



Spring 1st Half-Term 2020

## Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Working at BCPS has many enjoyable aspects. Hearing the feedback of visitors to the school, whether this be a parent tour, a guest speaker, a visiting teacher/professional or one of our local councillors. I am always careful to make sure I share feedback with staff, pupils and also parents. We should all be proud of the warm community and family ethos at BCPS, as it is certainly something people notice and comment on; especially new staff, new pupils and their families. Thank you all for contributing to this feeling of community—it certainly enhances and supports the schools aims in creating a safe, happy and supporting environment for our pupils to develop in.

We are always looking at using feedback and views from our community to improve the school. In the coming-weeks and months, we will be forming a parent forum—initially to focus on Communication. We will also be consulting parents on the new statutory objectives for Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education—which becomes part of our curriculum in September 2020. Whether it is feedback on the above or a wish to become a school governor or support the PTA in raising vital funds, there are many ways to get involved and share your views as part of a school community—which is spoken of so highly.

Mr Y. Donbavand

## Panto Time at BCPS: She's behind you!

We welcomed M & M Productions into school in January to perform 'Sleeping Beauty' for the whole school. Children and staff alike, really enjoyed this funny, entertaining and impressive performance. M&M came in last year to perform 'The Hobbit' for Year 5 and 6 and Sleeping Beauty was up to the high standards they had set previously. It was a wonderful way to spend a Friday afternoon and everyone left with a smile on their face. A big thank you for to the PTA for supporting this experience for the children with their funds.



## Sharing the pride we have in our school!

On Wednesday 5th of February, BCPS welcomed Mayor Roland Edwards and councillors; Jon Weston, James Nicholas, John Stewart and Ken Edwards. They enjoyed a tour around the school and hearing about our improvements, potential projects and achievements.

As usual, they had some praise and feedback for us. Which you can read below;

“What a fantastic school! It was a real pleasure to visit Bollington Cross Primary School today. The children were completely engrossed in their work – creative writing, maths and sports were some of the highlights for me.”

**Cllr Jon Weston**



“I was shown around the school today by Toby and Casey. I am always impressed by the politeness of the pupils as well as the excellent connection between the teachers and students.”

**Cllr James Nicholas**



“It was a privilege to visit the school. It is always very humbling to see young people being given the environment in which they can express themselves and play to their strengths. I was struck by the engagement of all the children and the dedication of the teachers and staff.

Congratulations on a super school!”

**Cllr John Stewart**

“My visit to Bollington Cross was up to its usual high standard. The level of interaction and dedication from the staff and the happiness of the students was heart-warming and uplifting. A great visit to a first class school.”

**Mayor Cllr Roland Edwards**



“Please pass on my thanks to Dulcie and Alice for the very competent, pleasant and polite manner in which they conducted me around the school today. I think I met all classes.

I enjoyed my visit immensely.

There was an atmosphere of calm and purposeful endeavour together with a sense of the enjoyment of learning and achievement. I felt this was a reflection of the dedication as well as the professional competence of the staff.

Thank you once again for the care and courtesy shown to us.

**Cllr. Ken Edwards**







## A message from the office...

From April, we will be introducing a new booking and payment system for the **morning and after school clubs**. This is part of the current system that we use for communications (**ParentMail**), so hopefully there will be a smooth transition. We will give further instructions nearer to the start date. We will hopefully also add and introduce systems for ordering and paying for dinners and also paying for trips, etc in due course. **Mrs Booth**

## Attendance at BCPS

School attendance currently sits at **97.26%**, with 95% being the national average.

Our Attendance Policy can be found here;

[http://www.bollingtoncross.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/317205](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.

Reception: <b>98.2%</b>	Year 1: <b>97.67%</b>	Year 2: <b>97.31%</b>		
Year 3: <b>97.31%</b>	Year 4: <b>96.18%</b>	Year 5: <b>97.38%</b>	Year 6: <b>96.8%</b>	



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

## Nurture Group

The Spring term's nurture group cohort have been meeting in their groups since early January. 5 children from KS1 and 6 children from KS2 come together twice a week for 45 minute sessions with Mrs Allen in the nurture room. The children have been getting to know each other, learning to work together as a team and taking on responsibilities such as taking the snack order, laying the table and washing up.

We have been focussing on the importance of accepting our differences as well as the differences of others and learning that it's good to be us! The children have drawn up their own nurture group rules which have included be kind, never give up, help others, listen, be polite, work hard and have fun.

We have also celebrated children's mental health week and come up with ideas of how we can 'find our brave' – trying something new, putting ourselves outside of our comfort zones, asking for help and sharing our problems.

After half-term, we will be looking at empathy, what a good friend looks like, what we can do if we're not okay and naming, understanding and managing our feelings. **Mrs Allen**



'Loose Parts' play is something we are looking to increase and further develop on our field/playground and as part of the curriculum. Find out more about it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MD8T5Lzhh0>

## A moment of Prayer



Dear God of compassion,  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Road Safety from Cheshire Fire

On Friday, Lorna from Cheshire Fire Service came to talk to Year 5 about road safety. She talked to us about being safe as a pedestrian, passenger or cyclist. Here are our top 5 tips to stay safe on the road;

1. Always wear a seatbelt if travelling in a car
2. Don't distract the driver
3. Always wear a cycle helmet when travelling on a bike
4. Concentrate fully when crossing the road
5. When crossing the road: Stop, Look, Listen and Think!

By **Amelia and Bella (Year 5)**



A rock concert review from the Bollington Cross Rock Arena—written by **Aaron and Dulcie (Y6)**

From the start, Rock Steady has been very open for people to join in and feel like they have a part in it. Catchy names got the crowd more hyped and enthusiastic.

The first performance of the night was 'Back In Black' by the year 2 band, Sonic Boom Rock! They did a brilliant job of keeping in time with their tricky song. We were all impressed especially as it was their first show (Rock Steady starts from Year 2 and up).

The next song was by the Flaming Flamingos and they were playing 'I'm Into You'; they were all playing in sync and the beat got the crowd tapping their feet! They also managed to keep up with a very tricky beat.

The name of the next band was one of the catchiest in Joe's opinion (he teaches the bands to play the brilliant songs they do). The Night Wolves played 'Feel it Still' and were the first band to have a singer (it was the singer's first time singing in front of an audience). After Year 4 had played their song, they received a massive round of applause and got the crowd clapping as they played.

The next band also had a name that we all loved and got a few giggles from the crowd (Year 5 chose the fantastic name *Baby Groot and the Infinity Stones*): surely you know where that comes from! They played a song called 'Word -Up' and also had a very confident and focused singer who did actions whilst singing. The drummer had a very difficult beat to follow that even some adults couldn't manage!

The Jolly Cucumbers was the Year 6 band and they performed 'Radioactive' with a complicated beat and had some solos from the drums and guitars. They got the crowd screaming for more.

All the shows were amazing and we're thankful for the opportunity to both take part in and watch our wonderful Rocksteady bands. Thank you, Joe!



Rocksteady