**‘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

8th March 2019

**Head’s Message**

Amazing costumes were on show for World Book Day yesterday. We had a lovely day and held a very special reading buddies session to mark the occasion. On Shrove Tuesday Sarah provided us with some very fine pancakes; and Year 6 attended St Oswald’s Church to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the start of lent. Children from Year 6 attended a maths challenge at Tytherington High School this week; placing 4th and 7th. Well done all who took part. Our Year 3/4 Cross Country team were in action again on Wednesday. We are very proud of them all. Please ensure you get a copy of the latest edition of Bollington Live, as our ICT club have written a lovely article which has been published. Finally please see the attached leaflet we have received from the local authority to send out to parents, connected with Momo.

**Online (Fortnite etc) Issues**

We have been having some concerns recently, particularly in Class 4; about the pupils coming into school upset about issues they have had with other pupils online or on social media. This includes seeing upsetting images when they have been online.  Also, some pupils are very focussed on their after school gaming- so much so, that it is making it more difficult for them to concentrate in lessons!  We have reinforced the work we have done in school on e-safety, but we would appreciate if you could reinforce this at home. Thank you for your support with this matter.

**Tytherington Emotionally Healthy Schools**

Next Tuesday 4 pupils (one from Years 2-5) will be attending Tytherington High School, to help launch an Emotionally Healthy cluster forum. They will be joined by pupils from the other Tytherington feeder schools. The aim is to train these children to become our schools Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors.

**Stay, Play and Pray**

If your child is in Reception, you are warmly invited to join us on Tuesday at 3pm for Stay, Play and Pray.

**Comic Relief (Red Nose) Day**

Children are welcome to come into school next Friday in any official Comic Relief merchandise (red noses or t-shirts etc). We are asking for a £1 donation per family for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you.

**Down Syndrome**

Thursday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day. As we did last year, we will be selling gingerbread socks for this worthwhile charity. On Monday the children will be having an assembly led by the Cheshire Down Syndrome Support Group.

**In school next week**:

Monday – Down Syndrome assembly.

Tuesday – Emotionally Healthy Schools. Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm.

Wednesday – Open the Book.

Friday – Comic Relief. Mrs Walker at eCAPH in the morning. Rock band assembly.

**Curriculum update:**

**Class 1 –** This week in Reception we have learnt about how to separate our recycling based on the materials that the items are made from. We have looked at the properties of each material and found objects around our classroom as examples. We have been weighing objects in maths and practicing our predicting skills. We loved dressing up for World Book Day and sharing stories together (our favourite this week is still The Ugly Five).

**Class 2 –** This week we have been comparing London past and present and writing about all the differences between London in 1666 and London today. We have also used our notes to write setting descriptions of London in 1666. In maths we have been doing addition using different mental strategies and revisiting number bonds to 20. In IPC we have been using sources of evidence to find out about each other and the special items we brought into school. We wrote down facts about these items and then interviewed each other to find out more information about them.

**Class 3 –** In maths, children have recapped column method and applied their learning to word problems. In literacy, we created stories based on the book ‘Fantastic Mr. Fox’. Children have thought about different techniques writers use to grab the reader’s attention.  In IPC, as part of our topic ‘How the Human Body works’ children cleared an allotment area to grow healthy vegetables.

**Class 4 –** This week, we have been converting between fractions, decimals and percentages and finding fractions of numbers. In English, we have been writing newspaper reports based on our current class novel. In IPC, we have been learning geographical vocabulary.

**Sports News –** Class 1

**Star class this week –** Class 3.

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

**Well done to all stars of the week.**