



Spring 2nd Half-Term 2018

Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



What a fantastic Spring Term we have had at BCPS. I am really enjoying my role here and feel like I am really getting to know the children. They are an amazing group of children, who are a pleasure to work with and inspire. Our staff team have also impressed me immensely with their willingness to try new approaches, go the extra-mile for our pupils and support me and each other.

I can certainly see why Christian values were highlighted as an important aspect of life at BCPS when I consulted parents, governors, staff and pupils back in September. We have them in abundance and they make our school a very special place to learn. As a school community, I have noted just how generous everybody is with praise, time and funds when it comes to the many events we have during the school year.

Summer Term promises to be an exciting one with key events such as: Sports Day, The Teddy Bear's Picnic, Class Assemblies, Summer Fair, Summer Disco and, of course, our Y6 Leaver's Assembly. For now though, I hope you enjoy a relaxing and refreshing Easter break.

Mr Donbavand

Developing our Forest School

At BCPS we are passionate about offering a broad and balanced curriculum and we really value the role outdoor learning has to play in that. We are fortunate to have our wild, woodland area (The Hollow as it is known) and Mr Machin, who is a fully trained Forest School Practitioner.

We believe that forest school experiences develop many essential characteristics in our pupils. We certainly feel that our setting fosters children's problem solving skills and cooperation skills. In our experience, it also helps develop their confidence and self esteem.

With all this in mind, we have been looking to improve our provision and resources. Recently we have used PTA funds in order to develop an outdoor classroom, which will have finishing touches (including some creosote) during the Summer Term. This will allow groups of ten or so pupils to continue learning outside when the rain gets too heavy to be in the forest. We have also bought an outdoor toilet (just for number ones!). This means that our youngest forest schoolers don't have to walk all the way back inside if nature calls. The children are so excited about our new additions. They are nearly as excited as Mr Machin! Thanks to you all for enabling this by supporting our PTA events.



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Before / After school Improvements

We are looking to make some improvements to our Before/After School Club and want to take this opportunity to involve you all in helping us to develop it. We are passionate about ensuring that our pupils enjoy their time at Before / After School Club so please take some time to consider the prompts and questions found on the link below. All of your ideas will be valued and considered. Thank you in advance for your time and input.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JSLWMBN>

Macclesfield Swimming Gala 2018

Our swimming team, made up of members of Year 6, were invited to take part in the Macclesfield Swimming Gala. BCPS has taken part for a number of years in this very competitive event, which this year was organised extremely well by the Head-teachers of Gawsworth, Hollin Hey and the Acting Head of Ivy Bank.

Our pupils showed very little nerves whilst racing against some very good swimmers. They showed their resilience and their teamwork was excellent, especially in the team relay events. It was fantastic to hear the encouragement the children gave each other and the respect they showed to the other teams.

Overall, out of 14 schools, they were very proud to finish 2nd. This was a fabulous achievement, which many staff and parents were



London's Burning! Fetch the Engine!

Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London this half-term and their teachers, Mrs Coxhead and Mrs Walker, have really brought the topic to life by encouraging the class to make their own models of the Tudor houses that lined the streets of London.

Then, Year 1 had the opportunity to watch, from a safe distance, as 4 members of Bollington's Fire Service lit the models to demonstrate just how quickly fire might have spread through the wooden houses of London. The children watched, excitedly, as the fire spread and burned their model houses to the ground. They were full of questions for the fire fighters and listened keenly to their fire safety advice.



We learnt a bit more about modern day fire fighting!

PICTCOLLAGE



Sporting Endeavours

Our pupils continue to take part in many sporting events and competitions against other schools in the area. Miss Bayliss - our Physical Education Leader - works hard to ensure that our pupils access a range of sporting events.

Pupils have recently tried their hand at Tri-Golf, a completely new experience for them, and would like to begin a lunch-time tri-golf club during the Summer!



PTA News

Thanks to all who came to make our Easter Egg'stravaganza a huge success! We took a fantastic £466.70! So thank you for helping raise these valuable funds for our school. Thank you for your generous egg donations on non-uniform day!

The event itself was fun, relaxed and bustling. The eggs were flung far and high! Some cracked under the pressure, and some surprisingly survived! All the eggs were hunted down, and a wonderful little puppet show was put on by the choir of St.Oswalds.

Thank you also for our team of staff and parents who put in so much time and effort to make sure these events run smoothly!

Your help is invaluable to us.



Our next event is our 'Swap-Shop' Evening plenty of prosecco and things to swap. So have a root through your things over the holidays to see if you'd like to donate anything, homeware, clothing, toys, books to bring along to our Swap-Shop event! 20th April. Get it in the diary!

Thank you again for your continued support!

Jenni Brewin x (Chair of the BCPS PTA)



Attendance at BCPS

At our recent round of Parents' Evenings, we raised the subject of attendance with all of our parents. We did this because excellent attendance is vital in ensuring the success and progress in learning for all of our pupils. Where attendance was excellent, it was noted and acknowledged. Where attendance needed to improve, we discussed it with parents and carers. We will continue to seek to improve as a whole school and, with this in mind, I will be reviewing and updating our School's Attendance Policy during the Summer Term. 95% is the National Average for attendance and BCPS aims much higher than this in order to support good progress for all of its young learners.

Here are our current attendance figures (year so far):

Rec: 96.79%	Year 1: 96.12%	Year 2: 97.52%	Year 3: 96.73%
Year 4: 96.65%	Year 5: 96.67%	Year 6: 95.48%	

<p>10 days absence over the whole year</p> <p>95%-100% Good Attendance</p> <p>Good chance of success and progress</p>	<p>19 days absence over the whole year</p> <p>90%-95% Worrying</p> <p>Less chance of success Harder to make progress</p>	<p>29 days absence over the whole year</p> <p>Under 90% Serious Concern</p> <p>Detrimental to success and progress</p>
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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 29th March - School closes for Easter

April

Monday 16th April - School re-opens for Summer Term

Tuesday 17th Year 5 and 6 at Tytherington High School Science festival

Wednesday 18th Class Photos (Academy Photography)

Friday 20th April PTA Swap Shop Event

Monday April 23rd PTA Cake Sale Year 5 & Year 1

Wednesday 25th Year 4 Silk Museum Trip

Thursday 26th April Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th April Online Safety event for Parents (6.30-7.30)

Monday 30th Marie Curie Event (Wear Yellow)

May

Wednesday 2nd Amaven PE Challenge Day (PE Kits in)

Monday 7th May - May Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Thursday 10th PTA Meeting 7.15pm Cock & Pheasant

Monday 14th Sats Week starts

Wednesday 23rd Year 5 Class Assembly (9.15-9.45)

Wednesday 23rd Sports Day and PTA BBQ

Thursday 24th School Closes for Half-Term

Friday 25th INSET DAY

June

Monday 4th School opens for Summer 2nd Half-Term

From all of the team at Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School, have a lovely Easter Holiday.



Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

