

Bollington St. John's Church of England
Primary School



Where talent grows

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'Christian Value' – Joy

*"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you – I whom you have delivered."
Psalm 71:23*

6th November 2020

Head's Message

Welcome back to the second half term of the autumn term. I hope you all had a restful break. It was wonderful to see the children return to school this week, as we now start our journey towards Christmas. Staff have been busily writing and preparing Christmas scripts and nativities, for what is such a special time in the school year. Hopefully our bubble Christmas parties will still be full of magic and fun. We were delighted to welcome Ms Hayward to school on Monday. Ms Hayward is cooking our school dinners at present, which the children appear to be thoroughly enjoying. We also welcomed Miss Gordon and Mr Hunter into Class 2 and 3 respectively. They are PGCE teacher trainee students, who will be in school until January. They are classed as critical workers, and thus able to complete their work experience with us. On Monday a team of school nurses gave the Fluenz to relevant children. Finally, next week Chemistry with Cabbage will be in school delivering wonderful science workshops to Class 3 and 4.

Bonfire Lunch

The themed Bonfire Lunch was a huge success on Thursday. The food looked amazing and tasted even better!



Children in Need

'Children in Need' takes place on Friday 13th November, and we are inviting all children to attend school on that day in sports' clothing of their choosing, as the primary lead for the fundraiser this year is Joe Wicks. Children can wear football kits, cricket kits, tracksuits or just comfortable clothes. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, please do not send cash donations into school, but instead donate via the BBCs 'Just Giving' page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cin2020-3671264>

St Oswald's Church Magazine

Class 2 have written some lovely Harvest poems, and a few of these are featured in the November issue of the St Oswald's Church Magazine.

Coronavirus Advice

The country has now been placed into a second lockdown which will last until the 2nd December. In order to keep our community safe, please keep 2m away from other parents and wear a face mask while on the school site. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

As a reminder, please do not send your child into school if they have **any** of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours and/or
- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back (if a temperature cannot be taken) and/or
- A loss, or change, to their sense of smell or taste – this means they have noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. You should only get a test if you have one or more of these symptoms. To book a test call the NHS on 119 or go online to <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

News from Reception

This week, in Reception, we have learnt all about the history of Bonfire Night and the story of Guy Fawkes. We discussed how to stay safe around a bonfire and fireworks, and we created posters to share these ideas. In maths, we have compared numbers using the language more, less, fewer and most. We started our new topic, Weather Wonders, and we looked at weather symbols and created weather wheels.

News from Class 2

This week, in English, we have started looking at our new class story, Rosie Revere, Engineer. The children made predictions about the story by looking at the front cover. We have written about four different types of engineer and started thinking about bridges. We have learnt about the different parts of a bridge and made our own glossaries. In maths, Year 1 have been continuing to look at teen numbers and ordering them up to 20. Year 2 have been making arrays and solving simple multiplication problems. We have also learnt how to double two-digit numbers. In IPC, we are finishing off our 'Day in the life' topic and have been practising our class soap opera. We have done our termly wellbeing/mental health lesson and learnt all about different feelings and how they make our bodies feel.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, have continued to look at addition and subtraction problems. We have focused on column subtraction. In English, we have started a new book, 'The Matchbox Diary' by Paul Fleischman. Children have started to bring in their own matchboxes ready explain the significance of their choices next week. In IPC, we have rounded off our 'How Humans Work' topic by using ICT to present data.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been learning about factors, common factors, multiples, common multiples, prime numbers and square and cube numbers. In English, we have started our work on 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. We have been making predictions based on evidence from the text, and we have started writing a narrative to accompany the picture book. In PSHE, we have discussing different feelings and emotions and different ways we can look after our mental health. In IPC, we have completed our Knowledge Harvest for our new IPC topic, 'Look Hear', which is all about light and sound.

Sports News

Class 1 – Today in PE, we played some team games. We had a race in teams to see who could turn over the most cones and a relay race.

Class 2 – This week, we have learnt how to jump in certain directions (forwards, sideways, backwards) and played lots of fun team games, finished off with racing.

Class 3 – This week, in hockey, the pupils were dribbling with the ball and moving with control with both hands on the hockey stick. In circuit training, the children had multiple sessions to complete including mountain climbers, bench step up, skipping, speed bounce, throwing and press ups.

Class 4 – We have been working on our hockey skills and have taken part in circuit training.

Star Performers

Class 1: Arthur Grant

Class 2: Isaac Kershaw and Sigrid Rogers

Class 3: Eleanor Lewis and Tristan Wadsworth

Class 4: Mathilde McMahon and Oliver Kershaw

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