

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Goodwill

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

Luke 2:14

14th December 2018

Head's Message

The highlight of the week was definitely the wonderful Christmas lunch prepared by Mrs Howarth. Governors, councillors, friends and staff joined the children for a scrumptious feast on Wednesday. We extend our thanks to the kitchen team, and to Shrigley Hall, for the use of their fine dishes. Also on Wednesday Class 4 School Council members delivered a Philosophy 4 Children session in each classroom, based on the book 'One Plastic Bag' by Miranda Paul. The children discussed the use of plastics and the effect on our environment. We were mightily impressed by the mature and thoughtful discussions in each class. Yesterday we had our annual Health and Safety audit, conducted by the LA. Once again we have received a glowing report. This is almost entirely due to the fantastic work done in and around St John's by Mr Morrall. Finally we have, at last, acquired a CEOP button on the website. Any online safety issues can be reported or researched via the link.

Staff, Pupil and Visitor Sign in iPad

You may or may not be aware that we have a new sign in monitor in reception. This monitor will replace the sign in books that we have used for many years. If your child arrives late, or needs to leave school for any reason, you must sign them in and out via this system.

Christmas Fair

We are all very excited for the Christmas Fair tomorrow, which is sure to be a wonderful occasion. We hope you can all join us at school from 1 – 4 pm. There will be plenty of food, drinks and raffles as well as the ever popular tombola stall. The school choir will also be singing and a special visitor will be making his usual appearance.

Christmas Plays, Music Concerts and Events

We have lots of concerts coming up so please make sure you diary date them. The juniors (Class 3 & 4) are performing 'Bethlehem Bandits' on Tuesday at 2pm and 6pm. On Wednesday the infants (Class 1 & 2) are celebrating the Nativity at 2pm and 6pm. Silk FM are in on this day to talk to children in Year 6, as we are the 'Silk FM School of the Week' in January.

Then on Monday 17th December parents of children in Class 4 are invited to a special Love Music Trust assembly at 2.30pm. Come and see all they have learned in their string lessons. Finally Front Row Music and our pianists will be doing a performance for parents at 9.10am on Tuesday 18th December. We also have our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14th December in support of 'Save the Children.' Please remember your £1 donation.

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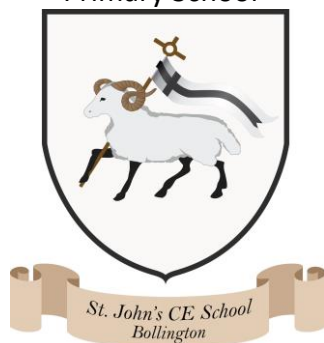
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In school next week:

Saturday – PTA Christmas Fair 1 - 4pm.

Tuesday – 'Bethlehem Bandits' at 2pm and 6pm.

Wednesday – Nativity at 2pm and 6pm. Silk FM are in to speak to Year 6 at 11am.

Friday – Christmas Jumper Day.

Sunday – Family communion at St Oswald's at 10.30am

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in literacy we have recalled the main parts of our story, Stickman. We then created lost posters for Stickman. In maths we have focused on the number 9 and created large scale posters showing everything we know about the number 9, including sums and tally charts. We have learnt all about Christingle and we have labelled collages that we have made showing the parts. Now the weather is colder we have made bird feeders that we will hang outside next week.

Class 2 – This week we have been busy designing and making our own hot air balloons inspired by our class story The Grotlyn. We used papier-mâché to cover the balloons and then a selection of different materials to cover them. We used yogurt pots for our baskets and twine to hold them together. In maths we have been looking at doubling and partitioning to double two digit numbers. In IPC we have been learning how to label diagrams and learning the difference between natural and man-made materials. We also found out the answers to all our questions from the start of the topic, one of which included, "how is glass made?" We learnt all about how glass was made and found it very interesting.

Class 3 – Excitement has built steadily this week as the children have prepared for their performance next week. In maths, children have looked at different methods of solving division problems. In literacy, children created persuasive adverts. In IPC, children started to build their model house. In RE, we have looked at Puja and its importance to Hindus.

Class 4 – This week, class 4 have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes in maths. In English, we have completed our class novel, 'The Unforgotten Coat' and have written a summary of the book. We have also written letters to our new pen pals in Romania, discussing our Global Goals project with them. We have been in final rehearsals for the production next week- we can't wait for everyone to see it!

Sports News – Class 1 were great at throwing, catching and playing football games. Class 2 were also very good with their throwing and catching skills and thoroughly enjoyed time on the gymnastic apparatus. The torrential rain unfortunately meant that the children in Class 3 couldn't do PE this Wednesday (plus the hall had been set up for the Christmas Lunch). Class 4 had a mixed sports session involving hockey football and netball.

Well done to all stars of the week:

Class 1: Shiri, Class 2: Mia, Class 4: Patricia.

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