

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Trust

*'In God, whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid.'*

*Psalm 56:4*

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### Head's Message

I do hope you have all had a chance to read the wonderful Ofsted letter that was sent out this week. At school we are all delighted with it, and feel that the inspector really understood what we are about. As a result of the letter we received a very generous anonymous donation to spend on the children. After asking what the children wanted we are happy to report that the money will be spent on a new cd player for our Easter service, baking activities and chocolate/cake treats. Staff and children are very thankful for this kind gift.

### Easter Service

Please remember on the last day of term we have our Easter Service in school at **1.30pm**. Coffee will be available from 1pm. We have moved the time of the service forward slightly as we will be doing a very special presentation beforehand, and the PTA have a surprise lined up for the end of the service.

### Small Schools Swimming Gala

Well done to the swimming team for their super results in the gala on Tuesday night. We are very proud of you all, and delighted to have won two gold and two silvers medals. As a number of our children who swam were in Year 4 or Year 5, and swimming against Year 6s, we felt we had done marvellously.

### Mayor's Visit

We were delighted to welcome the current Mayor and Mayoress of Bollington to school on Monday. They came with three other town councillors and were most impressed to hear about our Youth Speaks team. In fact they were so impressed they have invited the children to deliver their speech to town councillors at the Town Hall.

### Message from Young Voices

'Year on year schools taking part in Young Voices help us to raise a huge amount of money and food for our chosen charities Nordoff Robbins and Fareshare. We would like to share the special news that the recent Young Voices concert tour raised £22,870.38 in bucket donations for Nordoff Robbins and the proceeds of 'Lost For A Day' continues to raise money daily. Fareshare have asked us to thank you for the 8,414 kilos of food that was donated. From the bottom of our hearts here at Young Voices, thank you.'

### Year 3 Eucharist

As always the children were impeccably behaved when they attended Eucharist at St Oswald's on Thursday.

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### Staff News

It is with sadness that Mrs Smith is leaving us at Easter to take up a TA post at Bollinbrook School in Macclesfield. We are all going to miss her a great deal, but wish her all the very best in her new position.

### Charity News

We are pleased to report that for World Down Syndrome Day we raised an amazing £67.21 and for Red Nose Day a wonderful £86.50 was donated. Well done, and a huge thank you to everyone who supported these very worthwhile causes.

### In school next week:

Tue – Mrs Walker at Maths Hub meeting in the morning.

Frid – Easter service at 1.30pm. Coffee at 1pm.

### Curriculum update

**Class 1** – This week has been very excited as 2 of our ducklings have hatched out after 28 days of incubation. In literacy we have focussed on the story of Dora's eggs and we've created story maps to help us retell the story. In maths we have focussed on 3D shapes and their properties.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have turned our class story into our own comic strips and have produced an emotions graph to track how the characters feelings change throughout the story. In maths we have been looking at partitioning and solving division word problems. In IPC we have been looking at vertebrates and invertebrates.

**Class 3** – In our IPC topic, we have been learning about the reflection of light by writing secret messages with mirrors. We have also been learning about bioluminescence (animals that give off their own light), and how to keep safe in the sun. In English, we have been looking at free verse poems and writing some of our own using poetic techniques like similes, alliteration, rhyme and onomatopoeia. Finally, it has been 'Time Week' in maths, the children have been recapping analogue and digital times, converting between them, and they have been comparing times like days and weeks.

**Class 4** – This week, in English we have been writing non-chronological reports about Cloud Tea Monkeys, based on the book we read last week. We also found out about the production of tea, and we even tasted some- some of us enjoyed it more than others! In maths, the year 5s have been looking at decimal subtraction, and the year 6s have completed some practice papers and have been reading dates in Roman Numerals. In IPC, we have been learning about global warming and creating art in the style of Lowry.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, may I wish you all a very happy Easter. Please remember it is Family Service on Sunday at St Oswald's at 10.30am.

Next term our Christian Value is Service.

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