

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



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## 'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

*'Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!'*

*Psalm 106:1*

12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Head's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that the children had a restful break. We are now on the Christian Value of 'Thankfulness', which will last until the February half term. Just a few updates from last term – the Christmas Play and Nativity raised an amazing £119.88 for our sponsored child Frank. Also Christmas Jumper Day raised £82.20 for 'Save the Children'. Thank you all so much for your generous donations to two worthwhile charities.

### Important Diary Dates

Please be advised we have a number of parent information evenings coming up soon. On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, Mrs Stout and Mrs Watson will be holding SATs information sessions for parents of children in Year 2 and 6. The KS1 (Year 2) session will start at 4pm and the KS2 (Year 6) session starts at 4.45pm. In previous years parents have found these events to be extremely informative, so we do hope you can attend.

Also on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January we are holding a parents evening for children in Class 4 who are going on the residential trip in February. This will start at 3.30pm.

### Class 2 People of the Past

Class 2 dressed up on Thursday as famous people from the past, as a starter activity to their new topic. They had all put so much thought and effort into who they were going to be, and the results were truly impressive.



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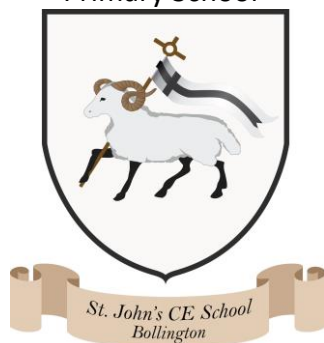
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### **Thank you to Shrigley Hall**

Thank you to Shrigley Hall for the donation of a brand new table and chairs to go in the new working area outside Class 2. That area has currently been transformed thanks to the hard work of Mr Morrall and painting talents of Mrs Hyde. We are sure the children are going to love working in the new area.

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas Fair was a huge success with over 130 paying guest and 75 visitors to Santa's Grotto! We raised an amazing **£1537.71** which will help enrich the school lives of all our children. This amazing event would not have been possible without all the effort put in by all the volunteers, so a huge thanks to all those who planned, co-ordinated, delivered or attended the Christmas Fair.

### **In school next week:**

Tuesday – Mrs Walker at Head's meetings. Fidler music starts. KS1 and KS2 SATs information evening.

Wednesday – Tytherington Music Workshop. Residential information evening for parents.

Friday – Mrs Walker at Understanding Christianity Course at Church House.

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

### **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – We have started to look at the story of Paddington Bear. We have written out labels for our own Paddington Bears and we have created questions that we would like to answer based on the story. In Maths we have focused on number formation and recognition.

**Class 2** – In literacy we have been writing our own biographies about people from the past. We had our exciting dressing up day where we did watercolour portraits of our special people and led a whole school worship. In maths we have been partitioning tens and ones and looking at the values of digits. In IPC we have been learning about Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi.

**Class 3** – It's been a busy first week back for us. This week, in maths, we have started to look at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We have started a new topic 'Active Planet', we recorded our own emergency news broadcast. In literacy, we created a backstory for a character in our class book 'Mr Stink'.

**Class 4** – This week, in English, we have been reading 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and planning own prequels or sequels, which we will be writing next week. In maths, we have been working on place value and subtraction of large numbers. In IPC, we have started our new IPC topic, 'The Great, The Bold and The Brave'. We have researched the differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta.

**Sports news** – Class 1 have been learning to follow instructions both visual and verbal. In Class 2 we have been using pieces of equipment to carry out two step instructions. Class 3 have been learning the basic movements including balance coordination through dodgeball. Class 4 have been doing house matches in basketball and dodgeball.

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