

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Endurance

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had."

Romans 15:5

28th February 2020

Head's Message

Before we broke up for half term we were delighted to welcome the Mayor and councillors into school. They answered questions during a whole school assembly and then met the school council. That week Class 3 visited Chester and Class 2 had a wonderful Mozart music workshop. This week we have been battling awful weather, and so a huge thank you to everyone who came to the Family Lunch on Wednesday and/or today's marvellous class assembly. Well done Class 2 – you were all brilliant. Mrs Watson held a SATs information evening on Wednesday, and would like to thank the families who attended. Finally, the infant children thoroughly enjoyed their taster Spanish lesson this week.

PGL

PGL is finally here! The children should be in school for normal time (but not in school uniform), with their fully named kit, packed lunch, drink and snack for the first day. The children are due to return to school for pick-up at the normal time on Friday 6th March. Final payments should be made by Tuesday 3rd March, thank you. We are sure that the children will have a wonderful time!

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are delighted author Jo Welch is joining us, and leading workshops in each class, on World Book Day. Our theme this year is 'Ordinary Heros'.

Email Request

Could we politely remind parents not to email teachers late at night, unless there is an emergency situation. Teaching staff are available before and after school, and are happy to receive emails at home, but lately a rising number of emails have been sent at 9pm and later.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

We were delighted to celebrate these two special days in school, as we now journey through Lent towards Easter. Pancakes were served on Tuesday and Class 4 attended St Oswald's on Wednesday for a joint service with children from Year 6 at Bollington Cross. We also held whole school assemblies to mark both events.

Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors

Four junior children have been picked to be trained as the new cohort of Emotionally Healthy Ambassadors. Sadly Tytherington have had to re-schedule Mondays planned training. The event will now take place on Tuesday 10th March.

Reception Vision and Hearing Screening

Please be reminded that this screening is due to take place on the morning of Monday 2nd March.

British Science Week

Although British Science Week starts next week, due to Class 4 being on residential, we will be marking the occasion week commencing 16th March. During this week teachers have STEM activities and investigations planned, and the week will be started with workshops in all classes led by 'Hands on Science'.

In school next week:

Sunday – St Oswald's Family Service – St David's Day.

Monday – Reception Vision and Hearing screening.

Wednesday – Class 4 at PGL. Year 3 and 4 Cross Country at Fallibroome Rugby Club.

Thursday – Class 4 at PGL. World Book Day.

Friday – Class 4 at PGL. Mrs Stout at Cranage RSE meeting in the morning.

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

School re-opens on Monday 24th February.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week, in Reception, we have started a new story, The Messy Magpie. The story focuses on the environment and how and why we need to take care of it. It has inspired lots of discussion and we have compared pictures of before and after pollution. In maths, we have looked at number bonds to ten using tens grids; we have supported this learning by writing sums. We have enjoyed a wonderful Spanish lesson with Senora Hofton and a music lesson all about recycling.

Class 2 – This week, in literacy, we have started looking at a different version of Goldilocks called, 'Me and You'. We compared and contrasted the feelings of Goldilocks in the two stories and completed an emotions graph to show how her feelings changed. In maths we have been doing 2, 5 and 10 times tables and multiplication word problems. In IPC we have started our new topic of 'Our World'.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a fantastic week back. Children have worked hard on finding suitable methods to solve addition and subtraction problems. In literacy, children have worked on writing from a character's perspective. We have continued our IPC topic of 'Active Planet' and this week children have researched hot and cold colours. Children mixed their own colours before painting their own version of Hokusai's famous print, 'The great wave off Kanagawa'.

Class 4 – This week, in maths, we have been ordering, adding and subtracting fractions by finding a common denominator. We have also been working on reasoning and problem solving skills. In English, we have been working on comprehension skills and revising grammatical terms. In IPC, we have started our new topic, 'What a Wonderful World'. We have been looking at different biomes around the world by completing map work.

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Sports News – Classes 1 and 2 have started their throwing and catching module. This week working on rolling and stopping, aiming at targets and only using hands. In their rolling games they have yet again worked well in a variety of different sized groups. Classes 3 and 4 have begun their netball and tag rugby lessons. In netball they have had a basic introduction to three key netball skills, passing pivoting and shooting. Whilst in tag rugby we have this week focused on tagging correctly and running to space.

Mr Read's PE star performers:

Class 1: Hugo and Daniel

Class 2: Heidi and Joshua

Class 3: Scarlet S and Flynn

Class 4: Myles and Chloe

Well done to all star performers.

PTA News

We are delighted to announce that so far this year all your fundraising activities have raised a fabulous **£3708.61!!** Well done and a big **thank you!**

Your fantastic efforts were further enhanced by Barclay's fund-matching the money raised at the Christmas Fair and helped us reach this figure. If you work for a company who offers charity match-funding please get in touch, it's a brilliant and easy way for the PTA to really make the most of the fundraising activities.

Money raised has provided £728.99 to the Head Teacher's and Classroom Discretionary Fund and a donation to Mrs Jobbins' trip to Uganda where the money was used to purchase reusable sanitary products for the women and girls at the school and orphanage. A laptop charging trolley was purchased in the autumn and Mr Morrall has a useful new salt spreader. The science week event, 'Hands on Science' and £800 worth of AV equipment including fancy new LED light bars and clip-on microphones are in the pipeline.

The next event is a **Family Quiz Night** with a pie and pea supper on **13th March**. A Spider Survey will be out shortly to gauge interest. Get in touch if you'd like to help out. With lots of support it will be a fantastic evening of family fun.

The more we raise the more we can do. Thank you.

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