

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Trust

*"Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord."  
Proverbs 16:20*

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### Head's Message

Lovely that so many family members could join us for lunch on Wednesday. Today we were treated to a special Chinese New Year lunch. We were delighted Silk FM was finally able to visit school on Wednesday and talk to children from Class 4. Their interviews will be broadcast at 3.50pm each day from 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January. A new child will feature each day. All the podcasts will be available on the Silk FM website.

### Key Stage 1 Film Night

Tonight, at 3.30pm, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to watch Wall-E (U). Please ensure you have completed the survey to confirm your child's attendance and the £2 is payable on the door (includes a drink and a snack).

### Young Voices

The children will be setting off after an early lunch for an exciting afternoon of rehearsals and then the evening performance of this magical concert. Final details will be sent out early next week. Please ensure they practice their songs over the weekend!

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings take place, for all classes, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Bookings (through School Spider) will open at 7pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January and close at 7pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that there are NO teacher-led clubs during this week.

### Scarlet Fever

Scarlet fever is a mild childhood illness and most cases will clear up by themselves. However, it is best to see your GP if you, or your child, are showing symptoms. Antibiotic treatment speeds up recovery and reduces the risk of complications. You will also become non-contagious more quickly.

Symptoms include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting, followed by a fine red rash.

The rash (which feels like sandpaper to touch) will typically appear first on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. The face may be flushed red but pale around the mouth. As the rash fades, the skin on the fingertips, toes and groin area, may peel.

If you think that you, or your child, could have scarlet fever:

See your GP or call NHS Direct, as soon as possible,

Make sure that you/your child take the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.

Stay at home, away from school or work for a least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment so as to avoid spread of infection.

Further information can be obtained from the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Scarlet-fever/>

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

Saturday – St Oswald’s Epiphany Party at 3pm.

Monday – Mrs Walker at a Cared for Children course.

Tuesday – Mrs Walker at an LA meeting for maintained schools.

Wednesday – Parent evening slots available on School Spider from 7pm.

Thursday – Young Voices.

Sunday – St Oswald’s Family Worship (Candlemas) – celebrating grandparents at 10.30am.

#### **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have learnt all about the traditions and stories behind Chinese New Year. In literacy we have practised writing words independently. We have read some beautiful stories about the emperor and the race. In maths we have looked at ordinal numbers and linked this to the animals in the race. We have all attempted to write our names and a number line in Chinese symbols. We’ve made lanterns, painted pictures of rats and role played with traditional food, tea sets and decorations.

**Class 2** – This week in literacy we have been writing in the first person using lots of exciting verbs to describe the robin’s journey to get home so far. In maths we have been looking at written and mental methods to do addition and subtraction and using inverse operations to check our answers. In IPC we have thought about what makes a good leader which led to our work on China’s first Emperor. We have looked at his life and achievements and moved onto learning about the Great Wall of China. We ended the week by building our own Terracotta Army which is in display in our classroom.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, children have looked at subtraction problems. They have worked hard on improving their reasoning skills. In literacy, children have continued their work on the book ‘Escape from Pompeii’ and have looked at different ways to add tension in a story. For our work in ‘Active Planet’ this week. Children have researched life near a volcano and thought about how animals and plants may be adapted to that environment. On Thursday, children made spring rolls and Zodiac calendars as part of our Chinese new year celebrations.

**Class 4** – This week, in maths, we have been revising multiplication and division by 10, 100 and 1000 and consolidating addition of decimal numbers. In English, we have been writing a newspaper report, linked to the events in our current class book, ‘The Lost Happy Endings’ by Carol Ann Duffy. In IPC, we have been learning all about the Persian Wars. We have also been exploring Greek theatre and have been writing our own Greek plays.

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**Sports News** – In gymnastics, this week Classes 1 and 2 have been looking at jumping, learning how to take off with power and land safely on two feet, then performing various shapes in the air. Classes 3 and 4 worked this week on balances, first individually but then working in small groups to perform counter balances and tensions. Then performing some excellent group routines!

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

Class 1: Daniel and Jessica

Class 2: Shiri and Scott

Class 3: Amelia and James

Class 4: Molly R and Alan

**Well done to all star performers.**

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