

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*

25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### **Head's Message**

I hope you all had a chance to listen to the Year 6 children on Silk FM this week (podcasts are still available to listen to on the Silk FM website), they were super stars. They were also amazing on their 'Space' transition day to Tytherington yesterday, where they all built and launched rockets. We were delighted to welcome parents into school this week for the start of our Chinese New Year celebrations during Stay, Play and Pray on Tuesday; and for a Year 1 lunch date on Wednesday. Year 5 had a Fire Service assembly on Tuesday and Class 3 led wonderful worship yesterday based on our current theme of 'Hope.'

### **Pinocchio**

On Tuesday afternoon the children will be watching Pinocchio in the school hall. The workshop will be led by Image Musical Theatre, who performed Robin Hood last year.

### **Class 4 Defibrillator Training**

The 'Hand on Heart Charity' will be delivering to the class and some staff members, Defibrillator training. The charity will be bringing with them a training unit of a LifePAK CR plus one the same as the unit we have here at school. This invaluable training, which is fully-funded, will take place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### **Class 3 Eucharist**

Children in Class 3 will be attending Eucharist on Thursday. Please drop your child off at St Oswald's at 9.15am if possible.

### **PTA Pub Quiz**

The PTA is holding a pub quiz in the Poachers on Sunday at 8.30pm. They would love to see as many of you there as possible, to join in the good fun while raising money for the school. Hope you can make it.

### **Parents' Evenings**

This term we will be holding our parents' evenings on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Time slots will be available to book from 6pm tonight. 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.

**In school next week:**

Saturday – St Oswald’s Epiphany Party at 3pm.

Sunday – PTA pub quiz at the Poachers at 8.30pm.

Monday – Reception children vision/hearing screening.

Tuesday – Pinocchio in the afternoon.

Wednesday – Mrs Walker at meeting in the afternoon.

Thursday – Class 3 to attend Eucharist. Class 4 defibrillator training.

**Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week we have planned our own fairytales using story planning cards. We have started to prepare our storytelling boxes which we are filling with pictures of characters and settings, along with any other objects that represent events in our story. In maths we have focused on the number 12 and how we can represent this number in different ways. We have also continued with our focus on measuring. We set up a science investigation to see which materials would work best as a pair of shoes, the children did well with making predictions and testing each material.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have been writing letters to Tesco explaining the issues orang-utans face due to deforestation and the use of palm oil. We have also produced non-fiction leaflets on orang-utans. In topic work we have created our own glossaries and sorted different rainforest creatures into categories. We have learnt the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees and also what the climate is like in the rainforest and why. We have begun learning about elephant poaching and the ivory trade and have started writing our own newspaper reports about the threats to elephants. In maths we have made bar charts containing all the birthdays in the class, we have found out the most and least popular months for birthdays in Class 2. We have moved on to learning about money.

**Class 3** – In maths, children have continued to look at solving addition and subtraction problems. In literacy, we have continued our myths and legends topic. We have read created and edited our own myths. In IPC, we have created a map of the school.

**Class 4** – This week, we have been practising formal methods of multiplication and division and looking at multiples and factors in maths. In English, we have been writing narratives based on our current book, 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. In IPC, we have been looking at the social structure in Ancient Maya, and we have explored primary and secondary sources of information and considered what they can teach us.

**Sports News** – It’s been a great week in PE! The Reception children had 2 really fun lessons; one on body movement and sequences in gymnastics and a second on football dribbling. Class 2 played really well at their football and basketball session this week. Class 3 played hockey and Class 4 had a good technical lesson on basketball by talking about the ‘when and where’ to dribble and pass.

**Star class this week** – Class 3.

**Class stars** – Reception: Theo, Class 2: Luke, Class 3: Skyler and Class 4: Patricia.

**Well done to all stars of the week.**

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