

Bollington St. John's Church of England  
Primary School



*Where talent grows*

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## 'Christian Value' – Trust

*"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid."*  
*Psalm 56:3-4*

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### Head's Message

What an exciting start to the week with Macclesfield FC battling against the odds for an historic match win over Crystal Palace on Saturday. I know a few of our families attended the match and I hope you all had a thrilling day. On Monday, Class 4 had a Road Safety presentation presented by the Fire Service. The children learned a lot of vital information about how to stay safe around roads, and the importance of always wearing a helmet when cycling. We celebrated Epiphany on Wednesday, with the help of Rev Jenny. After she delivered worship, highlighting the significance of the date, she then journeyed from classroom to classroom with the children chalking the doors as she went. Each child left their kindness or prayer in the crib and in return received a golden treat. Next week, our teacher led school clubs begin and run until the 20<sup>th</sup> March, with the exception of Parents' Evening week.

### Diary Dates

19<sup>th</sup> January – Teacher after school clubs begin  
4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm  
6<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices concert  
13<sup>th</sup> February – Pancake Day Special Lunch  
13<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term  
23<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 5 Bikeability - Level 2  
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23<sup>rd</sup> February – Parents' Evening Appointments  
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27<sup>th</sup> February – Talent Show – infants at 10:30-12pm and juniors at 1:45-3:30pm. Families invited  
4<sup>th</sup> March – Lakeside and SATs information evening for Class 4 at 5-6pm  
5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
8<sup>th</sup> March – Rotary Club Swimathon (volunteers from Class 4)  
11<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Family Lunch at 12-12:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> March – Non uniform day to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – Easter Special Lunch  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – Easter Celebration Assembly at 2-3:30pm. Families invited  
25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March – Class 4 Residential at Lakeside  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Bikeability - Level 1  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term

### **News from Reception**

This week in Reception we have been reading *The Dot in the Snow*; we drew the main characters from the story and learnt all about their lives. We learnt about the traditions of Inuit communities, including food, travel and houses. In maths, we have looked at the different representations of 0-5 and we focused on subitising and matching. In RE, we looked at the story of Feeding the 5000 and reflected on the kindness we can take from this miracle. We have learnt more about how to care for the guinea pigs, and then we made sock puppet guinea pigs to use in our play.

### **News from Class 2**

We have had such a lovely week! In English, we have been planning and writing non-chronological reports all about wolves. In maths, we have been representing and using number bonds and exploring related subtraction facts. In history, we shared information about toys from the past, and Mrs Green told us all about her favourite childhood toys. In computing, we enjoyed designing rockets on the iPads. We also had an amazing forest school session, where we explored minibeast habitats and discovered decomposers in the natural environment.

### **News from Class 3**

A fantastic week yet again in Class 3. The children have been continuing and expanding their knowledge on times tables. In English, we created adverts as rat catchers and identified effective advertising elements. History has been a great subject for discussion looking at how the Roman Empire grew and fell. In science, we had a wonderful time looking at fossils and how fossils are formed.

### **News from Class 4**

This week, in maths, we have been learning about the place value of decimals with up to two decimal places, and we have been adding decimals with the same and different numbers of decimal places. In English, we have continued writing our own stories based on 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. In computing, we have been learning all about pixels, and, in history, we have been exploring why Henry VIII had many wives in our topic, 'What was life like in Tudor England?'

### **Celebration Awards**

#### **Good Work**

Class 1 – Heidi for her excellent recall and recording of the Inuit traditions.

Class 2 – Eva for her fantastic explanation about her toy from the past.

Class 3 – Cora for her effort this week across all subjects.

Class 4 – Jessica for writing a wonderful story opening, including fantastic description.

#### **Good Citizen**

Class 1 – Albie for being brave when he finds things hard.

Class 2 – Izzy for her helpfulness and kindness every day.

Class 3 – Heidi for her consistent hard work.

Class 4 – Neymar for having a wonderful and positive attitude to his learning.

**Ethos Award (Trust)** – Class 2: Jaxon for being reliable, always making the right choices.

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

### **Sports News**

Class 1 – In PE, we worked in pairs to pass the ball in different ways. We focused on catching with two hands and hand eye coordination.

Class 2 – This week, we looked at different rolls in gymnastics and keeping their bodies controlled and safe on the mats. The class then split into two groups and took turns playing small dodgeball matches.

Class 3 – In PE, Class 2 focused on different rolls in gymnastics and looking at how we can link these to our balances: forward roll, log, pencil, teddy bear roll, egg roll and shoulder roll. We then split into small teams to compete in a small circuit session involving speed, endurance and muscular endurance.

Class 4 – The children looked at different rolls in PE: log, pencil, teddy bear, egg, forward and shoulder roll, keeping our bodies controlled and linking these with balances and shapes. Class 4 then split into two groups with half of the class attempting a beep test whilst the other half played small dodgeball matches and then switched half way through the lesson.

### **Star Sports Performers**

Class 1 – Willow

Class 2 – Liam and Guy

Class 3 – Evelyn and Finn

Class 4 – James and Ellie

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