

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Compassion

*"The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion."*

*Psalm 116:5*

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### Head's Message

As we break up next Friday for the Christmas holidays, this will be the last newsletter this year. Please note we return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The infant children were splendid this week in all three of their Nativity performances. I know that the juniors will be equally magnificent next week when they stage their shows. All of the children either made a Christingle or had a Christingle puppet show on Monday, thanks to Bev from St Oswald's. On Thursday Class 2 walked very smartly to the post office to send their letters to Santa. Today, all the children looked wonderful in their Christmas jumpers, with proceeds going to the East Cheshire Hospice. Next week the children have their Christmas lunch on Wednesday and their class party on either Thursday or Friday. Please see separate emails from the school office for all the details. All that remains is for me to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy and peaceful New Year.

*'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'*

*Isaiah 9:6*



### Diary Dates for Next Term

Just a reminder of some of our diary dates for next term. Class 3 will be swimming on a Tuesday morning. Reception will continue to access the Forest School on a Thursday morning, and Year 5 will be spending time in the woodland on a Friday afternoon. Bikeability is on January 5<sup>th</sup> (Year 5) and January 14<sup>th</sup> (Year 4). Class 4 have their synagogue visit on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Punctuality**

We still have a number of families arriving late to school in the morning. Please remember that the children should be in the yard at 8.50am, as lessons start at 9am. We cannot stress how important it is for the children to be in class on time, to ensure they don't miss vital instructions at the start of their day. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

### **Covid-19 Advice**

If your child has any of the main Covid-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell us the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice. As per LA guidelines, children should also isolate for at least 5 days if a household member tests positive.

### **News from Reception**

This week, in Reception, we have all enjoyed our nativity performances. The children did amazingly well and we are very proud of them. In phonics, we have reached the end of Phase 2, and we've been putting what we have learnt in to practice with some reading and writing activities. In maths, we have deconstructed the number 5 to find all the ways of making it using the part/whole method. The children have also enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts.

### **News from Class 2**

It's been a super busy week in Class 2. We very much enjoyed performing our three showings of "The Inn-spectors" and were delighted to welcome the parents back into school. We also enjoyed learning all about Christingle with Beverly from St Oswald's church. In English, we have used speech marks to create speech bubbles for the little girl in our story, Journey. We have also learnt about prepositions and how to use them to open a sentence to make it more interesting! We have taken a picture from the story and done some descriptive writing using prepositions to start our sentences. In maths, Year 1 have continued their work on odd and even and have begun to explore 3-D shapes. Year two have been working on mixed addition and subtraction problems and continued their work on multiplication. In IPC, we have used Google Earth to find an aerial view of St John's school. We have used this to create our aerial maps. We also had an exciting visit to the Post office to post our letters to Santa! We learnt all about the sorting office and the journey a letter must go on to reach its final destination.

### **News from Class 3**

This week, the children have created a story based on our class book a 'Varmints'. The children used their learning from last week to create exciting descriptions whilst writing in first person. We have had a dress rehearsal for their Christmas nativity and are very excited to share their work. In maths, children have looked at using inverse operations to check answers and strategies. In R.E, we have sequenced the nativity story and thought about why there are differences within the gospels.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, we have been learning to add and subtract fractions, using common denominators. We have also been learning to multiply mixed numbers by integers and fractions by fractions. In English, we have continued reading 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell Boyce and have been exploring synonyms and antonyms. We have also written in character, using the 1st person, as one of the characters in text. In IPC, we have been checking our understanding of all the key concepts and vocabulary from this topic. We have enjoyed our dress rehearsal, and we cannot wait to perform our Christmas show for you next week!

## Sports News

Class 1 – The children enjoyed a gymnastics session this week; this started with a warm up of stretches and moving around the space in different ways. The children then worked in small groups, doing floor work on mats. Everyone learnt how to do a range of rolls, including a pencil and log roll.

Class 2 – In PE, the children took part in some curling and also enjoyed some relay races.

Class 3 – In PE, the children took part in relay races, taking on obstacles and also having some fun races. In target practice, they were practising their underarm and overarm throwing skills.

Class 4 – This week, we played games of hockey, and, indoors, we did circuit training.

## Star Performers

Class 1: Dyiako

Class 2: Lillian and Isaac

Class 3: Natalia and Scott

Class 4: Max and Ben



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