

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Joy

"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Romans 14:17

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Head's Message

This will be the last newsletter of the term, and indeed the last newsletter of 2022. As I am sure you will be picking up from all of Mrs Green's correspondences, we are extremely busy in school at the moment, and hopefully we are sprinkling the children with Christmas joy. The infants performed their nativity this week, and they were splendid. We are so very proud of them all. Next week, it will be the turn of our juniors, and I must say if the singing rehearsals are anything to go by, you are in for a real treat. Beverley joined us this week and shared the history of Christingle with the children. Today, the infants in their Christmassy outfits have enjoyed their trip to Cinemac to watch 'The Snowman'. Next week, as well as the junior play, we also have our Christmas lunch on Thursday and the junior trip to Cinemac on Friday to see 'Matilda'. Friday afternoon will be Christmas parties for all! We are asking for food donations on Friday morning for either the children's parties or for Silklife. Thank you in advance for your support. All that is left is for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. Every blessing for 2023.

'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



News from Reception

This week in Reception we introduced the story Jack Frost by Kazuno Kohara, just in time for the frosty weather! We have studied ice crystals outside and watched how they form in slow motion; we have then created beautiful artwork using candle wax and watercolours. In English, we have written independent sentences inspired by the story, including the digraph we have covered in phonics this week as practice. In maths we have focussed on number lines and missing numbers. The children have all worked very hard during our nativity practices and have performed amazingly in front of an audience; we are very proud!

News from Class 2

This week, Class 2 have been busy practising and performing our Nativity play with Class 1. Well done to all the children who worked very hard learning their lines and songs. In maths this week, Year 1 have practised addition and subtraction using a number line. Year 2 have added 3 one-digit numbers and solved addition problems by using number bonds to ten. In English we wrote our own questions about the moon which we will answer next week in our information texts.

News from Class 3

This week, the children have completed assessments in maths, reading, spelling and grammar. We have continued our maths topic of addition and subtraction. The children completed subtractions across a 100 boundary. In English, pupils completed their newspaper report based on Shackleton's journey to Antarctica. In our topic of 'Island Life', the children have looked at how maps have changed over time and why some maps of Earth look different.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have continued exploring equivalence of fractions in Year 5, and we have been working on adding mixed numbers in Year 6. In English, we have continued exploring 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan writing first person recounts of the events. We have also completed our end of term assessments for reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and maths. In IPC, we have looked at religious beliefs in the Benin Empire. We have also enjoyed putting the final touches to our Christmas production, and we can't wait for the performances next week.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, there has been no PE for Class 1 due to the Cinemac visit.

Class 2 – The children have been doing circuit training, including different ways to move and control equipment and their bodies. In gymnastics, we practised rolling and balancing, our bodies controlled.

Class 3 & 4 – This week, in gymnastics, we performed a thirty second sequence in a group of 3 or 4, including balances, rolls, jumps and travelling. In hockey, we played a match, learning and understanding the rules and how to play the game.

Star Performers

Class 1: Rosie and Arthur

Class 2: Asher and Bobbie

Class 3: Poppy and Nataniel

Class 4: Bunny and Halla