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



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# 'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

'Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!'

Psalm 106:1

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

#### Head's Message

The children thoroughly enjoyed the theatre production and workshop of Robin Hood this week, led by Image Musical Theatre. Ten lucky pupils had starring roles in the show, and pictures of them are on the website and twitter feed. Rev Veronica came to visit us on Monday and led whole school worship. Before this she met with the Ethos group and answered the many questions they had prepared for her. I had a meeting this week with the organisers of the 2019 Bollington Festival. Hopefully this will be amazing event that will include many activities the children can get involved in.

#### **New Parental Communication System**

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February we will be switching to a new parental communication system, and will no longer be using 'Call Parents'. This new system will operate from our website, and will continue to allow you to receive important information directly from us.

#### What you need to do:

Download the app (free from Google Play or the Apple App Store) by searching 'School Spider'. Once downloaded select our school from the dropdown menu. You will then see recent news, gallery, calendar and blog posts that we put on our website.

Once you have logged in (see below) and you have notifications turned on *you must stay logged in* (like any other app on your phone) in order to receive any communications relating to your child/ren.

If you do not download the app and remain logged in you will no longer be receiving messages from the school.

#### What we need to do:

We will shortly be sending out individual emails, direct from our website, advising you of your individual logins and passwords. Moving forward, we will be using the app to allow you to book parents' evenings online and complete parental surveys and much more!

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#### **Class 4 Residential**

On Wednesday children in Class 4 are going on their residential PGL trip to Boreatton Park Multi Activity Centre. Please remember that the children attending will need a packed lunch for Wednesday, plenty of warm clothes and NO electronic devices. The website and Twitter feed will be regularly updated. Children who are not going must attend school as usual.

#### ePayments

Just a reminder, that if you make an ePayment for a trip, school visitor or excursion, we will take payment as a declaration of your permission. Therefore it is not necessary for you to also complete a paper permissions form.

#### Class 3 & 4 House of Commons Assembly and Workshop

We are really pleased to be able to report that on Tuesday the children in Class 3 and 4 are taking part in a visit from Parliament's Education Service, who aim to help young people develop their understanding of democracy and parliament. They will take part in two workshops called 'My Vote Counts' and 'Debating'.

#### In school next week:

Monday – Mrs Walker at a conference all day.

Tuesday – House of Commons Assembly and Workshop. Safer Internet Day.

Wednesday – Mrs Walker, Mrs Watson, Mr Rutherford and Mrs O'Reilly are on the residential.

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## Curriculum update:

**Class 1** – This week we have each written a bird fact file and many of us have made our own bird books. We have done observational paintings of feathers and we each mixed our own paint colours to match the feather we were focussing on. In maths we used the results from our Big Garden Birdwatch and placed them in to a bar chart. We could easily tell which bird we saw most of during the birdwatch by reading the chart. We then filled in our own chart using a new set of data to check our understanding. We have enjoyed time up at our woodland school where we did some much needed ground clearance after all the windy weather we've had.

Our new living willow wigwam is now in position and looking great!

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have been looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, we have written diary entries for Jack. In maths we have been doubling and doing frog jumps to the next multiple of 10. In our topic work we have learnt about Christopher Columbus and Pablo Picasso. We have done some portraits using Picasso's cubism style.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, we have looked at units of measurement. We have started to research earthquakes in topic 'Active Planet'. We designed and built structures to withstand powerful earthquake. In literacy, we have edited our work to improve our writing.

**Class 4** – This week, in maths, class 4 have been practising reading, plotting and translating coordinates. We English, we have finished our story books and have started writing information books about the Persian Wars linked to our topic.

**Sports news** – Well done to our Quick Sticks Hockey Team who did marvellously at today's competition, once again, we are very proud of their achievements. Class 1 and 2 have been doing basic movements through fitness exercises and basketball skills. Class 3 and 4 have been doing smallsided basketball matches and refereeing their own games.

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