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



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# 'Christian Value' – Grace

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to

help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

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#### Head's Message

Welcome back to a warm and sunny half term. Let's hope it lasts. During our Inset day on Monday, staff worked hard on our curriculum, ensuring it meets the needs of our learners as well as complying with the new Ofsted framework. We will be publishing the finished article in due course. 'Open the Book' started their assemblies this week with the story of Daniel, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We are so proud of how well the cross country runners did this week when they competed in Macclesfield. Well done all. Finally we hope you were able to join us today for our annual, marvellous Talent Show. The children were all amazing.

## **All Stars Cricket**

Bollington Cricket Club will be delivering All Stars Cricket this summer. All Stars Cricket is an exciting entry level programme for 5-8 year olds. We are lucky that Andrew Jackson, from the cricket club, is coming into school on Tuesday to give Year 1 and 2 a taster session.

#### Ash Wednesday

Children in Year 6 will be attending St Oswald's next week to take part in an Ash Wednesday service. They will be joined by the children from Year 6 at Bollington Cross. Please drop off at church on Wednesday at 9.10am

#### World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day and the children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book. We will be doing a special reading buddy session to celebrate the day.

#### Year 6 Maths Challenge

Some children from Year 6 will be attending Tytherington on Tuesday to take part in a maths challenge. They will need a packed lunch.

## **MMU Student**

Mr Peter Mills will be joining us in Class 4 from Monday on his second PGCE placement. Mr Mills joins us from MMU, and will be in class until June.

#### In school next week:

Sunday – Family Communion at St Oswald's at 10.30am. Monday – Mr Mills starts. Mrs Walker at a 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' meeting in the afternoon. Tuesday – Year 6 Maths Challenge. Mrs Walker at an LA meeting in the afternoon. Wednesday – Year 6 to St Oswald's for Ash Wednesday. Thursday – World Book Day. Mrs Watson at a global meeting. Sunday – Family communion at St Oswald's at 10.30am

#### Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have started our new topic of Paws, Claws and Whiskers. We have focused on the story of The Messy Magpie which looks at the impact of humans littering on the environment and animals homes. We have written speech bubbles for some of the animals showing how they feel about their environment being destroyed. In maths we have started looking at weighing; we have focused initially on balancing the scales using different objects on each side. We also made the most of the good weather and used the water tray to introduce capacity. We measured out the water using a range of cylinders and containers. We have been practicing for our talent show entry all week.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have been started our new Class story called "Toby and the great fire". We have looked at paintings of the Great fire of London and used these to start some setting descriptions using our senses. In maths we have been partitioning two digit numbers using part whole diagrams. In IPC we have been looking at language relating to time, creating our own personal timelines and creating a giant class timeline.

**Class 3** – In maths, children have recapped column method and applied their learning to word problems. In literacy, we have started a new book 'Fantastic Mr. Fox'. Children have thought about different techniques writers use to grab the readers' attention. In IPC, we have started a new topic of 'How the Human Body works'. On Friday, children completed a 'body MOT' measuring weight, height, arm span, heart rate and blood pressure.

**Class 4** – This week, we have been revising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions in maths. In English, we have been reading 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen and planning a newspaper report which we will be writing next week. In IPC, we have started our new topic, 'The Holiday Show'. We have discussed different types of holidays and what types of destinations different tourists may want.

**Sports News** – Class 1 and Class 2 has a joint PE session this week and made the most of the sunshine, they practiced their ball skills and played football games. Class 3 were out on the field dribbling footballs and playing some football matches. Class 4 had a possession and space finding session whilst playing football.

#### Star class this week – Class 3.

Class Stars – Class 1: Kit, Class 2: George, Class 3: Eva, Cass 4: Grace.

Well done to all stars of the week.

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