



Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School

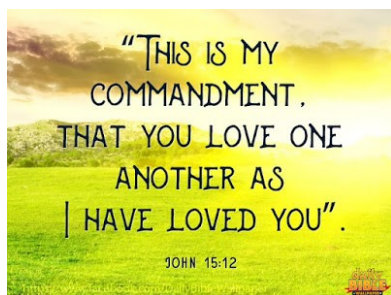
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'Developing the whole child'

Newsletter Friday 10th January 2020 Our Christian value this term is Love

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term Another big thank you to all the children and parents for your very generous and kind Christmas gifts and greetings. We celebrated a wonderful Christmas in school finishing with our KS2 led Carol Service in St Mary's Church when our children sang, read, played instruments and performed so beautifully. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. The children have made New Year's resolutions and we are all working hard to be our best selves. We have explored our new Christian value for the half term which is Love and have been thinking about how we behave towards one another.



Curriculum Letters and Topics for the term All the classes have new topics for the term. Classes 1 and 2 are continuing their Polar Regions topic with an igloo in each classroom! They will move on to learn about the Weather and after half term, The Great Fire of London.

Class 3 is studying the continent of North America and Class 4 is exploring Victorian times. Each class teacher has outlined other topic areas to be covered and days for class PE in the

curriculum letters sent home today. Homework continues to go home on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday. Please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher if you are unsure about anything.

Congratulations to Class 3 on excellent holiday homework research on Neil Armstrong

Thank you for all your support with this. We have been very impressed with the high quality of the children's work to support their Science topic of Earth and Space. Pictured below are Class 3 with their work.



Diary Dates for this term A full list of diary dates has been sent home today. This includes Class Assembly dates and Parent Teacher Consultation dates for the week before half term. More detailed information on events will follow.

Clubs start next week Children have received their confirmation booking slips today.

Y6 SATs Club on Wednesday Starting on Wednesday 15th January, we hope that all of our Y6 children will be able to stay till 4.30pm to help them to prepare for their Year 6 tests.

Year 6 SATs week 2020 Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting Thursday 16th January at 6pm. This is for parents of Year 6 children - please put the date in your diary and make it a priority.

Working in partnership with Durham University We once again have students training to teach on placement in school. Miss Clarey is completing a block practice in Class 2 before February half term and Miss Wright will complete her placement in Class 3.

Instrumental Lessons Class 3 violin and cello and music lessons with Mrs Jameson resume next week. We currently have spaces available for small group tuition in violin or cello with Mrs Jameson. There is a waiting list for piano lessons. We can also offer instrumental lessons for flute, clarinet and brass. Information forms are in the office. Please speak to Mrs Dobson or Mrs Newton for more information.

A message from Shelly's before and after school club provides care for children who attend Bolton-on-Swale Church of England Primary School. We have two members of staff on hand to pick up and drop off to and from school and cook homemade evening meals. Ann and I have looked after children from Bolton for over 20 years and have strong links with the school. We currently have spaces for before and after school. Please ring or email for more details.

E-mail: shellyschildminding7@gmail.com
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How can I support my child in making good progress in their learning?

Reading with your child For children of all ages - all research shows that hearing your child read, reading to them or discussing their reading with them is one the most important things you can do to ensure good progress in school. Do this everyday if possible and discuss tricky words with them.

Maths and learning times tables Learning times tables is an area in which you can really help your child make progress in Maths. The curriculum states that:

By the end of Year 2 children should know: x2, x5, x10 tables. eg. $2 \times 7 = 14$; $10 \div 2 = 5$

By the end of Year 3 children should also know x3, x4, x 8 tables eg. $4 \times 8 = 32$; $64 \div 8 = 8$

By the end of Year 4 your child needs to know all their tables to x12 mixed up, with a quick response eg. $8 \times 9 = 7 \times 8 = 9 \times 7 =$. The equivalent division bond is also important: $72 \div 8 = 56 \div 7 = 63 \div 9 =$

If your child is in Year 5 and 6 they need to be fluent and confident in their times tables knowledge to x12 including division facts.

Times Tables Rock Stars - all our children from Year 1 upwards have a login to this - ask your class teacher if you are unsure.

Discovery Education Espresso This is an online learning resource your child can access at home. It has a huge range of resources directly relevant to your child's learning in all areas. There is great weekly news; online safety information; games and exciting videos linked to all primary curriculum areas.

www.espress.co.uk/ Username: student23945

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely, Nicola Dobson