

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."*

*Psalms 145:9*

29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Head's Message

It has been a very musical week in school. The choir performed at Mount Hall on Monday, in a very lovely Christmas event. On Tuesday we had a marvellous music assembly, where our very talented youngsters were able to show off their skills. Added to this the children have been busily rehearsing their Christmas play and Nativity, and so the school has been filled with their beautiful singing. We said goodbye to 'Open the Book' on Wednesday, when they delivered their last worship this year. We look forward to seeing them again next year. Finally we welcomed Gail Tindall into school on Thursday. She was assessing us, as we have applied for the Early Years Quality Mark. I would like to thank everybody, especially Mrs Jobbins and her team, for their contributions towards achieving this award. We look forward to sharing her report with you in a few weeks.

### Christmas Productions

On Tuesday the children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6), will be performing 'Santa's on Strike' at 2pm and 6pm. 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 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.

### Choir Singing at Shrigley Hall

Mrs Stout is taking the choir to sing at Shrigley Hall on Monday at 12.30pm. The children will be treated to a party lunch before singing for guests of the hotel. We are sure they will sing and represent this school beautifully.

### Tree Planting

We are delighted to inform you that after a donation of 130 trees from the Woodland Trust, they have all been planted in the school grounds. Each child, including the children in Allsorts, have picked and planted a tree. Thank you to Mr Rogers for organising this. We are very much looking forward to having a super hedge at the front of school soon.

### **Non-Uniform Day and PTA Christmas Fair**

The children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday, in exchange for a gift for the tombola stall at our Christmas Fair. The fair takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 12 – 4pm. This is always a wonderful event and we hope you can all join us.

### **Christmas Lunch**

The children will be enjoying their Christmas lunch in school on Wednesday. This is always a lovely event, where the children join together with staff and governors, to enjoy a rather hearty festive meal.

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

Sunday – 10.30 am making Christingles at St Oswald's. Christingle service at 4pm.

Monday – Choir to Shrigley Hall.

Tuesday – 'Santa's on Strike' at 2pm and 6pm.

Wednesday – Christmas lunch.

Thursday – Mrs Walker at eCaph meeting.

Friday – Non-uniform day.

Saturday – PTA Christmas Fair 12-4pm.

### **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have read the story, 'It Was A Cold Dark Night' by Tim Hopgood. We have used it to inspire our learning about hibernation. We created our own hedgehog house and then we wrote posters to put up around it. In maths we have focused on number lines and one more than a given number. We have been busy practicing our nativity with class two.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have been writing letters to the Minpins detailing our plans to kill the Gruncher. We have also started researching how to write a diary in preparation for next week. In maths we did some problem solving with fractions and looked at how to halve and quarter shapes. In IPC we have looked at the photographer Anne Geddes and made collages of her work. We have also started our investigation on the eye and compared how an eye works in a similar way to a camera.

**Class 3** – This week in maths, children have looked at interpreting and showing data on a bar graph. In literacy, children have started a new book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We have continued our IPC topic of 'Chocolate' and this week children have shown the journey of chocolate from pod to product.

**Class 4** – This week, in English, we have been reading The Promise by Nicola Davies, exploring the figurative language. In maths, we have been solving problems using division. In IPC, we have been exploring how artists create feelings/emotions through their work. We have experimented with colour palettes and have started developing our own piece of art.

**Sports News** – This week classes 1 and 2 have enjoyed more structured team games, looking at working with different members of the class in new and challenging ways. Class 3 had to move their hockey lesson inside due to the rain and took part in an extensive hockey skills circuit in the hall. Class 4 focused on passing skills in hockey continuing to work on ball control.

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

Class 1: Harry and Joseph

Class 2: Lois and Mia

Class 3: Phoebe and Emerson

Class 4: Lucas and Georgia

**Well done to all star performers.**

**PTA Message**

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

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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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