

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Hope

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

11th January 2019

Head's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term, where our Christian value is 'Hope'. We already have lots planned this term; including Class 4s visit to a mosque, Young Voices and we are Silk FMs School of the Week from January 21st. As lots of events are constantly being added to our busy schedule, please check the newsletter and website calendar each week for updates. After school clubs will start on the 14th January and run straight through until 29th March; with the exception of Parents' Evening week (4th February).

Parents' Evenings

This term we will be holding our parents' evenings on February 4th and 5th. Time slots will be available to book from 6pm on Friday 25th January. Please remember this is a first come, first served system, so we would advise you to log on and complete your request as soon as possible if you require a specific time/day.

School Volunteers

If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer in school we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office for more details.

NSPCC

On Tuesday, we have visitors coming from the NSPCC. They will be leading assemblies for both Key Stages and the children in Class 4 will take part in a workshop. There will be a collection for the NSPCC, so would be grateful if you could bring/send your child in with any spare change you may have. Thank you in advance.

Plastics Assemblies

Next Wednesday, Lucinda Hodges, the Waste Education Officer, is coming to speak to the Eco Officers and lead an assembly focusing on plastics, linked to our work on global learning.

Open the Book

We are delighted the ladies from Open the Book are retuning next Wednesday to lead a series of interactive assemblies. They will be starting with the story of Jonah.

Year 3 / 4 Football Match

We will be putting together a team of pupils from Year 4/5 to participate in a U9 small sided football tournament, next Friday. More details to follow.

In school next week:

Monday – After school clubs start.

Tuesday – NSPCC day. Deadline to apply for 2019 reception places.

Wednesday – Open the Book. Plastics assembly.

Thursday – ECM advisor visit.

Friday – Year 3&4 football match.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have started our new theme of fairy tales. We have enjoyed the story of Cinderella and looked at the differences between the good and bad characters. In maths we have recapped our learning from last term and focussed on recognition of numbers 11-20. The children have shown a great interest in castles after reading our story so we have learnt about the key features of a medieval castle and the designed our own version.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have started our new class story called 'The Journey Home' this book links to our new IPC topic so we have begun by looking at polar bears and how they are adapted to their habitat. In maths we have been ordering the days of the week and months of the year. We have also been looking at how calendars work. In IPC we have all started by asking an interesting question about something we would like to learn by the end of the topic. We have also looked in detail at polar animals.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have looked at multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000. In literacy, we have started our myths and legends topic. The first myth that we have looked at is that of Daedalus and Icarus. In IPC, we have started the topic of explorers and adventures.

Class 4 – This week, we have been completing some assessments this week. In English, we have been writing an information leaflet to introduce the Maya area. In maths, we have been revising place value for decimal numbers and ordering decimals. In IPC, we have started our new topic, 'AD900'. We have located the Maya area on a map and labelled the countries that the area includes today. In RE, we discussed the meaning of talents and considered our own talents.

Sports News – It's been a great first week back to PE: Reception had fun lessons on improving their body movement and practicing their throwing and catching skills. Class 2 are really working hard to improve their throwing and catching too. They also had a great time practicing golf putting. Class 3 enjoyed a football lesson, focussing on tackling and shooting, whilst Class 4 focussed on the weight of their swings and strikes whilst playing golf.

Star class this week – Class 2.

Class stars – Reception: Shiri, Class 2: Eleanor, Class 3: Alfie, Class 4: Chloe

Well done to all stars of the week.

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