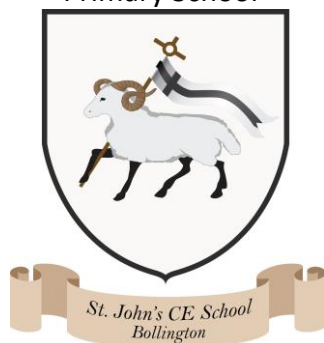


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## **'Christian Value' – Goodwill**

*'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'*

*Luke 2:14*

9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### **Head's Message**

What a busy last week of term we had and we are already full speed ahead this week too. Before we broke up the children all enjoyed a birthday party at St Oswald's, some children represented the school at the Games Maker Conference, we held a very successful Open Morning and had our marvellous 50<sup>th</sup> assembly in school complete with two amazing cakes.

This week we have had school photographs, made poppies for the memorial at Kerridge, had a visit from Mr Thicket from the British Royal Legion, started cricket coaching in Class 3 and taken part in a football tournament in Macclesfield. We celebrated Bonfire Day with a special lunch. This lunch is the last one to be served in a single use plastic container, as the children in the School Council and Class 4 have been looking at the damage that plastic causes our environment, as part of our ongoing work on the Global Development goals. We also held our Full Governors Meeting this week, and agreed term dates for the next two years are now on the website. Finally we are delighted that attendance across the school is currently 97%.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Tonight**

Tonight the PTA are hosting an open evening for anybody who wishes to celebrate the fact that St John's is 50 years old. The event will be running from 6-8pm. We are delighted that we have been contacted by the daughter of the first Headteacher, Mr Humphries, who has wished us well. We are also thrilled to have been contacted by a former deputy head of the school, Mrs Sharples.

### **Council of Councils Meeting**

Next Friday, Class 4 school council members will be attending the Town Hall to meet with the Mayor, other councillors and fellow school council members from the schools in Bollington. They will be meeting in the council chambers and as part of their agenda they will all be discussing the environment.

### **International School Award**

We are delighted to have been awarded the Foundation Level of the International School Award run by the British Council. This award is part of our ongoing dedication to Global Learning.

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### **Children in Need**

The school will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Children are invited to come into school in non-school uniform for a donation to this worthy cause. Children in Class 3 will also be selling cakes in aid of the charity. Please send children into school with extra pennies to buy a cake, and all cake donations will be gratefully received.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and, as well as a whole school assembly, every class will focus on this important topic at some point during the week.

### **Reception Parents to Lunch and Chemistry with Cabbage**

Two other exciting events are taking place next week. On Wednesday the Reception parents have been invited to lunch. On Thursday Class 4 will be experiencing the thrill of science with a 'Chemistry with Cabbage' workshop.

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

Sunday – Remembrance Parade starting at 10.30am at the rec. Please bring poppies.

Monday – Anti-Bullying Week starts.

Wednesday – Reception parents are invited to lunch.

Thursday – Chemistry with Cabbage.

Friday – Non-uniform day for Children in Need. Council of Councils meeting.

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

### **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have learnt all about the history of Bonfire Night. We have role played how to stay safe around bonfires and fireworks and what to do in an emergency. In maths we have focused on the number 6 and we have made posters to show our knowledge. In literacy we have written words to describe how a firework looks and sounds. We have learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day and we have made iced poppy biscuits.

**Class 2** – In literacy we have written Bonfire night acrostic poems. We have also started looking at our new class story called 'The Grotlyn'. In maths we have been concentrating on 2D shapes and sorting shapes. We have started our new topic of materials and used clay to make Remembrance Day Poppies. We have placed these Poppies on the Cenotaph in Kerridge. They will remain there until Sunday evening, please feel free to go and have a look.

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**Class 3** – A great start to the second half of this term. In maths, children have looked at different methods of subtraction. In literacy, children have thought about how to show a characters emotion throughout a story. In IPC, children have started their new topic of Bright Sparks.

**Class 4** – This week, in class 4, we have been working on using equivalence of fractions to help us order and compare them, and we have been practising finding fractions of numbers. In English, we have been reading 'Way Home' by Gregory Rogers, and extracting key information about the main character, backing up our responses with evidence from the text, and we have written poems. In IPC, we have been looking at the parts of the ear and their functions.

**Sports News** – We have had a great start after half term in our PE lessons. Reception enjoyed a fantastic space awareness and movement session, together with lots of throwing, catching and some football. Class 2 had an early morning football lesson and even got to play matches and then moved on to basketball dribbling and shooting in the afternoon. Class 3 had a fab basketball lesson which we finished with a whole class tournament and Class 4 had a fun lesson on passing and movement within basketball and then had some competitive football matches.

Well done to each class.

**PE STARS THIS WEEK:**

Class 1: Natalia

Class 2: George

Class 3: Jeanie-Rose

Class 4: Seth

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