

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Joy

*"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Romans 14:17*

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

### Head's Message

Due to the events of this week a normal newsletter will resume next Friday. As you will be aware we were visited by Ofsted on Wednesday and Thursday for a 2 day graded inspection. This means Ofsted will give the school a grade for each of the following categories: overall effectiveness, the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, early years provision and leadership and management. At present we are unable to share the provisional grades and outcomes with you, but as soon as we have the verified report we will forward it immediately. It should be available in around 30 days. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their support. We were overwhelmed by the food gifts and messages of goodwill from parents, governors, local schools and partnership friends, including Tytherington High School. I would be remiss to not thank the amazing team I am so fortunate to work with at St John's. Most importantly my thanks to the children. They are, and always will be, the heart of everything we do at St John's. For added stress, we also had our annual Health and Safety inspection on Wednesday, which I can report went extremely well thanks to the wonderful Mr Morrall.

### Christmas at St John's

The school is alive with Christmas preparations at the moment! Even with the Ofsted inspectors visiting school, the children have still been busily practising their Christmas songs, musical instruments and parts in their plays. Our Christian Value this half term is Joy and we certainly have lots of joyful activities planned for our children from now until the end of term. We do hope you will be able to join us at the Christmas Fair, and at your child's Christmas play. Please see below for our upcoming activities:

Saturday 3rd December - PTA Christmas Fair at 11am-2pm

Wednesday 7th December – Infant Nativity (Class 1 and 2 children) at 10am. Families welcome

Thursday 8th December – Infant Nativity (Class 1 and 2 children) at 2pm. Families welcome

Friday 9th December- Non-uniform day – Christmas jumper or Christmassy colours. Infant Cinemas Trip (Class 1 and 2 children) in the morning

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Play (Class 3 and 4 children) at 1:30pm. Families welcome

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Play (Class 3 and 4 children) at 5pm. Families welcome

Thursday 15th December – Christmas lunch

Friday 16th December - Non-uniform day – Christmas party clothes (please could Class 2 and 4 children bring in items of food for the party and Class 1 and 3 bring in a donation of non-perishable food for Silklife foodbank. Silklife will collect all donations shortly after 9am, so please bring all them to the school office. They have asked for non-Christmas related food items, and are in real need of toiletries and baby wipes). Junior Cinemac Trip (Class 3 and 4 children) in the morning. Christmas parties in the afternoon.

School closes for the Christmas holiday at end of the school day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, and reopens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

### **Headteacher's Conference**

As promised, below is a link to the completed videos which were shared as part of the Diocese Headteacher Conference last Friday. Some of our wonderful children are featured in them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuVf9UcDQZw&list=PLdZ3q4lykTuDr9HMjT6Xje7PZxnhaMI5X>

### **Year 6 SATS May 2023**

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Due to this, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary. Ministers have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order, but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling - papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May: English reading paper

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Mathematics - papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)