

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Joy

"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you – I whom you have delivered"
Psalm 71:23

27th November 2020

Head's Message

The classes will start decorating the Christmas tree next week, which means the festive season will officially be underway at St John's. Class 3 and 4 took part in their MSSP competitions this week. Participation ensures we keep our Gold Games Award this year. There will be plenty more competitions next term for the children to get involved in. Well done to Year 2 for completing their Phonics screening on Thursday. All school clubs end today, with the exception of Thursday's Football Club, which runs until 17th December. Some children in Class 3 took part in Bikeability this week and Class 4 will have their sessions next week. All four classes are working very hard on their Christmas plays and nativities. We will be uploading all four videos to a private and secure YouTube channel on 15th December. This channel will then be available for a month. The children have done brilliantly and I know you will love the finished products. Finally, our dear Rev Canon Veronica will be leaving St Oswald's on the 31st December. Veronica has been a pillar of support for this school, and for the children, for many years. We have all appreciated her worships, her services to welcome Reception, the chance for classes to attend Eucharist and her annual experience weeks, to name but a few. If you wish to show your appreciation of her, you are more than welcome to send cards etc into school and we will store them and deliver them safely to her. She will be sorely missed.

Bollington Charity Calendar

Bollington Town Council has asked our school to provide artwork for their annual charity calendar! We are thrilled to be involved in this wonderful initiative. Pupils have been creating their artwork this week, and the Mayor and his consort will decide which pictures to include in the calendar. More information on how to purchase a calendar will be provided by the Town Council soon.

Christmas Lunch

We will be delighted to serve Christmas lunch to the children on December 9th complete with eco-friendly, 100% recyclable Christmas crackers.

Santa Dash and 11th December Fun

On the 11th December, the children will all be taking part in Santa's Dash – please see attached flyer. We would also like the children to come to school that day in festive non-uniform. We are asking that all donations for this non-uniform day go to St Oswald's as Rev Veronica is fundraising for her new church kitchen area. It would be wonderful to raise as much money as possible before Veronica leaves. To make a donation please follow the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/revd-canon-veronica-hydon-vicar-of-bollington>

Our current Building Development is intended to create better facilities for hospitality and welcome for everyone in our local community, extending the available seating space to allow for necessary social distancing in worship services during COVID-19, and enabling us to offer more fundraising events for other charities as well as necessarily maintaining our own funds as a compassionate church community serving others in these difficult times. Veronica.

Christmas Eve 2020 Together Apart – Bollington Town Council

This year, the Bollington Carol Concert will be a virtual event, broadcast on Christmas Eve on Canalside Radio. Children from St John's will be recording 'Merry Christmas Everyone' and 'Feed the World' to be included in this very special community event.

Community Christmas Cards

The Coop in Bollington is running a lovely initiative this Christmas, to send handmade Christmas cards to the most vulnerable in our community. We are delighted to be part of this and are allowing the children to make Christmas cards which we will deliver to the special post box at the Coop. If you would like to get involved at home, that would be wonderful. Just make a Christmas card and write a message inside. Then place the card in an envelope addressed to 'Dear Neighbour.' Place your card into the post box at the Coop and the card will be delivered to those in need this year.

St Oswald's Online Christingle Service

We hope you will join us at this year's St Oswald's Christingle service, which is occurring online on Sunday 29th November at 3pm. Although slightly different from the normal annual service, it will still be a thoroughly enjoyable event to celebrate the beginning of Advent. To receive a Christingle kit for the service, please contact Beverley at beverleyxn@aol.com

Anti-Bullying Charter

St John's is one of the first organisations or individuals to sign Cheshire's Anti-Bullying Charter. We are proud to work with the Cheshire Anti-Bullying Commission to strive for a bullying-free Cheshire.

Coronavirus Advice

Next week the lockdown will end and Cheshire East will move in Tier 2. Can we politely remind you that masks should be worn at all times on the school site, that you should remain 2 metres away from other families and leave the school site as quickly as possible. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

As a reminder, please do not send your child into school if they have **any** of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours and/or
- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back (if a temperature cannot be taken) and/or
- A loss, or change, to their sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. You should only get a test if you have one or more of these symptoms. To book a test call the NHS on 119 or go online to <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have created our own weather books based on the symbols used in a weather forecast. We have done some beautiful artwork using marbling ink to create the front covers for the books. In maths, we have focused on the number 4. We loved making models of number block 4. We have been very inspired by Line Rider (take a look on YouTube) so we created our own music to represent a storm, using our own line rider to follow the lines and guide our volume and tempo.

News from Class 2

This week, in Literacy, we have looked at nouns and learnt how to expand a noun phrase. We learnt when to use a comma, and we wrote expanded noun phrases about Rosie Revere. We learnt about four different types of sentence and used these to make a non-fiction poster about bridges. In maths, Year One have started looking at subtraction on a number line from 20 and Year two have been finding fractions of amounts. In PSHE, we have looked at how we all share the world and what would happen if we didn't. We will also be taking part in a Christmas card exchange with Mount Hall Care Home.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, children have started to look at multiplication and division. Children have sorted looked at arrays, sorted objects into groups and investigated the language used to describe these operations. In literacy, we started to look at a new book 'Shackleton's Journey'. Children have applied for a role, created interview questions and justified the reason for taking items onto their expedition. In IPC, children have researched how volcanic islands are formed. In RE, children have researched the importance of puja for Hindus.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been adding fractions by finding a common denominator and simplifying our answers when possible. In English, we have continued our story writing, based on 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan, focusing on varying our sentence openers. In IPC, we have been looking at the different parts of the ear and their functions. We also studied how sound travels. In RE, we are learning about Islam, and we have been learning about mosques and their importance in the community.

Sports News

Class 1 – In PE, we created our own dance movements, based on the weather, and we set this to Vivaldi's 'The Storm'.

Class 2 – In PE, we played team games and practised jumping over cones and hurdles. We practised accurate throwing by playing Boccia.

Class 3 – In Hockey, we have been looking at overloads – 2 versus 1 situations for attackers, and in Circuit Training we recorded our scores on press-ups, sit-ups and bench step-ups, attempting to beat our previous scores.

Class 4 – We have taken part in the Virtual School Games Challenge, completing set disciplines, involving netball and rugby skills. We have also played silent dodgeball.

Star Performers

Class 1: Olivia Hood

Class 2: Megan Clare and Caprice Mulqueeny Roets

Class 3: Jessica Dawson and Lilly-Belle Watkins

Class 4: Alfie Lapi and Scarlett Ratcliff-Watkins

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