

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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'Christian Value' – Goodwill

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

Luke 2:14

16th November 2018

Head's Message

It certainly is a bright and cheerful Friday, with all the children in their non-school uniform for Children in Need, and cakes around every corner. So many donations have been sent in, and we are very grateful for them all. Next week we will tell you how much we raised. Children in Class 4 also attended a Council of Councils meeting at Bollington Town Hall today, where they debated the environment. Well done to all who took part. The school council would like to thank you for your responses to their plastic survey, and would really appreciate any further replies. All the children have taken part in an anti-bullying activity this week, and yesterday Year 2 and above had a marvellous science assembly from a company called Chemistry with Cabbage.

50th Birthday Celebrations

Last Friday the PTA held a wonderful trip down memory lane for former staff and pupils of St John's. We were delighted so many people turned up to wander around the school and view all the old photos on display.

Christingle

This year, for Christingle, we are delighted to be joining our friends from Bollington Cross on Sunday 2nd December at 4pm at St Oswald's. The choir will be joining forces with the choir from Bollington Cross. We do hope as many of you as possible can join us for this celebration. Class 2 had a visit from their Bollington Cross pen-pals this week, which was lovely.

Lunch for the Reception Parents

We were delighted to see so many parents of children in Reception on Wednesday, when they joined the class for lunch. Parents of Year 1 children will be invited to join them for lunch in January.

Stay, Play and Pray and Fluenz

Next week Stay, Play and Pray will be taking place in the Reception class at 3pm on Tuesday. On Thursday children in Reception – Year 5 will be offered the Fluenz.

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In school next week:

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

Tuesday – Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm. Mrs Walker at Head's meeting. Universal Children's Day.

Thursday – Fluenz for Reception – Year 5. Mrs Walker at conference.

Friday – Mrs Walker at Diocese Head's Conference.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week we have focused on the Hindu festival of Diwali. We have learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and we have written speech bubbles to show what we think the characters would say in the story. We have looked at the traditions of Diwali and how they are similar and different to our own. We have made Diya lamps out of clay and made traditional sweets to celebrate the festival of light. In maths we have learnt all about the number 7. We have focused on how to make 7 through simple addition.

Class 2 – In literacy this week we have continued with our class story, The Grotlyn, we have ordered the story and thought about how the characters are feeling. We have linked this to our IPC topic of materials and made some wonderful silhouette pictures of Victorian London, which is where our story is set. We used lots of different materials including brusho, sugar paper, felt pen, oil pastels and chalk. In maths we have been looking at two more and two less and number patterns.

Class 3 – In maths, children have looked at different ways of telling the time. In literacy, children have created an ending to a story. In IPC, children have created circuits.

Class 4 – This week, class 4 have been working on converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and visa versa. We have also learned to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, we have been writing diary entries in role as Shane from our current class book. In IPC, we have researched how sound travels and have covered key vocabulary linked to sound. We have also entered a competition to design a Christmas Card with the theme: ANSA's Life with Less Plastic, which all Cheshire East primary schools have been invited to take part in. We have linked this to our work on plastics, focusing on the Global Goals, which we are keen to involve our whole school community in.

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Sports News – Reception this week have again been practicing their throwing and catching with their 2nd lesson being about kicking and football. Class 2 had a great time throwing and catching with an fantastic basketball dribbling lesson. Class 3 had a great time dribbling and practicing their hand and eye coordination with their basketball skills. Class 4 had a fun morning of football and an afternoon lesson of hockey match play.

Finally, a special mention to everyone who played in the football tournament last week, all played great and really represented this school very well.

Well done to all stars of the week:

Class 1: Kit

Class 2: Lilly-Belle

Class 3: Georgia

Class 4: Andrew

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