

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

20th November 2020

Head's Message

The school has been transformed into a film set this week, as classes have started videoing their Christmas Plays. What they have done so far is amazing, and I cannot wait for you all to see the finished products. We were thrilled to welcome author Simon Hunt into school today. Simon spent time with every year group, reading, sharing poetry and answering questions. We wish to thank him for such an inspiring day. Class 4 also had a special assembly today to mark Universal Children's Day. The week started with some very colourful odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. On Tuesday, the children were absolutely marvellous as we had a 2.30pm, covid-19 safe, fire drill. We wish to extend our thanks to the PTA, as school received a wonderful donation of mice and headphones which they purchased for us. In addition to this, they have generously donated £500 towards a new state of the art mixer for the kitchen. Finally, our final Children in Need total was a staggering £332! A huge thank you to everyone who donated.

St Oswald's Online Christingle Service

We hope you will join us at this year's St Oswald's Christingle service, which is occurring online on Sunday 29th November at 3pm. Although slightly different from the normal annual service, it will still be a thoroughly enjoyable event to celebrate the beginning of Advent. To receive a Christingle kit for the service, please contact Beverley at beverleynxn@aol.com

Year 2 Phonics Screening Tests

Next week, Year 2 will complete the phonics screening test they missed, due to coronavirus, when they were in Year 1. It is a statutory requirement the children complete this screening test before the end of the autumn term. None of the other tests that were cancelled last year have been rescheduled.

Children's Christmas Cards

The school Christmas post box is ready and waiting for the usual flood of Christmas cards. We will deliver the cards in a covid-19 safe way, but please make sure the children bring them in as usual. The Christmas fun starts here.

Extra Sport Session for Class 3 and 4

Next Wednesday afternoon only, the children in Class 3 and 4 will have an extra hour of sport, led by Sam. As part of the Macclesfield Schools Sports Partnership (MSSP) we are still continuing to take

part in competitive sports in order to maintain our gold award. The children need to take part in boccia, rugby, netball and football competitions as part of this sports partnership. Please ensure the children come to school in suitable PE clothes.

Coronavirus Advice

Can we politely remind you that masks should be worn at all times on the school site, that you should remain 2 metres away from other families and leave the school site as quickly as possible. 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 continued our topic of weather with a focus on the water cycle and clouds. We have looked at different types of clouds and how they can be used to predict the weather. We created large scale pictures of clouds using loose parts and some beautiful water art using filter paper. In maths, we have continued to look at addition sums, focusing on the use of + and =.

News from Class 2

This week, in literacy, we have designed and labelled our own bridges and written explanations about how we made them. We have written thought bubbles for Rosie Revere and written letters to her encouraging her not to give up on her engineering dreams. In maths, we have looked at addition and subtraction on a number line and introduced fractions of shapes. In IPC, we have written about the characters we played in the Happy Valley soap opera and what their job entails. For Anti-bullying week, we looked at the song by Andy and the odd socks and carried out some activities based on the book "Ten little pirates" from our No Outsiders, relationships curriculum.

News from Class 3

This week, in maths, children have continued to look developing addition and subtraction problems. Children have looked at subtraction problems that include multiple exchanges. We have thought about different ways to represent a problem such as bar models. In literacy, we have created a non-chronological report based on a new book, 'The Matchbox Diary' by Paul Fleischman. Children have researched the reasons why people would travel to America and what life was like once they arrived. In RE, children have started to look at different symbols used within Hinduism.

News from Class 4

This week, in maths, we have been continued to practise converting mixed numbers into improper fractions and visa versa. We have also explored number sequences involving fractions, and we have been learning to order and compare fractions by finding a common denominator. In English, we have continued our story writing, based on 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. This week, we have focused on editing skills. The filming of the Christmas Production has also been in full swing!

Sports News

Class 1 – This week, in PE, we took part in a relaxing yoga session. We focussed on our breathing and stretching all of our muscles.

Class 2 – This week, in PE, we played team games including dodge ball, and learnt balancing skills, jumping and different ways to bounce and throw balls.

Class 3 – This week, in hockey, we were busy attacking and defending and playing 1 vs 1 to get past defenders. We learnt to be fast and skilful. We also learnt the basic skills of dodge ball.

Class 4 – We have been completing recorded circuit training and have been working on a variety of hockey skills.

Star Performers

Class 1: Oscar Lapi

Class 2: Daniel Chapman and Max Booth

Class 3: Dylan Hobbs and Rachel Phillips

Class 4: Ben Williams and Georgia O’Sullivan

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