

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Compassion

*"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."*

*1 Peter 3:8*

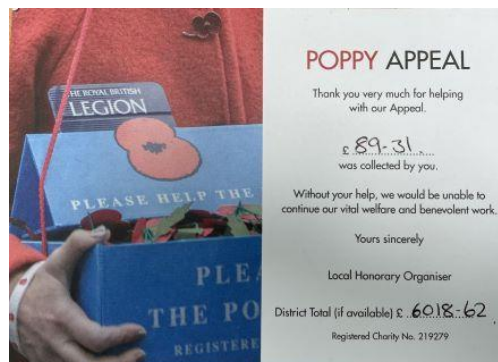
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### Head's Message

Well what a week that was! A SIAMs inspection on Friday followed by a Health and Safety audit on Wednesday. I am pleased to report that both went very well. I look forward to sharing the SIAMS report with you when we receive the final draft. I must pass on my thanks to all the people involved in the SIAMs inspection. From staff to governors; from volunteers to the parents. You all helped to ensure the day ran smoothly and the inspector understood how amazing St John's is. Of course the most important thank you goes to the children, who were simply a delight and greeted the inspector and chatted to him with such confidence and joy. I must also take this opportunity to thank Mr Morrall for all of his hard work in ensuring our Health and Safety audit ran smoothly. Other than inspections, we also have a little thing called Christmas on our agendas. The children are all busily rehearsing and over the course of the last week Beverley has been in school making Christingles with the juniors, and delighting the infants with her puppet Chris. Today, Class 4 joined a very special assembly live from Antarctica. We also held a very festive Open Day. Tonight, the PTA have their annual wreath making event, which comes just days after the marvellous Christmas Fair that was held last Saturday. Next week, we have so many Christmas activities to look forward to. We have a very special infant Nativity (the highlight for sure), followed by an infant trip to the Rex and a junior trip to the pantomime at Buxton. Finally, on Monday after school we will be repeating the Phonics Workshop for anyone who was unable to attend last week.

### Poppy Appeal Update

Thank you to all of children and families who donated to the Poppy Appeal this year. We are very pleased to have raised a wonderful £89.31.



### **Kitchen News**

This week, in the kitchen Nicola been busily preparing for our wonderful Christmas dinner and setting dates to welcome our remaining families to school to join us for lunch.

### **Diary Dates**

9<sup>th</sup> December – Infant (Reception and Class 2) Christmas Production at 2-3:00pm

10<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 to the Rex cinema

11<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 to Buxton theatre for the pantomime

16<sup>th</sup> December – Junior (Classes 3 and 4) Christmas Production at 2pm-3:30pm and 6-7:30pm

17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and non-uniform day

19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

5<sup>th</sup> January – First day of the spring term

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception we have learnt all about the very basics of the water cycle using the story 'The Little Cloud'. We have been putting our writing skills into practice by creating letters to the weather fairy, telling her all about the weather we've been having. We have created rainbows and clouds using paint and cotton wool at the craft table. Our nativity play practice has been a huge focus and the children have done exceptionally well.

### **News from Class 2**

This week, we have been busy rehearsing our play, learning our lines, and singing with great enthusiasm. In maths, we explored comparing numbers, using vocabulary such as greater than, less than and equals. In science, we concluded our 'Seasons' topic by creating a vibrant and informative double-page summary to showcase everything we have learned.

### **News from Class 3**

What a busy week it has been for Class 3. In maths, we finished out topic of addition and subtraction and will be starting a new topic next week of area. English and geography have linked into lots of learning this week, looking at volcanoes and specifically Pompeii. The children have loved begin able to discuss across the two subjects. We have started to look at wider religions this week in RE and took a deeper look into what benefits the different food groups have to offer.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, we have completed our autumn term assessments in reading, writing, maths and spelling punctuation and grammar. In maths, we have been learning about the order of operations. In English, we have continued work on 'The Unforgotten Coat' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. In design and technology, we have continued making our pop-up and moving part books with a Christmas theme, and, in geography, we have been exploring land-use in our local area using maps. Christmas Play rehearsals are going really well, and we can't wait to perform the show for you all!

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Willow for her developing confidence to join in with a performance on stage.

Class 2 – Rory for a fantastic summary about what she has learned in science.

Class 3 – Dyiako for his huge effort in his handwriting.

Class 4 – Laela-May for fantastic work in RE, making a great comic script about the significance of John the Baptist.

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Penny for being so helpful without ever being asked.

Class 2 – Maksym for being patient and helpful when rehearsing in the play.  
Class 3 – Rosie for always showing love, care and kindness to all around her.  
Class 4 – Seth for having such a fantastic, positive attitude to his learning.

**Ethos Award (Compassion)** – Class 3: Harper for her compassion towards friends and peers.

**House Points** – Adelphi are currently in the lead.

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – This week, the class focused on calm and wellbeing this week by doing a yoga session where we learnt several new poses.

Class 2 – In PE, Class 2 were looking at dance and movement. In the lesson we were looking at moving to a beat and following instructions on different movements added into our dance. We also finished with some relaxing yoga.

Class 3 – During PE this week, we competed in line ball matches and learnt the rules on how to play, working on attacking and defending skills whilst working together as a team. The children also practised their hockey shooting skills, learning how to strike the ball with direction.

Class 4 – In PE this week, Class 4 had their swimming lesson and then competed in a line ball tournament, focusing on teamwork and attitude during games. The instruction was to attempt fast paced attacks and solid defending with fewer gaps.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Jacob

Class 2 – Liam and Ivy

Class 3 – Orla and Cora

Class 4 – Hugo P and Ellie

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