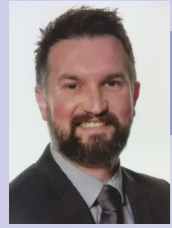




Autumn 1st Half Term 2017

Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



It has been a busy, positive and productive 1st Half-Term of this academic year. Our pupils came back from the Summer Holidays raring to go and have been so engaged and switched-on, making the most of all of the opportunities on offer in the rich curriculum at BCPS.

It has been a pleasure meeting the school community and I have endeavoured to listen and learn from you all - in order to find out what you love about BCPS and also what you think we can work together to improve.

I have taken great pride in welcoming colleagues from the local authority, auditors and inspectors to see the hard-work and progress being made in school. All of them have commented on the wonderful atmosphere in school and how warm and friendly the staff and pupils have been.

I would like to thank the parents and carers who have volunteered their time to: listen to pupils reading, support with visits to the Swimming Baths, help out with our residential trip, raise money through organising and supporting events or working as part of our Governing Body.

I hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting things that have taken place this half-term and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school after the holiday.

Mr Y Donbavand

The results are in.....

We are really pleased and proud to be able to share our latest SIAMs inspection report with the wider school community.

On September 27th, an inspector from the Church Of England Education Office inspected Bollington Cross and judged it to be **'outstanding'** across all aspects inspected.

The inspector noted that;

- Pupils are highly valued and nurtured as individuals in a caring Christian environment.
- Exceptionally strong, caring relationships, based on Christian values, support all members of the school family.
- The strong, mutually supportive links with the vicar and church family, make a significant contribution to the school's Christian character and to the spiritual development of all members of its community.

In order to improve, we have the target of ensuring that pupils are able to discuss and share their ideas to further enrich our Christian ethos.

Naturally, we are very pleased with this judgement. The staff and children were (and are) amazing and I have contacted Mrs Downing to express my thanks for her hard work as the vision and values articulated by the children are formed over years, rather than weeks.

The full report is available on our website:

<http://www.bollingtoncross.cheshire.sch.uk/page/ofsted-reports/1519>



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Last week's activity

Parent engagement



46

Class story posts

956 parent views

218 parent likes

132 conversations

3 posts translated

Student engagement



2249

Moments recognized

100% positive

31 skills encouraged

On Task (top skill)

82 group moments

Class Dojo: 100% Positive!

It is hard to imagine life without Class Dojo at BCPS now, but just five weeks ago, our teachers began to award dojo points to pupils. Then, class messages began to flow. Soon, photographs and collages were being posted giving you all an insight into what goes on in our classrooms. Years 1 to 6 are now fully fledged members on our School Dojo and Reception will soon follow.

The whole team at BCPS believe that Class Dojo has had a positive impact on learning behaviours, pupil motivation, communication and parental engagement.

We will strive to use Dojo in innovative and creative ways in the future. Thank you all for signing up!

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If you are looking for some inspiration as to what to do over the half-term, try this link; <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/east-cheshire>

Celebrating at Harvest Festival time

It was fantastic to see so many of our BCPS community at St Oswald's Church to help us celebrate harvest time.

Children from Reception, through to Year 6, sang their hearts out and proudly represented the school at a time when we consider those less fortunate than ourselves. The singing and speaking voices of the children were wonderful and they performed with big smiles on their faces. Mrs Vaughan and the rest of the BCPS staff had obviously worked hard to get them to such a level of confidence.

Thank you all for giving so generously at this event and helping BCPS to play a big part in supporting some of the older and less fortunate members of our local community.

Our Parent Teacher Association

With school budgets tight across the region, the hard work of the P.T.A at Bollington Cross really cannot be underestimated. There were many successful events during the 2016-2017 year. A year of events which raised approximately £6000 for our school. This money helps school to provide memorable experiences, such as the Christmas Panto and a contributes towards some of our educational visits. Our most current contribution, is going to be used to add a Chicken Coop / Run and some chickens (which Year 6 are currently researching and sourcing) and also to purchase some furniture to further enhance our fantastic library area - in the atrium of the KS2 building.

