



Autumn 2nd Half-Term 2018

Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



As you will be aware, this half-term has been the most difficult that any of our staff have ever faced. Since Mrs Royle passed away in late November, our staff, pupils and parents have been trying to come to terms with this deeply upsetting news. As staff, we have been there for each other and for our pupils. You have all been a great support too. We have all felt the love and warmth, whether it be through cards, flowers, chocolates in the staff room or kind words in person. These things all continue to help us all at such a sad time for the whole school community. The support of St Oswald's Church has also been greatly appreciated. The Church opened their doors to anyone wishing to pay their respects and find solace in light of such tragic events.

I do thank you all for your understanding and support. We will not forget Mrs Royle and we will ensure that fitting tributes to her, appropriate to staff and pupils, are created on the school grounds. In January, the pupils will have a memorial assembly and plant a tree and sow some flower seeds too. This will create a place where they can reflect on everything that Mrs Royle did for them and for the school.

Mr Donbavand



All of the staff at Bollington Cross wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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Talking about Respect with Dean Sibson

This half-term our KS2 classes had a visit from Dean Sibson, who is a British football manager working in Sweden at a club called Grythyttan IF. Originally from Biddulph, he told the children how he had worked hard to reach this point in his career and encouraged them to work hard to achieve their dreams. In his first season in Sweden, his team managed to win the league. It was great to hear him explain how he needed to be RESILIENT in bouncing back after defeats and set-backs, RESOURCEFUL in learning new languages to communicate with his squad, RESPECTFUL towards, players, managers and officials and REFLECTIVE in thinking about the next move in his career.

Dean then worked solely with Year 6 and taught them about respect in Sport. Our Year 6 class were very engaged by his talk and the opportunities given to role-play different scenarios where sportspeople can show respect or disrespect.

Some Year 6 pupils wanted to find out more about Dean and I am sure they will follow his career to see where it takes him next. Hopefully, we can invite him back in the future with more accolades and experiences to tell the children about.



Bollington Council of Councils



At the start of November, our School Council were invited to the Bollington Council Chambers in order to discuss how Bollington can become a more sustainable town. It was a great experience for the pupils and they were able to debate and discuss their ideas for the future of Bollington. Their input will be collated and presented to the town council. The children were a credit to the school as they mixed with school councils from our other local primaries. The Councillors were impressed with their input and were keen to document their ideas. Olivia especially enjoyed



being elected Junior Mayor!

If you would like to know more about how you can join or help Transition Bollington, you can find more information on the link below.

https://happyvalley.org.uk/?page_id=8108

Thank you and best wishes

As some of you will be aware, Mrs Walker will be reducing her hours after Christmas to 1 day per week, focussing on her leadership of SEN provision across the school. I would like to thank her for her work in our Year 1 classroom and I know that her manner and expertise will be missed by children and parents.

Mrs Ainley, who has worked in the school office on Mondays and Tuesdays for just over two years, will be leaving at Christmas. We would like to thank her for her hard work and wish her well. We do hope she will be popping in for a cup of tea and a catch up as we will miss her.



First Aid Clubs

Last year, Tobias in Year 5 approached me with an idea. He asked if we could have a First –Aid club in school so that pupils can help each other if needed. We were able to enlist the help of Mrs Smith and Mrs Swindells and our Rookie Life Savers Club was formed. During this term it has been aimed at Year 5 and 6, but we hope to roll it out further soon. The children have had the chance to work on many aspects of treating people who may have suffered an injury or be in danger of choking.

Each week, when I have popped in, the children have been very engaged and eager to talk about their learning. Well done to all of those involved.



Valuing All Children at Bollington Cross

Our Valuing All Children Council has been set up in order to make sure that our pupils feel happy and safe. They will also encourage and develop links with St Oswald’s and ensure that we live out our values of **Resilience, Reflectiveness, Resourcefulness** and **Respect**. They have had a couple of meetings now and are beginning to get to grips with their aims. It has been very interesting for the adults involved (Miss Asbury, Mrs Allen and Mrs O’Donell, one of our Foundation Governors) to hear the ideas of the children. They have been impressed with how seriously the children are taking their responsibilities. The forming of this council is part of the school the School Improvement Plan and it is hoped that, along with the School Council, they provide mechanisms for pupil voice to be heard on a regular basis by our leadership team and governors. Well done to the pupils involved in our councils. We look forward to hearing of their suggestions and initiatives.

Spring Term Fundraising

Our school does a lot for the wider community and to support others. In Spring we will be raising money for Diabetes UK.

Last year, I was approached by Ben in Year 6 with the idea of doing a whole school fundraising push. Ben and I sat down together and planned out an assembly, which took place last week, to raise awareness about Diabetes (with a particular focus on Type 1 Diabetes).

Ben is going to work with me and the School Council in order to generate ideas for fundraising during our school’s Diabetes Awareness Week (11th—15th February). It is hoped that we can have fun, raise awareness and, with your help, raise money to support this great cause.



Mrs Helen Royle 1967 - 2018

Mrs Royle worked on a close, personal, 1:1 basis with some pupils during her time at Bollington Cross and this was part of the role which she relished. She had such a great impact on these pupils.



Reception classes loved her manner and responded so well to her. She was fun and had fun. She had patience and energy for every individual. Every child was a priority. She loved the outdoors and this was reflected in her enjoyment of supporting children with outdoor learning and in our forest school.

In the past three weeks I have had many conversations about Mrs Royle with staff, pupils, parents and governors past and present. All of them full of warmth and kind words when remembering her. All of them able to talk of Mrs Royle’s kindness and generosity.

Some of our pupils wrote some reflections on what they would say to Mrs Royle if they had 5 more minutes with her. Here are just a few examples,

“You have been there for me in school since Reception and have cheered me up when I have been sad. You have helped me become a happy, kind and funny person. You are AMAZING and I will never forget that. I remember you wearing a hilarious onsie for Children in Need and lots of other happy memories”

“How valuable you are to this school. You took care of many things. You will be missed but never forgotten. I will always remember how you looked after everyone.”

“I loved all the happy moments we had together.”

The Helen Royle Fund, has been set up to support vulnerable children across the school and it will have a great impact on those who need it over the coming years.

A message of thanks received at school from the Royle family:

To everyone in the Bollington Cross School Community,

My family and I would like to thank everyone at the School for their kindness and messages of support and sympathy over the last few weeks.

To feel so much love radiating from the whole School has made this terrible experience of losing our dear Helen, a little easier to bear.

Helen would be lost for words if she knew the depth of feeling for her and the offers of support to her family. We will treasure the fond memories that others have shared and gain comfort from the positive difference she made to the lives of others. We will walk proud with the legacy of love she left behind.

Love Simon, Tom, Ross and the rest of the Family

Dates for your Diary

Our school website offers a calendar of main events. Please visit it here on the link below in order to stay up to date.

<http://www.bollingtoncross.cheshire.sch.uk/events>



A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart
As Christmas time draws near.
May hope fill each room you decorate
And bring joy to those you hold dear.
May peace be before you at every meal
And faith ring through every song.
For Christ is alive, the light of the world
May he bless you all season long.