



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

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*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 28th January 2022

Our Christian value this half term is 'Love'

**Congratulations to our Y3/4 and Y5/6 Hockey Teams** We were invited to take a small number of children to represent our school in the Area Hockey Tournament at Richmond School on Wednesday. All the children played incredibly well. Our Year 5/6 Team were the tournament winners and our Year 3/4 Team finished in 3rd place.



**RSPB Big Birdwatch Homework** All the children in school have activity sheets for their homework this week to help them to count birds in their garden or local area. The Eco Team led our Collective Worship on Thursday and gave us some top tips for identifying birds. The RSPB website has lots of activities and ideas too. Have fun identifying and counting birds!



**Year 6 SATs week 2022 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May** On our school website under Children/Class 4 there is a copy of the Parent's SATs meeting presentation and lots of helpful Y6 SATS information and practice papers.

**Parent Teacher Consultations for all children in Reception to Y6 on Tuesday 15th February and Wednesday 16th February from 3.40pm to 6.30pm** Please book your slot by signing up in the office entrance area or by phoning/emailing the office.

**Year 2 Girls Fun Football activities at Richmond School on the afternoon of Friday 4th February** All our Y2 girls have received information letters and consent slips.

**Tuesday 1st February Class 4 Science Transition Morning at Richmond School**  
**Simple Machines: Exploring gears, levers and pulleys** All Class 4 children have information letters and consent slips. This is an excellent opportunity to experience Science in a Secondary School Laboratory setting.

**Class 1 Parental Assembly Thursday 10th February 9.30am** Parents and carers of children in Class 1 are invited to this. The children have started practising and are very much looking forward to sharing their learning with you.

**Date reminders for after Half Term**

**Friday 4th March** Dress as a Book Character for World Book Day

**Class 4 Parental Assembly** Thursday 17th March 9.30am

**Class 3 Parental Assembly** Thursday 24th March 9.30am

**Class 2 Parental Assembly** Thursday 31st March

**Class Photographs** Friday 1st April

**Theatre in school Oliver Twist** Wednesday 6th April

**Egg rolling and decorating** Thursday 7th April 2pm

**Easter Service in St Mary's Church** 2pm

**Parish News** Confirmation Classes will be starting for children in Year 6 upwards. Rev Mary will be running this course. Times tbc. Please contact Rev Mary before the end of January if you would like to be part of this or would like more information. Email: revmarywilliams@esbb.co.uk

**Shellys Wrap Around Care and Half Term Holiday Club in School**

Shelly and Ann will be running a holiday Club in school during February half term on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February from 8am to 5.30pm. For more details or to book places please contact Shelly directly on: shellyschildminding7@gmail.com

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

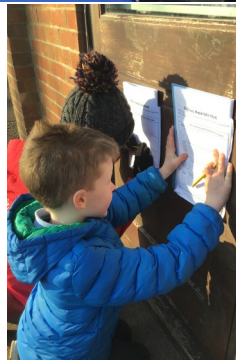
Please see the next page for highlights from our week in school.

## Highlights from this week in school:

**Class 1** have explored 2D shapes and their properties in Maths and have practised their addition number bonds. They have been learning about the Great Fire of London and practising songs and drama for their Class Assembly. Mrs Reynolds was very impressed with the high quality of their homework this week.



**Class 2** enjoyed a Materials Hunt around the school grounds in Science. In RE they have been learning about the Jewish faith and the Mezuzah. In Maths they have learnt about 2D and 3D shapes. In English they are starting to write their own stories based on the Gingerbread Man. In Music they had fun performing in groups.



**Class 3** have completed the final sections of their Dragon Reports. In Maths they have been working on multiplication and division and in RE they explored adult and infant Baptism. Everyone enjoyed hockey in PE and at the tournament. Well done for excellent posters to encourage us to take part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch.



**Class 4** have been working on addition and subtraction of fractions. In English they are writing their Sherlock Holmes inspired stories. In Science they have studied the circulatory system and in History they have looked at the impact of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and George Stephenson on the Railways. In PSHCE they have explored gender equality and stereotyping.

In Music they have been playing extracts from Brahms' Lullaby.

