

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

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### Head's Message

Class 2 had a very exciting experience on Wednesday, when the fire service came to 'put out' the Great Fire of London. The Cross Country season has now finished and all of the children who took part represented this school beautifully and made us all very proud of their achievements. New carpet was laid today in the library, and so we can now refill the shelves with books. It was lovely to see the article about our library in this week's Macclesfield Express. We will soon be completing the Trim Trail by placing rubber mulch underneath it. We have secured £110,000 funding from the Diocese to upgrade the boilers and pumps in the school. Hopefully this work should be completed over the summer. On Tuesday night Mrs Watson, Mrs Woodward (a school governor) and myself attended a briefing after school on our Global Partnership links. St John's is delighted to be working in a global cluster, which enhances our curriculum. Finally this will be the last newsletter this term, so may I wish you all a very happy Easter.

### Easter Assembly

Class 3 are working hard rehearsing their Easter Assembly. We do hope you can join us – next Friday at 2pm, with refreshments served at 1.30pm. We will also be announcing the winner of the Easter bonnet/hat competition, so make sure the children's entries are in school that day.

### Experience Week: Jesus' Family Tree

All the children attended St Oswald's this week to take part in Experience Week. Rev Veronica and Beverley run this every year and we are very grateful for the opportunity to attend.

### First Aid/Defibrillator Training

The 'Hand on Heart Charity' has delivered first aid and Defibrillator training to some staff and Class 4. This invaluable training, using the same machine as we have at school, was fully-funded.

### Class 4 to Hollin Hall

Children in Class 4 are going to Hollin Hall next Tuesday as part of their Tourism topic. We will walk the children there and back in time for the end of the school day.

### After Easter Diary Dates

Please be reminded that school re-opens after the holiday on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Year 6 children will be attending Tytherington on a transition day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Year 3 parent's lunch is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – the same day as class photographs. Finally SATS tests for Year 6 start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**In school next week:**

Sunday – Mothering Sunday service at St Oswald’s at 10.30am.

Monday – 5 members of staff attending safeguarding training after school.

Tuesday – Class 4 to Hollin Hall.

Friday – Easter assembly led by Class 3. School closes until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have focused on 3D shapes in maths. We have searched for 3D shapes in our environment and looked at the features of each shape. We have practiced using the correct vocabulary when we talk about shapes. We really enjoyed a visit from the fire engine on Wednesday; we learnt a lot about the different jobs that a fire fighter might have to do and what all the equipment is used for. We all enjoyed a wonderful visit to church for our experience day, where we learnt about Jesus’ family tree.

**Class 2** – This week, in literacy we have been working on our class book, The Lion and the Unicorn. We have used Venn diagrams to compare features of language and have written reply letters in character. In maths we have been doing division using written and mental methods. In IPC we burnt down our very own Pudding Lane and built our own Morrison shelters. We have learnt all about the Blitz and bombed our shelters to test their strength. We have just begun a non-fiction poster all about the Blitz and how to stay safe. Next week we are opening up our own ration shop in which we will exchange our ration tokens for food.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, children have looked at short division. In literacy, we have continued our book by Neil Gaiman, ‘The day I swapped my dad for two goldfish’. Children have planned and written a diary. Children have completed their script for the Easter Assembly and practice has continued.

**Class 4** – This week, we have been working on ratio and proportion in maths. In English, we have been writing the second parts of our stories, focusing on writing with a mixture of action, description and dialogue. We have also been revising grammatical terms. In IPC, we have been making prospectuses for our school, aimed at people new to our area.

**Sports News** – Class 1 and 2 had a most enjoyable athletics lessons which involved lots of running about! They also practiced their ball skills and played some catching games to finish. Class 3 played multi-sports as well as football, netball, hockey and dodge ball! Meanwhile, Class 4 pupils displayed some superb teamwork in their cricket lesson.

**Star class this week** – Class 4.

**Class Stars** – Class 1: Theo, Class 2: Poppy, Class 3: Mollie, Class 4: Chloe.

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

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