

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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'Christian Value' – Goodwill

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'

Luke 2:14

30th November 2018

Head's Message

The Year 6 children had a super time at Tytherington on Wednesday, attending a forensic science transition day. Class 2 went to FUN4ALL in Macclesfield and learnt all about materials before building a class bear. School received some lovely reading books from a scheme launched by Manchester Airport. The books arrived on the same day as we heard that we have been awarded £2,000 in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. Thank you to everyone who used their blue tokens to support the school. We have already ordered our new library furniture and cannot wait for it to be installed. We are all busily preparing for the Christmas dinner on Wednesday, which is always such a lovely event.

Christingle

We do hope as many of you as possible can join us for this celebration at 4pm on Sunday at St Oswald's Church.

Christmas Fair

It was wonderful to see all the children in school in non-uniform today. Thank you for all the donations for the Christmas Fair. As always this year's fair is shaping up to a spectacular, not to be missed, event. So please make sure you join us in school on Saturday 8th December from 1-4pm.

Christmas Plays

Our KS2 Christmas Play 'Bethlehem Bandits' takes place on Tuesday 11th December at 2pm and 6pm. The following day Reception and KS1 will be performing the Nativity, also at 2pm and 6pm. We hope to see you at one or all of these productions. You do not need to book a seat, as the performances are not ticketed, you can simply turn up and enjoy!

In school next week:

Sunday – Christingle at St Oswald's at 4pm. All welcome.

Tuesday – Mrs Watson on a writing course in the afternoon.

Wednesday – Christmas lunch.

Thursday – Health and Safety annual audit.

Saturday – PTA Christmas Fair 1-4pm.

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Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have focused on number bonds to 8 in maths. In literacy we have read the book Stickman; this will inspire our learning for next week. We made our own stick men and discussed the key features of the story. In phonics we have focused on the phase 2 tricky words and sentence structure.

Class 2 – In maths, children have looked at grid method multiplication. In literacy, children have continued to look at persuasive writing and have started to design their own adverts. In IPC, children have designed a model house that will contain two circuits.

Class 3 – This week in literacy we have been writing postcards and diary entries from the different characters in our class story. In Maths we have looked at the faces, sides and vertices of 3D shapes and labelling them. In IPC we visited Fun4All in Macclesfield. We looked at all the different materials that were used to create the soft play area, once back at school we used the photographs we took to give us inspiration to design our own soft play areas which we labelled with all of the different materials we used and gave reasons why we had chosen them. We also built our own class bear out of lots of different materials and each designed a t-shirt for him. The bear will come home with a different child each weekend.

Class 4 – This week, class 4 have been working on converting between analogue, digital and 24 hour clock times and calculating time intervals. In English, we have been reading 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell Boyce and making predictions and identifying emotions. In IPC, we have researched reflection, absorption and refraction and have learned about light and sound pollution.

Sports News – It's been an exciting week in PE this week. The Reception children had a great lesson in movement, gymnastics, throwing and catching. Class 2 were keeping warm showing off their football dribbling and kicking skills and then they did some fabulous work in gymnastics. Class 3 had a lesson on football and learning about dribbling and certain skills such as the hook turn and drag back. Class 4 were really good this week, having a morning lesson on archery and target shooting, and then played a great intra house football tournament in the afternoon.

Well done to all PE stars of the week:

Class 1: Louie Kershaw

Class 2: Lois Cottrill

Class 3: Eva Cotton

Class 4: Freddie Toolan

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