

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Compassion

"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore He will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!"
Isaiah 30:18

24th November 2023

Head's Message

As the weather takes a definite wintry turn, in school we are all looking forward to the warmth of coming together as a community at tomorrow's Winter Fair. We know the season of goodwill is on us when we reach this magical event. On Monday, children in Class 3 helped CBBC by testing and reviewing games and website content for Deadly 60 and Shaun the Sheep. Pupils were able to give their feedback, which will be used to improve the content before it is released. We also held our Girls on Board parent information evening that night, and would like to thank all the family members who attended. Year 6 pupils attended a Forensic Science workshop at Tytherington on Tuesday, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Next week, Sue Whyatt, a former England football goalkeeper will be leading an assembly in school. You will also be delighted to read that our Christmas play and Nativity rehearsals are coming along splendidly. Finally, we are so proud of our U9 5-a-side football team who represented St John's magnificently at Tytherington High School on Wednesday. Well done all!



Diary Dates

25th November – PTA Winter Fair at 12-3pm. All families invited

27th November – Last week of After School Clubs this term

29th November – Presentation to children by Sue Whyatt, a former England football goalkeeper

1st December – Wreath Making PTA event at 7-9pm
4th December – Reception 2024 starters open evening at 4-4:30pm. Families of children starting school in 2024 welcome
5th December – Christingle workshops for all classes
6th December – Infant Cinemas Trip to see The Grinch (morning)
8th December – Christmassy Clothes Day
8th December – School Nursing Team administering flu nasal spray in school
11th December – Bikeability for Year 4 and Year 5 students
13th December – Infant Nativity Play (Reception Class and Class 2) at 10-11am and 2-3pm. All Reception and Class 2 families invited
15th December – Junior Cinemas Trip to see Wonka (morning)
19th December – Junior Christmas Play (Class 3 and Class 4) at 10-11:30am, 2-3:30pm and 6-7:30pm. All Class 3 and 4 families invited
20th December – Christmas lunch (children only)
21st December – Class Christmas Parties
21st December – Last day of term
22nd December – Inset Day
8th January 2024 – First day of the spring term

News from Reception

This week in Reception, we have focused on the four seasons, linking the months of the year, weather and our birthdays. We have created artwork of trees to show the changes of each season. We have begun to put our phonic knowledge into practice by writing short sentences using tricky words and segmenting and blending CVC words.

News from Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have enjoyed beginning our new book in English, which has allowed us to explore the dreams of a character and therefore write about our own dreams. In maths, Year 1 have concentrated on addition and using number lines to help them count upwards. Year 2 have explored different methods of adding larger numbers together and the significance of place value in these calculations. With Mrs Smith this week, Class 2 have enjoyed using clay to make structures – we love getting our creative juices flowing! The highlight of our week was undoubtedly our PSHE lesson, where we discussed and discovered the importance of sleep and shared our bedtime routines!

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, the children have worked hard to develop their fluency with number bonds. The children have also thought about checking their answers using inverse operations. In English, the pupils have continued to enjoy our class book 'Escape from Pompeii.' We have built on work from last week to start and plan a newspaper report. We created interesting questions and then used drama to act out interviews. This gave us exciting quotes for our report. In science, we have investigated friction. In geography, the children have discussed reasons why people choose to live near volcanoes. In RE, we have started our new topic of Christmas. We looked at different artworks showing the Nativity and discussed their meanings.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, Year 5 have continued working on fractions. They have been learning to order and compare fractions less than one. Year 6 have been exploring metric measures. In English, we have been reading the short story, The Caravan, by Pie Corbett. We have planned our own stories using the same structure. A highlight of this week has been exploring the physical and human geographical features of Innsbruck in Austria.

Celebration Awards

Good Work

Class 1 – Maksym for his great enthusiasm for learning, especially with his writing.

Class 2 – James for super analysis of how he feels about the features of our playground.

Class 3 – Scarlett for great research on living near a volcano.

Class 4 – Emily for working really hard to master long division.

Good Citizen

Class 1 – Finley for always trying his best in everything he does.

Class 2 – Rosie for always being a shining light of kindness in our school.

Class 3 – Oscar for showing great confidence in our drama lesson.

Class 4 – Niamh for having a great attitude to work and showing perseverance in all lessons.

Ethos Award – Class 4: Shiri for showing compassion towards her classmates.

House Points – Lowerhouse are currently in the lead.

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, we played balancing games with beanbags to warm up before a music and movement session where we recreated a dance for Diwali.

Class 2 – The pupils continued working on their muscular endurance in circuit training.

Class 3 – We have been practising 2v1 and 3v2 attacking situations in hockey.

Class 4 – This week, we have looked at agility and co-ordination using fast footwork over ladders, cones and assorted equipment.

Star Sports Performers

Class 1 – Rory

Class 2 – Heidi and Arlo

Class 3 – Scarlett and Johnny

Class 4 – Talia and Edward

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