesson to complete a circuit.

Class 3 & 4 – This week, both classes have been doing gymnastics and practising travelling, jumping and balancing to start creating a sequence of movement.

Star Performers

Class 1: Gus and Maisie

Class 2: Jensen and Austin

Class 3: Jessica and Kit

Class 4: Charlotte and Dylan