

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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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

15th March 2019

Head's Message

Our Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors represented the school magnificently this week at Tytherington High School. Our new library arrived on Thursday and will be built, fingers crossed, tomorrow. Thank you so much to all the parent helpers who came into school to move books and shelves. At school we have thoroughly enjoyed participating in British Science Week – please look at all the photographs on the web to see what the children have been up to. This week we have also celebrated Comic Relief, had an assembly on Down Syndrome and one delivered by Open the Book. Samuel Pepys popped into Class 2, as part of their Great Fire topic. Also, we welcomed families to join us for a Lent based Stay, Play and Pray. Finally the PTA will be meeting in the Bulls Head at 8pm tonight and would love to see you there.

Swimathon

On Sunday some children will be attending Macclesfield Leisure Centre to take part in this year's Swimathon for the Rotary Club of Macclesfield Castle. If anybody would like to sponsor/make a donation to the children please let us know. We will all be rooting for Team St John's.

SATs Information Evening

Mrs Stout and Mrs Watson will be holding SATs information evenings on Wednesday for parents of children in Year 2 and 6. Mrs Stouts will run 4-5pm and Mrs Watsons will run 5-6pm. Child care will be provided. These sessions will provide you with useful information regarding the end of key stage assessments.

World Down Syndrome Day

Thursday marks World Down Syndrome Day, and at school we will be selling gingerbread sock biscuits for £1 in aid of this worthwhile cause.

Chester Zoo Trip

Class 1 and 2 will be visiting Chester Zoo on Tuesday and must be in full school uniform. Unless you have advised us otherwise, school will be providing your child with a packed lunch. Please however provide your child with their mid-morning snack **Please can children be at school for 08.40am as the coach will depart at 08.45am sharp.**

Rev Veronica

We are delighted Rev Veronica will be leading worship for the children on Monday. Week commencing March 25th the children have all been invited to St Oswald's as part of the annual Experience Week. Details of the dates and times your child will attend have been sent in a separate home contact. If you are dropping your child off at St Oswald's in the morning, please wait with them until a member of staff arrives. Thank you.

In school next week:

Sunday – Family Communion at 10.30am at St Oswald's.

Monday – Rev Veronica worship.

Tuesday – Class 1 and 2 at Chester Zoo. Mrs Walker at Head's meeting.

Wednesday – SATs Information evenings in Year 2 and 6. FGB meeting at 6.30pm

Thursday – World Down Syndrome Day – gingerbread socks on sale.

Friday – Mrs Walker at a conference.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have done a seed investigation where we examined different seeds closely under a strong magnifying glass. We have focused on what seeds need in order to grow and we have set up an investigation with cress seeds to see how they grow in different conditions. We have started to look at the book 'The Journey Home' and we have learnt lots of facts about polar bears to put in our polar bear fact files.

Class 2 – This week we have been writing biographies about Samuel Pepys. We thought of some questions for him and were lucky enough to travel back in time to 1666 and meet the man himself. In maths we have been looking at subtraction and using counting on to help us. In IPC we have been ordering the events of the Great fire of London.

Class 3 – In maths, children have looked at grid method multiplication. In literacy, we have used our learning to create reports based on the human digestive system. We have enjoyed Science week this week and in IPC, we have undertaken three science experiments. Children created a model of the digestive system. Children used charcoal toothpaste when learning about tooth care and created their own obstacle courses in PE thinking about how they can use their bodies.

Class 4 – This week, in maths, we have been looking at multiplication and division of fractions, including reasoning and problem solving skills. In English, we have finished our newspaper reports, based on our current novel, 'The Boy in the Tower'. In IPC, we have created spread sheets for a holiday budget, using Microsoft Excel, and we have made tourist information booklets about countries of our choice. As part of British Science Week, we have been looking at how information about weather was collated historically, and we have taken part in some national data collection online.

Sports News – Class 1 and Class 2 had two really enjoyable lessons which included playing football and doing some gymnastics work. Class 3 tried out their archery skills and also undertook a fitness circuit. Class 4 also played archery and rounded off their session with bench ball.

Star class this week – Class 3.

Class Stars – Class 1: Talia, Class 2: Lucy, Class 3: Flynn, Class 4: Patricia.

Well done to all stars of the week.

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