

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Creation

*'Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.'*

*Genesis 2:3*

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

### Head's Message

With the Christmas tree on proud display in the hall; a disco tonight and a wonderful Christingle Service in school this afternoon, it's beginning to feel very festive at school. Please remember that the Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity is on next Thursday at 2pm and 6pm in school. Then, of course, one of the highlights of the year takes place next Saturday – the PTA Christmas Fair. We hope to see you all there.

### St Oswald's Christingle

You are all warmly invited to the Christingle Service at St Oswald's Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3pm.

### Giant Co-op cheque

A massive thanks to all of you who signed up to support this school through the Co-op's 'Local Community Fund' and a huge thank-you the children who represented our school beautifully last Saturday morning when the PTA were presented with this rather 'large' cheque, to the tune of **£3812.68**.



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## PTA Christmas Fair

*"Come along and have some fun,  
Games to play and prizes to be won.  
Fizz to drink and turkey to eat,  
It's never too early for a Christmas treat.  
So come and join us, one and all,  
1pm sharp in St. John's school hall!"*

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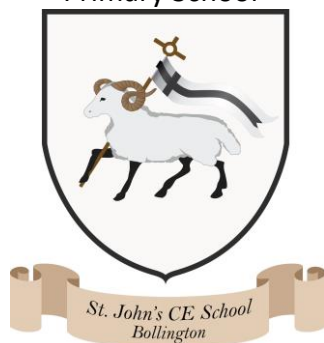
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### Winter Woollies

Please be advised the weather is very cold now and so the children must come to school appropriately dressed for the time of year. At present we have a number of children in school without a coat on some days. Please ensure your child has a coat, hat, scarf and gloves available during the winter months, as unless it rains playtime is always outdoors.

### Easy Fundraising

It's estimated that over £1.4 billion will be spent online on 'Black Friday' this week and each time parents, staff and friends shop online via easyfundraising or The Giving Machine, you can collect a **FREE donation for your PTA**. If everyone shopped online with easyfundraising this Friday, over £28m would be raised for good causes, including ours! Please sign up:

easyfundraising: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bollingtonstjohnsschoolpta/>

The Giving Machine: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-johns-ce-primary-school-pta/support>

### In school next week:

Monday – Mrs Walker on Emotionally Healthy Schools conference.

Thursday – Reception and KS1 Nativity at 2pm and 6pm in school.

Saturday – PTA Christmas Fayre at school from 1 - 4pm.

### Curriculum update:

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have finished our learning on hibernation. We carried out a scientific experiment after we learnt that bears hibernate in caves to keep warm. We checked that this was correct by warming up our bears (rice bags) and insulating one with fur and leaves and then placing the other outside. We made predictions and then checked the results. In maths we continued our money activities, adding small numbers of coins together and working out the total. We have spent time practising for both the Christingle and the Nativity this week.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have written a diary in the perspective of Billy from the Minpins. In maths we have started multiplication and we have learnt our two Times table. We have looked at 2D shapes. In science we have learnt how to bend water and learnt how people hear.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, we have looked at grid method multiplication. In our topic of 'Chocolate` we have continued to look at the Aztec civilisation. In literacy, we have invented our own chocolate bar and written persuasively to describe it.

**Class 4** – This week, class 4 have been revising conversion between analogue, digital and 24 hour clock times and exploring the properties of 3d shapes. In English, we have competed our short stories and have started looking at the book 'The Man Who Walked Between Two Towers'. In IPC, we have been looking at the parts of the brain and their functions. Rehearsals for the Christmas Play are going well.

**Sports news** – This has been the last week of after school clubs. Well done to all the children who have taken part in the table tennis and archery clubs, and a special well done to any of the children who won any of the competitions.

New clubs will be starting after Christmas.

***We would like to thank the PTA for their kind donation of gauntlets for the fencing kit that the children have been using.***

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