Bollington St. John's Church of England Primary School



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'Christian Value' – Hope

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to

give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Head's Message

8th February 2019

We are delighted to confirm that we have been successful in acquiring tickets to 'Come and Play with the Hallé.' Class 4 will be performing at the Bridgewater Centre in Manchester on June 20th. Next Tuesday we have Young Voices. For any parents attending, the children will be seated in Block 215. You can download the Young Voices app for more information on this fantastic event.

This week we were pleased to welcome the Mayor, Mr Jon Weston, along with other town councillors, to school. They answered many questions in worship before meeting the school council. Class 4 visited the Mosque in Cheadle yesterday. It was a wonderful trip. The children learnt so much and their behaviour was exemplary. This is the last newsletter this half term, so I hope you all have a restful break. School reopens on Tuesday 26th February – 'Thinking Day', where children are invited to wear their Rainbows/Brownie/Guide or Beaver/Cub/Scout uniform to school. Finally thank you to everyone who attended a parents' evening session this week.

PTA Valentine's Disco

Do not forget the PTA is holding a disco tonight from 6-7.15pm. You can pay on the door. The disco costs £3, and a goodie bag is included in the price.

Silk Museum Egyptian Open Day

The Silk Museum is having a Family Open Day on the 16th February from 10.30am to 4pm. This special event is to launch Marianne Brocklehurst's Adventures in Egypt. The display sheds light on Macclesfield's Ancient Egyptian treasures, including the Tutankhamun Ring.

KNAPPS Assembly

On Monday Alan and Doreen will be in school leading an assembly to update us on our sponsored child Frank. We are all very excited to discover what Frank is up to and how his school in Uganda is.

SATs Information Evening

Due to a number of people informing us at parents' evening that they could not make next Wednesday's planned Year 2 and Year 6 SATs information evenings, we have rearranged this event for March 20th. Year 2 will be 4-5pm and Year 6 will be 5-6pm. Child care will be provided.

Manchester Museum of Science and Industry

On Thursday 14th February, Class 3 are going to the MOSI. They will be spending some time in the Experiment Gallery and the Spark of Life Exhibition, plus taking in the 'City Circuit' Workshop. Unless otherwise agreed with the school office, each child to bring own snack, drink and packed lunch. They will be departing at 9.15am and returning in time for usual pick-up at 3.30pm.

Talent Show

Please make sure you have our Talent Show in your diaries. The spectacular event starts at 2pm on Friday 1st March, and we already have our judges lined up. All being well, the PTA will be providing refreshments beforehand. The children will show their acts to their class teacher on the first day back after half term (Tuesday 26th February).

In school next week:

Monday – KNAPPS assembly. Tuesday – Young Voices. Wednesday – Mrs Walker at eCAPH conference. Thursday – Class 3 trip to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry. Friday – Break up for half term. School re-opens Tuesday 26th February. Sunday – Family communion at St Oswald's at 10.30am

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have celebrated Chinese New Year. We have learnt about the story of how the animals in the zodiac were selected and how to write our names and numbers in Chinese symbols. In maths we have focused on ordinal numbers and word problems. We have all enjoyed tasting new foods and making Chinese lanterns.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have been looking at our new class story 'The Hunter'. WE have looked at the use of verbs throughout the story and tried to write our own passages in the style of the author. In maths we have been using a number square to add and take away 10 from a two digit number. In IPC we have made our own bird feeders that we have hung outside our classroom. We have added to our display a list of garden birds that we expect to see using the feeders.

Class 3 – In maths, children have spent this week looking at fractions. In literacy, we have continued our work around the book 'A Lion in Paris'. Children have researched locations around Paris and created a pop-out booklet. In IPC, we have had two experiments using magnets.

Class 4 – This week, we have been looking at the properties of shapes and how to calculate missing angles in triangles, on straight lines and around a point in maths. In English, we have explored to poem 'The Highwayman'. In IPC, we have been exploring the decline of the Maya civilisation and have started looking at the Benin Empire.

Sports News – Class 1 had two really good lessons: a basketball dribbling lesson and a gymnastics lesson. Class 2 had a fun golf putting lesson and a gymnastic lesson. Class 3 were really good at hockey this week both match play and shooting and Class 4 had a football dribbling passing and match play lesson.

Star class this week – Class 3.

Class stars – Class 1: Heidi, Class 2: Poppy, Class 3: Scarlett Ratcliff and Class 4: Rudi.

Well done to all stars of the week.

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