# Bollington St. John's Church of England Primary School



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# 'Christian Value' – Reverence

'Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.'

1 Samuel 12:24

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## Head's Message

This will be the last newsletter this half term, which has just flown by. The first week back I will be visiting three schools in China, on a sponsored cultural exchange organised by the British Council. My hope is that we forge a real and lasting link with a Chinese school and open up diversity opportunities for the children. The children in Class 3 and are in the process of writing pen-pal letters for me to take with me. In my absence Mrs Watson will be in charge, so if there are any issues please contact her.

## Social Media

Please be aware that not all families have given permission for their child's photograph to be posted on our website and/or Facebook. Therefore may we remind you that if you take photographs of the children at any school gathering, please try to only capture your child, and please do not post any photos of other children on any social media site. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

## Water Pump

We are delighted that due to our financial investment a water pump has been built in Zimbabwe and named after the school. This pump will vastly improve the lives of the people in the village near-by as it will provide clean water for over 300 people.

## Next Week

Parents' Evening takes place next week, therefore the only clubs that will be operating are those run by Mr Rutherford and Football. Class 4 has a Music Workshop on Wednesday, led by Tytherington High School. School closes on Thursday, as Friday is an INSET Day.

## Parents' Assembly

Thank you to everyone who came to the Parents' Assembly today. It was wonderful to celebrate all the children's achievements together, and so see all the fantastic toys that have been made. As always, a huge thank you to the PTA for providing tea and coffee.

## **Mrs Harris**

Just to inform those who did not know Miss Williams got married in the summer term and is now Mrs Harris.

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## In school next week:

Monday – Parents' Evening Class 2, 3 & 4. Tuesday – Mrs Walker at Emotionally Healthy Schools. Parents' Evening all classes. Wednesday – Tytherington Music Workshop for Class 4. Thursday – School breaks up for half term. Friday – INSET Day.

## **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have been matching quantities of objects with the correct numeral in maths. We then went on to look at ordering numbers. In literacy we have been recording the things we experienced during our senses walk. We also started to look at the Phase 2 tricky words. We went for a short walk to the top of our road looking for signs of autumn. We found some beautiful leaves to add to our new autumn investigation table.

**Class 2** – This week in Literacy we have been writing a character description of Buzz Lightyear using adjectives and conjunctions. In maths we have been learning to tell the time to the nearest O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We hope to be making our own clocks out of paper plates. In IPC we have used Venn diagrams to sort toys into different categories.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, we created have looked at column addition and applied this learning to word problems. In our topic of 'Scavengers and Settlers' we have continued our research of the first civilisations looking the Indus Valley. In literacy, we have created our own books using our mythical stories.

**Class 4** – This week, in class 4, we have been learning about multiples, factors and prime numbers. We have started to look at equivalent fractions and how to compare fractions with the same, related or unrelated denominators. In English, we have started looking at the book 'The Hidden Forest', by Jeannie Baker. We have been researching kelp and have started writing a non-chronological report about it. In IPC, we have been learning about superbugs and vaccines.

#### Sports news:

Class 1 have been using the sense of hearing to follow instructions and listen to different sounds around the school. Class 2 took part in fun fitness sessions concentrating on different movements and following set sequences. Class 3 have been learning new Hockey skills and also Archery. They have been working on control and co-ordination and Class 4 have been competing in inter-house Basketball matches and also being responsible for the officiating of matches.

The Table Tennis Club is still very popular and we are looking to arrange a match against another school for the older group.

A competition is being arranged for the Archery Clubs that will take place at one of the after school sessions.

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