



Summer 2nd Half Term 2019

Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard believe that we are at the end of another school year already. I am sure you will all be aware that this year has been a most challenging year for all associated with the school. The loss of Mrs Royle in November was an incredible shock; one which we continue to try and get over and process as a school community.

The teaching team have been absolutely incredible, especially throughout the time following Mrs Royle's passing. They have remained extremely professional, resilient and have shown an amazing amount of empathy to each other and to the pupils. From a personal point of view, after 17 years in education, this year has been the most challenging and I admire the way the staff responded. The staff have supported the pupils, whilst dealing with their own personal loss, and I have had so many thanks from parents who have noted the fact that their child is able to talk about emotional issues and illness more openly due to the approach taken in school.

Our pupils have also been amazing too. During the Year 6 leaver's assembly I did mention the character which they had shown in getting up and singing so well in St Oswald's Church during such a difficult time. This was indicative of the fantastic pupils we and also of the resilience of children across the school during a difficult time.

You have all, as parents at the school, supported us too. All the many kind words and expressions of sympathy and admiration for the teaching staff really have helped us all. Thank you from us all at Bollington Cross C.E Primary.

As you will read, elsewhere, school has continued to improve in a great many aspects and there have been many reasons to be proud of the pupils and their progress and achievements. In reading all of the individual pupil reports, recently, it gave me great pleasure to hear about the effort and concentration levels being at least good or better in almost every single instance.

I look forward to working with you all again during the next academic year to improve our school and outcomes for our learners. I hope you have a fantastic and restful holiday period.

Mr Y. Donbavand



School Improvement Progress

During this year, our school has continued to improve and follow our 2 year School Improvement Plan. The Governors and staff have continued to work to challenge each other and improve the whole school. Here are just some of the areas in which we have taken the school forward;

- We have improved the number of children achieving greater depth at KS2 (results that will be released after the validating process)
- We have improved the tracking of pupil progress and achievement in Maths, English and subjects such as PE
- We have enabled pupils to be more involved in the process of school improvement through the School Council and Valuing All Children Councils
- We have involved and consulted parents more often in supporting school improvement
- We have identified areas to develop among teachings and ensured CPD has been tailored to those needs in order to improve teaching and learning
- We have been innovative in ensuring that feedback to pupils is efficient and effective through first of all piloting and latterly adopting new approaches to verbal feedback within lessons.
- We have improved the teaching of Science throughout the school in working towards, and achieving, the National Silver NPQM for Science
- We offer a rich, broad and balanced curriculum and ensure timely reviews of it
- We have promoted personal development and wellbeing for pupils, teachers and families
- We have used lesson studies and observations to improve teaching of Maths
- We have implemented a reading inference toolkit for pupils which will further be rolled out to parents so that these strategies can be used at home.

The above listed improvements represent just some of the elements of the School Improvement Plan which we are proud of our progress in. A new School improvement Plan will be put together after consultation with pupils, staff and governors at the start of the new academic year.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our request for input on School Improvement and the Curriculum review. So far we have had 23 responses from parents of our 190 pupils. We would love to include as many opinions as possible, so please do click on the link below and support the school in improving.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FQ9SBRS>

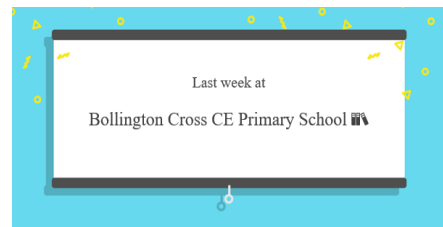
Thank you in advance for supporting our school on its journey of improvement.



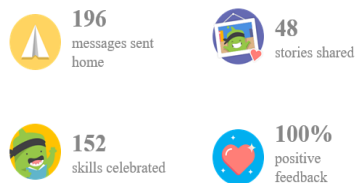
A moment of Prayer

We put ourselves into your hands, and pray that you will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen





Wow! Look how your school community came together last week:



Communication at BCPS

We want to ensure that we maintain good communication with you all and the image to the left shows 196 messages sent home in one week, which would not have been possible before we introduced Class Dojo. Many parents have spoken positively of its impact on their insight into school-life.

