

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

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Head's Message

What a fun packed few snowy days we had at school. The children made some rather large and rather amazing snowballs, and had wonderful fun. As always their behaviour was exemplary! Sadly due to the inclement weather we have had to reschedule the Class 3 visit to St Oswald's to attend a Eucharist service. Also the 'Hand on Heart Charity,' who were going to deliver the defibrillator training, asked to rearrange. We will notify you of the new dates when we have them. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed this week's performance of Pinocchio, by Image Musical Theatre. Please check out the photos on the website. Finally we are delighted to report the PTA Pub Quiz night on Sunday raised £270.

Mayor Visit

The Mayor of Bollington and local councillors will be visiting the school on Monday, as they do every year. After a special assembly, our guests will meet the school council. The school council representatives are busy preparing questions for the group.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings take place next Monday and Tuesday. If you have not already booked a slot, please call into the school office or contact your child's class teacher.

Visit to Cheadle Mosque

Class 4 will be visiting the mosque in Cheadle on Thursday, as part of their RE topic on Islam. While there they will be looking at the key features of a mosque, and will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Marie Curie Assembly

On Friday the children will be having a special assembly on Marie Curie who are celebrating 100 years of fundraising. Children are invited to wear one item of clothing that is yellow, along with their school uniform, on this day. Also could you please send in donations to this very worthwhile charity.

PTA School Disco

Please do not forget the PTA disco next Friday from 6 – 7.15pm. Payment to be made at the door. The disco costs £3, which includes a goodie bag. Please complete the Spider App survey to register your child/ren.

Chinese Themed Lunch

On Tuesday, to celebrate the Chinese New Year, we will be having a special Chinese themed lunch at school.

In school next week:

Sunday – Family worship at St Oswald’s at 10.30am.
Monday – Mayor visit. Parents’ evening.
Tuesday – Chinese themed lunch. Parents’ evening.
Thursday – Class 4 visit to Cheadle Mosque.
Friday – Marie Curie assembly. PTA school disco at 6pm.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week in Reception we have enjoyed National Storytelling week. The children have used their own storytelling boxes to help them act out their own stories in a process called Helicopter Stories. We all enjoyed listening to stories with our reading buddies during an extra long buddy session. We have made our own clocks and are really good at finding the o’clock times on them. We’ve really made the most of the snow this week with snowman building on the main field.

Class 2 – This week in Literacy we have written an alternative ending to our class story. We have also written poems about walking through the jungle. In Maths we have been doing one more and one less than two digit numbers, rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and ordinal numbers. In IPC we have designed our own zoo enclosures for the animals we have been learning about. We thought about their natural habitats and how we could make their enclosures suitable for their specific needs.

Class 3 – In maths, children have had an investigation week using measures. We estimated weights of objects before measuring accurately, we checked to see if our forearm is the same size as our feet and if three times the circumference of our head was the same as our height. In literacy, we have started a new topic focusing on the book ‘A Lion in Paris’. Children have researched Place de Denfert-Rochereau and the Catacombs of Paris creating fact files for these popular tourist locations. In IPC, we have started to think about scientific vocabulary and created definitions for or science working wall. In art we created scenes for our myths in the style of an Ancient Greek amphora.

Class 4 – This week, in maths we have been revising long division, and we have practised multiplying and dividing fractions by whole numbers. In English, we have completed our narratives, based on ‘The Arrival’ by Shaun Tan. In IPC, we have found out about the writing and counting systems used in Ancient Maya.

Sports News – It’s been an indoor week in PE this week! Reception had 2 really fun lessons; one on body movement and sequences in gymnastics as well as a good ball familiarisation and reactions lesson. Class 2 had a body movement stretching lesson and a throwing and catching lesson and Class 3 were great at basketball shooting. Class 4 had a fun multi-sports lesson including football basketball and bench ball.

Star class this week – Class 4.

Class stars – Reception: Caprice, Class 2: Matilda, Class 3: Lucas and Class 4: Anya.

Well done to all stars of the week.

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