## Bollington St. John's Church of England



## Where talent grows

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# 'Christian Value' - Community

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son,

purifies us from all sin.'

1 John 1:7

21st September 2018

#### Head's Message

The first school trips are already on the calendar with Class 1 meeting 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and Class 4 visiting Chester Cathedral for Pilgrim Day on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We warmly welcomed Rev Veronica and St Oswald's Children's Minister Beverley Nixon, into school on Monday. First they delivered a whole school worship based around St Hildegard of Bingen, who celebrates her special day on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. Then they welcomed our new Reception class, and gave them a book each on the Lord's Prayer. On 1<sup>st</sup> October we have some exciting new play equipment being installed in the playground, let's hope the stormy weather has settled by then.

#### **Free School Meals**

A letter is attached to the newsletter detailing how to apply for free school meals if you are eligible. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

#### **After School Clubs**

All after school clubs start on Monday and will continue until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, except for the week of parent's evenings. We are still waiting for Steve to arrange sports clubs, and will advise you if further clubs become available.

#### **Phonics Meeting**

Mrs Jobbins is holding a parents' meeting after school on Thursday to discuss phonics teaching in Class 1. We do hope you can attend.

#### **PTA Car Boot Sale**

Please note the PTA Car Boot Sale that was planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> September, has now been postponed until the Spring term.

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#### In school:

Saturday - St Oswald's Garden Party 2-4pm.

Monday – After school clubs start.

Tuesday – Mrs Walker at Tytherington Head's meetings.

Thursday – Phonics meeting for Class 1 parents after school.

Saturday - St Oswald's Garden Party 2-4pm.

#### **Curriculum update:**

**Class 1** – This week in Reception we have focussed on the story of The 10 Rubber Ducks. It inspired lots of maths related learning, especially number recognition and ordering numbers. We have now started our daily phonics sessions; we are focusing on the first sounds in Phase 2 and segmenting and blending simple words. After collecting lots of apples last week, we decided to bake some delicious apple cake for the whole school to enjoy. The children really enjoyed their first baking session.

Class 2 – In literacy this week we have looked at interesting ways to open different sentences. We have read a story called the carrot club and written a wonderful setting description. In maths we have been writing numbers as words. In IPC we have looked at where different fruits are grown and labelled them on a world map. We have also tasted different fruits and written about them. I have also received some fabulous Home learning tasks from the children.

**Class 3** – This week, in maths, children have focused on frog method subtraction. In literacy children have created an explanation texted based on a game show. In IPC, children have created a newspaper report based on Ancient Egypt.

**Class 4** – This week, in English, class 4 have been drafting diary entries, written in role as a character from 'The Watertower'. In maths, we have been ordering and rounding decimal numbers and revising column addition, both for integers and decimals. In IPC, we have been researching electricity, conductors and insulators and creating information books, aimed at a younger audience.

**Sports News** – This week the children in Class 1 were busy jumping, 'space finding' and playing evading games. Class 2 practiced their dribbling skills in hockey and did some fantastic gymnastic work. Classes 3 and 4 played basketball and practiced their ball dribbling skills. As well as basketball, Class 4 also did some amazing gymnastics.

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