It has been interesting to see that communication is an aspect that some parents feel is in the top 3 of our improvements, whereas, some parents see it as an area for development.

In order to support clarity and understanding, I will put out some guidance on the forms of communication we use and the type of information we put out to parents through each type. I will do this in September; in the hope that it enables better understanding and ensures that you get to the information you need, quicker.

Good attendance at BCPS

School attendance currently sits at **96.4%**, with 95% being the national average. I am eager to improve in this area, with the target of maintaining a 97% average as a minimum. We have seen a rise in the number of parents requesting an authorised absence in the register, when the circumstances do not meet the criteria for the request. We have updated the school's attendance policy during the last 12 months and, with September in mind, it is worth reading again in order to refresh your knowledge of our agreed procedures.

It can be found here;

http://www.bollingtoncross.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/317205

We take attendance and punctuality seriously and want every child to be given the chance to succeed and make good progress. We remind parents and carers of what constitutes good attendance during two parent's evenings and also as part of our annual, individual school report. This is also when we highlight where attendance could improve.

Reception: 97.12%	Year 1: 97.69%	Year 2: 97%		
Year 3: 96.51%	Year 4: 96.79%	Year 5: 97.44%	Year 6: 96.58%	

Thank you for continuing to support good attendance across the school.

Sorry you are leaving us....

As you will already have heard, Mrs Vaughan and Miss Bayliss will be leaving us at the end of term. I have notified parents across the school, but wanted to thank them both, once again, for their hard work and dedication during their time at BCPS. We wish them every success in the future and hope that they will pop back to see us. Thank you for all the kind comments and feedback to them both. We are sad to see them go.

From all of the staff at BCPS, have an amazing summer holiday and we will see you all on Tuesday September 3rd.

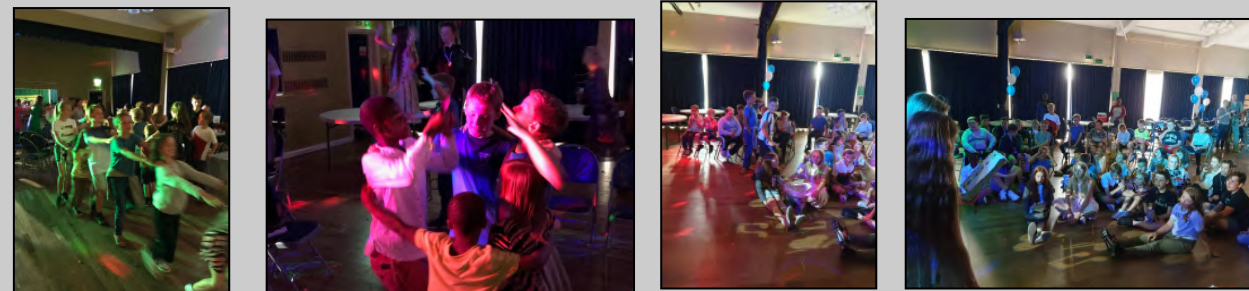


Year 6 Leavers

Year 6 performed wonderfully at their Leaver's Assembly; last Thursday morning. They showed the great many talents they possess by treating us to some fantastic songs, dances, poems and a video showcasing all their amazing, and in some cases unusual, skills. There were plenty of tears and lots of laughter as they were wished well as they continue their transition to high school.

Year 6 have been a fantastic cohort and they have achieved and progressed well. They have lots of reasons to celebrate collectively and individually, in an academic sense, but I also drew attention, during the event, to their positive actions and character this year. They have added a great many positive aspects to the school community and it has been a pleasure to call them, 'our Year 6s'.

We all wish them every success at high school and do hope that they will pop back to see us. They should be very proud of their achievements.



Active Week at BCPS

We are a very active school and seek to promote a healthy amount of exercise amongst all of our pupils. Recently, Miss Bayliss, in her role as PE Subject Leader, had the idea of an Active Week—in which all of the pupils got to participate in new sports and be as active as possible. It was a great success and we are planning to do the same next year! Thank you to all the parents who took time out to pass on their positive feedback and thanks.



A GREAT TENNIS SESSION FROM DAVE AND JUDY. THANKS PRESTBURY TENNIS CLUB.

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