

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*

6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Head's Message

Christmas has definitely arrived at St John's. It was wonderful to attend the Christingle Service at St Oswald's on Sunday, marking the start of Advent. On Monday the school choir travelled to Shrigley Hall, where they sang rather splendidly for the lunch time guests. They were then treated to a very special lunch. On Tuesday school was singing along to the catchy music of 'Santa's on Strike'. I must admit this is my favourite Christmas show and thought all the children were amazing in it. I discovered after the show the Year 6 children had starred in it before, when they were in Reception. How fitting that this was their first and last Xmas production with us. Then on Wednesday we all enjoyed our annual Christmas lunch, joined by local councillors and governors. All this and we still have our Christmas Fair to look forward to tomorrow. This is always a very lovely event, and this year there are some super raffle prizes, so we hope that you can all join us.

### Quality Mark

We are delighted to announce we have been awarded the Early Years Quality Mark. We will receive our plaque for this prestigious award early in the New Year. To read the full report, please visit our website, where it is located on the homepage. Thanks to all staff who worked on this accolade, especially Mrs Jobbins and her Early Years team.

### Infant Nativity

Next Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup> December), the infant children will be performing their Nativity, at 2pm and 6pm. They have all been working extremely hard on this year's production, which they have written themselves. We do hope you can join us.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will again be participating in Christmas Jumper Day. Children are asked to come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper, in exchange for a donation for Save the Children.

### General Election

Allsorts will be used as a polling booth on Thursday, during the General Election. Due to this, the children from Allsorts will be joining Mrs Jobbins for the day.

## **Fluenz**

NHS School Health will be here on Thursday to administer the Fluenz nasal spray to all of the children for whom parental consent has been granted.

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

Saturday – PTA Christmas Fair 12-4pm.

Tuesday – Infant Nativity at 2pm and 6pm.

Thursday – General Election – Allsorts children in Class 1. Fluenz

Friday – Christmas Jumper Day.

Sunday – Family Communion at St Oswald's at 10.30am.

### **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have written letters to Santa asking for something kind for other people around the world. In maths we have focused on one less using a number line. In addition, we have been practicing lots for our nativity next week.

**Class 2** – This week has been a very busy week in Class 2. We have written letters of hope and good wishes to Santa and walked to Bollington Post Office to send them. We have looked into the meaning of Christingle and labelled our own Christingles. We have started a science investigation into why two eyes are better than one, we will be carrying out our experiments next week. We have also been very busy getting ready for our Nativity play on Tuesday.

**Class 3** – It has been another busy week and children continue to work incredibly hard. This week in maths, children have worked to solve grid method multiplication problems. In literacy, children have continued our book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Children have written a letter congratulating a golden ticket winner.

**Class 4** – This week, in maths, we have been converting between kilometres and metres, and exploring imperial and metric units of measure. In English, we have been writing stories, based on our current class book, 'The Promise'. In IPC, we have been exploring the feelings and emotions that we experience when we listen to different pieces of music.

**Sports News** – Class 1 and 2 have been working well recapping on different jumps and using them in new situations, including bounces over benches. Everyone worked hard in different groups making sure their team followed the changing rules of the game, with consequences if rules weren't followed. Class 3 enjoyed a fitness skills circuit which focused on speed, catching and explosive hopping. This was followed by a hockey session which saw previously learnt skills put into practice with passing, dribbling and shooting games alongside mini matches.

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

Class 1: Daniel and Ellie

Class 2: Abigail and Luke

Class 3: Halla and George

**Well done to all star performers.**