

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*

7th February 2020

Head's Message

It has been a busy week this week with a marvellous performance of The Reluctant Dragon, by Image Musical Theatre on Tuesday. Before the show the children all took part in workshops to ensure every child participated in the event. On Wednesday we were delighted that Lori, from Visyon, could come and lead an assembly about mental and emotional health. All the children then did age appropriate activities around bravery, which was the adopted theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week. Finally we were delighted so many of you could join us for the Reading Workshop on Monday night, led by Mrs Stout.

Advice from the DfE about Coronavirus

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. Latest information and advice can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

PTA Disco

The PTA are holding two Valentine discos tonight. The first will be for KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) children from 5-6pm. The second will be for KS2 (Years 3-6) children from 6.15-7.15pm.

Class 3 Trip to Chester

Class 3 are off to Chester to become Romans for the day on Thursday. It's set to be an action packed day of Role Play, Roman Marches, workshops and Galleries! The children need to be in school ready for an 8.50am departure please. Please also ensure you've made the payment and completed the survey to allow your child to go.

Mayor's Visit

On Monday the Mayor and selected councillors will be visiting the school to join us for an assembly. Our School Council will then hold a special meeting with them, to discuss issues important to them and Bollington.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings take place, for all classes, on Monday 10th February and Tuesday 11th February. Please ensure you have made a booking to see you child's/children's teacher by Sunday evening.

Year 5 and 6 Road Safety Talk

Cheshire Fire Service will be in school on Tuesday to talk to the Year 5 and Year 6 children about Road Safety.

Love Music Trust Model Lesson

The children in Class 2 will be treated to a Love Music Trust model lesson on Thursday.

In school next week:

Monday – Parents' Evening. Visit from the Mayor and councillors.

Tuesday – Parents' Evening. Road Safety Talk.

Wednesday – Mrs Walker at eCaph conference.

Thursday – Class 3 Chester trip. Love Music Trust music lesson.

Friday – Last day of term.

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

School re-opens on Monday 24th February.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week we completed our learning about Emperor Penguins; we researched and wrote out some of the facts we discovered. In maths we have explored the number 9; we used the hall to do large scale number lines and games involving counting and creating 9. We received some post from the past this week from polar explorer Ernest Shackleton. We will learn more about the life of an explorer next week but the children have already written out all the important things that an explorer would need to take with them.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have started our new class story of Goldilocks. We are comparing versions of the story and started to use adjectives to describe Goldilocks. In maths we have started multiplication and putting things into groups of two. We have also created our own addition and subtraction machines. In IPC we have looked at Florence Nightingale. We have learnt about all the advancements she made to modern day nursing and compared hospitals before and after her work.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, children have looked at representing data in a bar graph. In literacy, children have edited their story based on 'Escape from Pompeii'. For our work in 'Active Planet' this week, children have designed, built and evaluated buildings designed to withstand an earthquake.

Class 4 – This week, in maths, we have been exploring mental strategies for calculation and revising short and long formal methods for multiplication. In English, we have been writing stories based on 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. In IPC, we have been exploring why Rome became a Republic and everyday life in Ancient Rome.

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Sports News – Classes 1 and 2 this week have revisited balancing activities in gymnastics, looking to see progression and improvement. They have also looked at different ways of travelling over gymnastics equipment linking in previously learnt jumps. Classes 3 and 4 have been moving over new gymnastics table tops and benches, creating new routines on the equipment to be shown to the rest of the class. They have also been looking at chipping in golf, aiming to hit at soft golf balls accurately at different targets.

Mr Read's PE star performers:

Class 1: Lillian and Ella

Class 2: Sigrid and Eleanor

Class 3: Lilly-Belle and Joesph

Class 4: Freddie and Jeanie

Well done to all star performers.

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