At the Annual General Meeting, we thanked Mrs Hancock and Mrs Harris for their hard work and commitment to the school—which has undoubtedly benefited many children.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Brewin as our new Chair of the P.T.A. Good luck Mrs Brewin!



Changing and Improving!

We will always strive to change and improve our practice and provision at BCPS, especially when it comes to safeguarding pupils. In my first few weeks as Headteacher, I have been able to get to know the school community and also the layout of our wonderful school building.

I have now had a chance to survey the building with our Premises Sub-Committee and also with a colleague from the safeguarding team at East Cheshire LA. As a result of these discussions, we have decided to make some initial improvements - primarily to the entrance hall. In order to ensure safety, we will be having a new stud wall and door fitted just before visitors come to the internal office door. Whilst we are having that work done, we will take the opportunity to freshen-up and decorate the entrance hall.

I am sure that this will result in a more welcoming entrance hall and also a more secure environment for our pupils. This does not change our commitment to engaging with parents/carers and encouraging them to come in and help out wherever they can.

Our Boreatton Park Residential

In September, Year 6 visited Boreatton Park (near Shrewsbury) for an action-packed 3 days of activities such as; giant swing, zip-wire, rifle firing, Kayaking and much more!

The staff at the PGL centre commented positively on our pupils' willingness to challenge themselves and their exemplary behaviour. Well done Year 6!

We feel that the trip encouraged the pupils to be more confident in themselves and also helped them develop deeper friendships and work collaboratively. Thanks to Mrs Bennett, Mr Machin and Mr Jordan (parent) for leading this successful trip.

"I thought, in my head, this is the adventure of a lifetime!"
Year 6 pupil



Attendance: Please be aware that we can not authorise requests for leave in term time unless they constitute 'exceptional circumstances'. It is important that you understand your own rights, but also those of the Local Authority to impose Fixed Penalty Notices. For more information please follow the link;

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/parents/education_welfare_service/school_attendance.aspx



We have a number of parents who have fallen behind with payments to Before/After School Club and also payments for school dinners.

We understand that sometimes payments/arrears can be overlooked, but request that you please get in touch with the school office in order to inform us when you will pay any unpaid bills.

If school are not able to contact you, we then hand the debt to Cheshire East Council in order for them to reclaim the monies owed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

A moment of Prayer...

Dear Lord,
Please protect all the people who were involved in all the recent storms and hurricanes. Let them make it through these tough times and help them rebuild their lives and homes. Let them know we are always thinking about them and trying to help them in every way possible.

Amen.

Maddie Brewin (Y6)



Dates for your diary...

Thursday 19th October School Closes for Half-term

Friday 20th October is an INSET day

Monday 30th October School Re-opens

Tuesday 31st Year 5 Parent's Workshop 2.45pm

Thursday 2nd Nov Nasal Spray Flu Vaccinations Rec-Y4

Thursday 2nd Nov PTA Meeting (Xmas ideas) Cock and Pheasant Pub 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th Nov Conkers Forest School Event 3.30-4.30

Thursday 9th Nov Y5 at Tytherington High School History themed transition day

Friday 10th Nov PTA Quiz Night

Friday 24th Nov Non-Uniform (donations for themed hampers)

Friday Dec 1st Supper with Santa

Wednesday 6th Dec KS2 Afternoon Nativity/KS1 Evening Nativity

Thursday 7th Dec KS1 Afternoon Nativity / KS2 Evening Nativity

Saturday 9th Dec PTA Swim Party at Bollington Leisure Centre

Wednesday 13th Dec Whole School Panto 'Snow White'

Friday 15th PTA Christmas Disco

Wednesday 20th Dec 'Mince Pies and Carols' 3.20pm (plus Raffle)

Wednesday 20th Dec School closes for the Christmas Holidays

Monday 8th January School re-opens for the Spring Term

School Council

We are a group of 8 Year 6 Pupils who:

- Arrange Charity Events
- Try to improve school life for other pupils
- Help the staff to make school a better place

Recently we have been:

- Reviewing how we can promote Christian Values around school
- We have decided that wearing hoodies will make us more visible and easier to find on the school playground.
- We have presented our fund-raising ideas to Mr Donbavand

Watch this space!

