

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Joy

*"So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."*

*John 16:22*

29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Head's Message

Just today has been thrilling enough. A fire drill, Year 6 at the Forensic Science transition event at Tytherington, Year 5 and Class 3 in the forest and all the infants having a marvellous nativity rehearsal. Tonight, the PTA are hosting their Wreath Making fundraiser. I hope everyone who has their ticket to attend has a wonderful evening. The 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December is National Tree Week, which we are all very excited about. We have already held a school assembly and created posters on how we can protect our trees, and Marcella has linked all her Forest Schools sessions to trees this week. For more information on this please do visit our website. St Oswald's are holding their Christingle service in church at 4.30pm tonight, and in school we are celebrating this annual event on Monday. All year groups will be partaking in a Christingle workshop. Also next week, our infants are walking to the library on Friday, and posting a letter to a very important person (Santa) on the way. Thank you so much to all the parents who have volunteered to walk with them. Finally there are two attachments going out with the newsletter today. One is a leaflet for the Family Hubs service. Follow the link or scan the QR code for advice and information. The other is the Government's vision for Social Care called 'Keeping Children Safe; Helping Families Thrive'. Please be reminded these documents along with many other sources of information, guidance and support for families, can be found on the Wellbeing page of our website.

### Kitchen News

The highlight of this week in the kitchen was the marvellous Reception Lunch we held on Wednesday. Delicious food (all made from scratch using the finest ingredients) and wonderful company. It was so lovely to see you all.



### **Diary Dates**

6<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Trip to Bollington Library for Christmas reading and activities, 1:20-3:15pm

10<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Nativity Play at 2pm. Families invited

12<sup>th</sup> December – Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime (juniors) at Buxton at 12-4:30 (approximate)

13<sup>th</sup> December – Arthur Christmas at The Rex Cinema (infants) at 9-12noon

17<sup>th</sup> December – Junior Christmas Production at 2pm and 6pm. Families invited

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmassy Clothes Day and Christmas Lunch for the children

20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception, we received a letter from the weather fairy asking us to observe the weather each day and record what we see. We have learnt about weather symbols on forecasts and kept a diary for each day. In maths, we have learnt about the features of 4 sided shapes and made prints using Lego pieces. We have loved making puppets and robots in our creative areas this week, linking this to our learning has led to lots of role play and construction.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, our highlight was our science lesson where we experimented with different materials to see if they are absorbent. We enjoyed recording our predictions, results and conclusions. In English this week, we have been selecting adjectives, writing sentences and fact files about the bear in our class story. Also, we have been very busy rehearsing our Christmas play this week, and it is coming together nicely! In our computing lesson, we used the I-pads to access sketchpad to continue to develop and edit our media story. In PSHE, we enjoyed discussing, writing and drawing about the importance of physical activity and which physical activities are our favourite. Year 2 have been very busy completing their autumn term NFER booklets - I am very proud of their hard work and dedication.

### **News from Class 3**

This week in maths, we have completed our unit on column subtraction across tens and hundreds. We continued our work in science on materials and states of matter by doing an investigation into evaporation and how this can be affected by temperature. In English, we are building up our rich vocabulary to help us plan our newspaper article. In RE we learned about how Terry Waite kept positive through his Christian beliefs during his time in captivity, and we learned the meaning of the word empathise. We have continued with our nativity practice and our songs and tableaux are looking great.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been working on short and long division, including expressing remainders as fractions. In English, we have continued work on our new Literacy Tree text, 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. We have been writing first person recounts linked to the text. Other highlights this week including investigating water resistance, and our RE lesson where we explored where the nativity fits into God's Big Story. We also, as part of National Tree Week, enjoyed learning all about the importance of trees and how we can help protect them, and the children designed some wonderful posters to display their learning.

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Callum for his great engagement in maths.

Class 2 – Jonas for writing a lovely fact file in English.

Class 3 – Scarlett for trying so hard in maths.

Class 4 – Phoebe L for a wonder timeline of 'God's Big Story' in RE.

### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Isla for her enthusiasm for learning.

Class 2 – Arthur for being so engaged and always following instructions.

Class 3 – Lola for setting such a fantastic example with consistent good behaviour and hard work.

Class 4 – Jessica for an incredible attitude to learning, in every single lesson, every single day.

**Ethos Award (Joy)** – Class 1: Isabel for spreading joy every day.

**House Points** – Lowerhouse are still currently in the lead.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, we looked at carnival games and sending. We had five stations which consisted of throwing three balls into a bucket, three bean bags into a hoop, throwing a ball into a cone, throwing three hoops at targets to land on poles and lastly rolling a ball to stop in between two lines.

Class 2 – We have done interval circuit training for gross motor skills, working for thirty seconds with a ten second break at six different stations.

Class 3 – In PE this week, we played hockey, completing attacking practice 2v1, deciding to pass or shoot. We also playing line ball, practising a fast-paced match.

Class 4 – This week, we have played hockey, small matches 4v4 looking at understanding the rules and how the game is played. We also played line ball matches in small sided games.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Callum

Class 2 – Gus D and Joseph

Class 3 – Asher and Neymar

Class 4 – Isaac and Kit

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