

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Forgiveness

*"And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

*Acts 2:38*

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Head's Message

Unbelievably we have reached the last newsletter of the spring term. The weather has been wonderful this week, not only raising our hopes for the summer term, but also giving a pleasant cycling experience for the children who took part in Bikeability. Class 3 had a very successful trip to St Oswald's on Wednesday, taking part in lots of activities linked to the Easter story, and meeting Year 3 children from Bollington Cross. Our thanks to Rev Jenny for organising this. Our football team played magnificently last night against a very strong Hollinhey team. They may not have won, but the boys made us very proud. Today, Class 4 have visited the Crucial Crew in Macclesfield. Over the course of the morning the children learned all about internet safety, alcohol safety, train-track safety, anti-social behaviour and recycling. The police officers who led the day said that we were the best group that had attended all week. This evening we have a PTA disco to look forward to. Next week, the girls are in action in a football tournament on Thursday and on Friday we have our Easter assembly. We do hope to see you all there. Finally, can I remind you all that school re-opens on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. May I wish you all a peaceful and blessed Easter.

### Staffing

We are thrilled to announce the new staff members that will be joining our St John's team. In April we welcome Mrs Gregory as our new SENCO, and Dr Srividya Srikanth as our new Bursar. Mrs Gregory will be arranging a time to meet parents next week, and please rest assured that a full handover will be taking place before she begins the role. From September we are delighted to announce that our new Class 2 teacher will be Mrs Kelly Vanaudenaerde.

### Forest School Update by Marcella

The children have made the most of the sunshine this week; climbing trees, setting up the wildlife camera and making clay pots. It's been amazing to see the children caring and supporting each other through new experiences.

### Diary Dates

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Class 2 Cake Sale at 3:30pm

4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Celebration Assembly at 9:30-10:30am. All families invited.

4<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term

22<sup>nd</sup> April – Summer term starts

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we have learnt all about what a plant needs to grow. We have dissected a flower and labelled the parts of a plant. We set up mini green-houses so we can observe the growth of a bean stalk. In maths, we have looked at the composition of 9 and 10 and learnt how to use the part whole model to help us work out addition sums.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, our highlight was our science lesson where we conducted an experiment. We found some woodlice and used petri dishes to discover if they prefer damp places or dry places. We created a results table and wrote on conclusions. In maths this week, Year 1 and 2 have been completing their spring term assessments, and I am so proud of every pupil for their hard work. In English, we have been working hard to improve our descriptive writing. In RE, we discussed the importance of the Easter story and made our own judgements on which part is the most important.

### **News from Class 3**

We had a very exciting day at St Oswald's church on Wednesday, during which we completed lots of activities to help us retell the Easter story. We really enjoyed playing with our new friends from Bollington Cross on their playground and welcomed parents and families to a special service at the end of the day to sing our Easter songs. This week in maths, we have started learning about mixed numbers and improper fractions. In English, we are starting to write the final draft of our giant story. In RE, we made a timeline of the events of Easter week. Please look out for your Mother's Day cards which the children made with lots of love.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been working on ratio and proportion. In English, we have continued reading 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. We have been writing persuasive speeches to convince Monsieur George to give Hugo's notebook back to him. In grammar, we have been exploring prefixes and hyphens. In science, we explored the effect of adding additional cells to a circuit, and, in French, we have been learning the names of locations. Many of the Year 5 children completed their Bikeability Level 2, and, on Friday, we enjoyed our class trip to Crucial Crew in Macclesfield.

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Kit for excellent maths work.

Class 2 – Posy for excellent descriptive writing.

Class 3 – Dyiako for always trying so hard in maths.

Class 4 – Hugo for writing a wonderful persuasive speech.

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Isabel for making such an effort to be kind to others.

Class 2 – Arthur for trying his best in all areas of learning.

Class 3 – Laurie for trying so hard to work independently.

Class 4 – Daniel for always participating well in all lessons.

**Ethos Award (Forgiveness)** – Class 4: Lilian for being a forgiving and kind friend.

**House Points** – Oak Bank are in the lead.

## **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, we went onto the field to compete in some events. The children participated in bean bag throw, taking in turns with their friend. They also completed small fun games and finished off with running races.

Class 2 – In PE this week, Class 2 played small dodgeball matches which included throwing, dodging and catching skills. They also had a cricket bowling competition and competed to see which team could hit the wickets the most times using different throwing and bowling techniques.

Class 3 – We have teamed up to practise some boxing in our circuit training, using different punches such as jab, hook and backhand. We carefully used these punches not using power but speed and accuracy, focusing on hitting the target. At the end we had thirty seconds to hit the pads as many times as possible.

Class 4 – This week, we played a tag rugby match after practising for the past four weeks, using teamwork, communication and other skills to try and score as many points as possible whilst learning game rules. They also played a girls v boys (chosen by the children) football rounders game.

## **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Theo

Class 2 – Posy and Finley H

Class 3 – Eleanor and Laela

Class 4 – Olivia and Louie

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