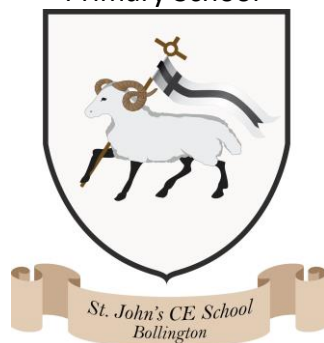


Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



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

13th December 2019

Head's Message

We have reached the last week of the school year for 2019. The Key Stage 1 staff would like to extend their apologies, after taking the unprecedented step of postponing this year's infant Nativity. On Tuesday, when the show should have taken place, we had eight infant children absent. I do hope you have not been inconvenienced, and are able to make the performance on Monday at 2pm and 6pm. If you were able to join us last Saturday at the Christmas Fair, I am sure you will agree it was a wonderful event. My thanks, as always, goes to all the volunteers who helped to ensure the Fair took place. Most importantly the children seemed to have a super time. It is delightful to see all the children in their Christmas jumpers today. We are proud to support this worthwhile event in aid of Save the Children, every year and this year we have raised **£77.65!** Finally, may I remind you that school closes on Wednesday, and re-opens on Monday 6th January. May I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a joyous new year.

Infant Nativity

As mentioned the infant Nativity will now be performed on Monday, at 2pm and 6pm. We do hope you can join us for this very special production.

Christmas Services at St Oswald's

On Christmas Eve, St Oswald's has a Family Nativity Service at 4pm. This will be an interactive re-telling of the Nativity story, with songs and prayers. Then on Christmas Day at 10.30am, the church will be hosting a Family Communion that incorporates Jesus' birthday party.

Swimming in January

All of the pupils in Year 2 and Year 3 will commence their 11 week swimming sessions on Friday 10th January. Letters have been emailed out with all of the dates and details of the costing. We require you to acknowledge that your child will swim via the Spider Survey.

Reception Place for September 2020

If you have a child due to start school in September 2020, please remember the deadline for applying for a school place is 15th January.

In school next week:

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

Monday – Infant Nativity at 2pm and 6pm.

Tuesday – Front Row music and piano lessons will take place. Health and Safety annual audit.

Wednesday – PTA Krispy Kreme doughnut sale. End of term.

Tuesday 24th December – St Oswald’s Family Nativity Service at 4pm.

Wednesday 25th December – St Oswald’s Family Communion at 10.30am.

*School re-opens on Monday 6th January.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week we have focused on segmenting and blending both verbally and in our writing. We have made some beautiful Christmas cards and the children have loved writing messages inside them. In maths we have made numberlines using a range of pictures, such as tally lines, dice and numicon to represent each number. The children have been trying hard to explain their understanding of each number by looking at the pattern of the picture. We all enjoyed doing lino printing and having preschool join us for a day exploring!

Class 2 – This week in maths we have looked at length and how to use a ruler to measure. In literacy we have researched hedgehogs and made non fiction posters. In IPC we did some coding and had a wonderful visit from local photographer, Ellie Cotton. We learnt all about the different style of photography and took portraits of each other. We then learnt all about different lenses and how the size of the aperture can change the background of the photo.

Class 3 – Class 3 have had a great week. I am really proud of how hard children have worked in maths. Children have looked at how we can efficiently solve division problems. In literacy, children have worked on describing a new room in Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory. We have continued our IPC topic of ‘Chocolate’ and this week children have designed, described, created and wrapped their own fantastical chocolate bars. Children have started to research looked Mayans and have created a booklet looking at Mayan gods.

Class 4 – This week, in maths, we have been working on converting between analogue, digital and 24-hour-clock times. We have also been calculating time intervals. In English, we have been taking notes about renewable energy sources, linked to our work with our penpals in Romania. In IPC, we have been exploring how advertisers can change the way we feel about certain products.

Sports News – Class 1 and 2 have finished off their work on jumping. This week looking at safely jumping off benches, new combination jumps and jumping for distance. In team games both classes carried on focusing on the need to follow rules in sport. Class 3 and 4 worked well in their skills circuit, followed by a competitive indoor hockey tournament which saw the classes combining all of their previously learnt skills in matches.

Mr Read’s PE star performers:

Class 1: Henrietta and Megan

Class 2: Heidi and Shiri

Class 3: Poppy and Lucy

Class 4: Molly and Luke

Well done to all star performers.

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