

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Compassion

*"The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made."*

*Psalm 145:9*

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### Head's Message

Universal Children's Day was an absolute delight, with pupils in Class 4 taking over the school. The students planned lessons, opened up the school, completed learning walks, assisted children and helped prepare lunch. It was such a marvellous day and the children all fulfilled their roles with enthusiasm and pride. Mayor, Roland Edwards came into school on Monday, to congratulate the children for their Christmas card designs. Well done William for his winning card. Tuesday we welcomed Reception parents for Stay, Play and Pray. Wednesday, as well as Universal Children's Day, we again welcomed Reception parents into school, this time for lunch. A magical music workshop enthralled the Reception class on Thursday. On the same day Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed their chocolate workshop. All this and Christmas rehearsals too!

### BBC Children in Needs

All of the children looked fantastic in their outfits of what they want to be when they grow up and raised an amazing £80.52 for this very worthy cause, thank you!

### Choir Singing in Mount Hall

Mrs. Stout has arranged for the school choir to sing for the residents at Mount Hall Care Home in Bollington on the afternoon of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

### Music Assembly

All children who have lessons with Front Row music and Mrs Dooley will be performing in a musical assembly on Tuesday. We hope you can join us. It is always even more special for the children performing if they have an adult audience.

### Diary Dates of School Christmas Productions

Please remember the exciting events we have in the run up to Christmas. Children in Years 3-6 will be performing Santa's on Strike at 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Then on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, the infant children will be performing their Nativity, also at 2pm and 6pm. These are always lovely events and we hope to see you there.

### Christingle

All of the children are warmly invited to the Christingle service at St Oswald's Church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm. We will be joined by our friends at Bollington Cross School. The children have been learning the songs for this event, and we hope you will be able to attend.

### **PTA Christmas Fair**

Our PTA Christmas Fair is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 12 – 4pm. This is always a wonderful event and a brilliant way to start the festive season. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December the children have a non-uniform day, and we are asking for tombola donations for the PTA please.

### **In school next week:**

Monday – Choir to Mount Hall. Mrs Walker at Designated Safeguarding Lead meeting.

Tuesday – Music Assembly at 9.15am.

Wednesday – Open the Book – last one.

Sunday – 10.30 am – making Christingles at St Oswald's – all help gratefully accepted. Christingle service in church at 4pm.

### **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week we have focused on writing captions to match a picture. We have made labels for the trees that we planted in our Reception garden. In maths we have looked at combinations of numbers that make 5 and we have written them as a sum. We have started our nativity rehearsals and we enjoyed a wonderful music workshop on Thursday all about The Lost words of nature.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have continued with our class story, The Minpins. We have done a setting description and a character description of Don Mini. In maths we have looked at halving quantities and moved onto halving shapes. In IPC we have looked at the photographer Anne Geddes and discussed what we like about her photographs.

**Class 3** – We have had a fantastic week. In maths, children have looked at reading analogue clocks to the nearest minute and creating bar graphs. In literacy, children have worked on improving their character descriptions. We have continued our IPC topic of 'Chocolate' and this week children have completed a fact file about the climate where coca trees grow. On Wednesday the children were treated to some fantastic lessons taught by class 4. We created sundials, invented characters for a story, designed chocolate bar wrappers and completed a P4C lesson all about fair trade. On Thursday children completed a chocolate workshop where they learnt all about the processes required to produce chocolate. Children also looked at the history of chocolate before they created their own chocolate creations.

**Class 4** – This week, we have been working on rounding numbers and multiplication methods in maths. In English, we have been writing biographies about Philippe Petit, who walked between the Twin Towers. In IPC, we have been exploring the question- Are our feelings and emotions controlled by our hearts or brains? We have also been exploring how artists convey feelings and emotions through their art work.

**Sports News** – This week classes 1 and 2 have this week been jumping over obstacles, working on timing of movements. And in their team games we have focused on working to rules of games in different size groups. Key Stage 2 classes have this week have practised dribbling skills in hockey. Both classes did very well in our fitness skills circuit, testing a variety of different skills.

### **Mr Read's PE star performers:**

Class 1: Lillian and Jessica

Class 2: Thomas and Lois

Class 3: Jimmy and Jessica

Class 4: Ines and Alan

**Well done to all star performers.**

## PTA Message

### Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair Tombola prizes – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

On Friday 6th December, we will be holding a non-uniform day for the whole school in return for prizes for the Tombola Stalls at St Johns PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Anything you can donate would be very much appreciated. Last year people donated: Alcohol; Chocolate/Sweets; Toiletries; Games/Toys; Books; Candles; Soft Toys; Gift Vouchers and Gift Sets.

### Christmas Fair Volunteers Needed – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12-4pm

The Christmas Fair takes a huge amount of work and without a team of volunteers we can't run such a big event. Please help! You can see the list of stalls and activities we need help with and sign yourself up via our St Johns PTA page on PTA Social which you can access via this link: <https://school.plansocial.app/events/59668>

**NB** One of the activities on PTA Social is requesting raffle prizes; if you can help with requests the list of companies is there and you can see which companies still need to be contact. If you think there are companies to be added that you can help get a prize from, make a comment on the wall on PTA social and we will add them in under your name.

**All** you have to do to help is browse the tasks and activities list below and pick a timeslot or task. Your name will be updated automatically once you register. You will also be able to see who is else is helping.

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