



Autumn 2nd Half Term 2017

# Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School Newsletter



It is hard to believe that we are already so close to the end of, what has been, a really exciting term. There have been so many fantastic opportunities, lessons, visits, clubs and events at BCPS and I hope that you all feel that Class Dojo - which continues to be a success - is keeping you up-to-date and giving you frequent insights into school life.

I am continuing to get to know all of our school community and I am getting better at recognising parents/carers in the playground. It has been a real pleasure spending time in the playground talking with you all. I always try to carry post-its around with me, so if you have ideas or concerns, I can make note of them and get back to you. May I take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils and parents/carers a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

*Mr Donbavand*



## They're behind you!

The whole school relished a brilliant production of 'Snow White' last Wednesday afternoon. The panto was paid for using funds raised, last year, by our superb P.T.A. Pupils (and staff) laughed, giggled, shouted, screamed and had an amazing time being entertained by the actors. A few lucky pupils even got a chance to join in during some of the scenes. All-in-all, it was a really fun afternoon. Thank you all for supporting our P.T.A and enabling experiences such as this.

## Showing caring to others

I has been fantastic to see how much the pupils and parents/carers at BCPS value their community (near and far). We have raised funds for Children in Need and the Children's Society. We raised £252 and £306, respectively, for the two charities. Years 5 and 6 brought cheer to some of the elderly members of our community by performing a medley of songs from our Nativity Performance. They all behaved and sang wonderfully and showed confidence in interacting with their audience. I know that both performances brought happiness and a few tears. Year 5 and 6 should be immensely proud of themselves.



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## Making the most of our lovely surroundings

Class 2 explored their local community. They enjoyed the skies that Bollington had to offer, played in the park, dined out in Briscola and enjoyed a talk at the library. The children loved getting out and about and taking in the sites of Bollington.



## Nativity Time!

When I first became the Headteacher at BCPS, I was told that the Nativity performances were one of the highlights of the year. Now I have witnessed them, I can certainly see (and hear) why! Pupils from across the whole school spoke so clearly and sang loud enough to fill our wonderful venue: St Oswald's Church. You must all have been so proud and the staff have appreciated all of the positive feedback we have received. Thanks again to the pupils and staff for all of their hard work.



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I came across the following video whilst reading Sir Ken Robinson's monthly newsletter. I used a clip of his TED talk at my Meet the Headteacher event back in September. He stresses the importance of not stifling creativity in children or adults. This lovely animation, nicely illustrates the need for us all to embrace our creativity and promote it in our children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQjtK32mGJQ>



## Lyme Park Christmas Trip



On 29<sup>th</sup> November, Class One took a trip to Lyme Park. We took part in three workshops to learn about Christmas traditions from the past. We helped to make a steamed Christmas pudding by mixing together all the ingredients – some of which we had never heard of before, such as suet and nutmeg. We used our creative, craft skills to make paper foliage and decorated a yule log with them.

We played traditional Christmas parlour games which involved dressing up and acting as different characters for our friends to guess. We also learnt how to play a card game called Snip Snap Snorem.

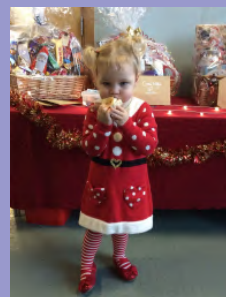
This trip encouraged us to think about how each family celebrates Christmas in different ways and how this has changed over time. It made us wonder how our Grandparents celebrated Christmas when they were young and we intend to find out!

Cheshire East has updated its Website and now offers some quite comprehensive information on staying healthy. There is some nice, detailed information on mindfulness and mental wellbeing. The site also provides information on community events and days out in Cheshire.  
<http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/livewell.aspx>

## Our Parent Teacher Association

Our newly-chaired PTA has gone from strength to strength. It has already generated an amazing amount by hosting a range of successful events. One of the most pleasing aspects has been the amount of engagement from many of you. You have all been pivotal in making these events a success by either attending, supporting or volunteering.

Their cake sales, Quiz night, Santa's Breakfast, Christmas Disco and Hamper Sales have proved a massive hit. Obviously, the amount of events will reduce a little after Christmas, but these recent events have taken lots of hard-work and time to put together.



## A note from the Office

We have a number of parents who have fallen behind with payments for swimming / dinners / Breakfast Club/After-school Club. Please could you ensure you keep up to date with payments for these services. In order to offer more convenience, you can pay using the Cheshire e-payments system.

[http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/schools\\_epayments/schools\\_epayments.aspx](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/schools_epayments/schools_epayments.aspx)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

## A moment of Prayer...

Dear Lord,  
We thank you for our families  
We thank you for our friends  
We thank you for the snow that falls  
And hope it never ends  
We know some people do not have  
Such a happy time  
So stay with them this Christmas  
And all through their lifetime  
Amen  
Maddy and Libby (Y6)



## School Council Update

As School Council of Bollington Cross we have been organising many events. The first event we organised was Children in Need day. For a surprise, we brought Pudsey Bear in to school to pay a visit to the children of KS1. We have also reviewed the issue of having juice in your water bottle as it spills and ruins work. We made posters suggesting that people only have water in classroom water bottles. At the moment, we are organising a sponsored run to raise money for School Council hoodies and Year 6 classroom equipment.

## Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 20th Dec 'Mince Pies and Carols' 3.20pm (plus Raffle)
- Wednesday 20th Dec School closes for the Christmas Holidays**
- Monday 8th January School re-opens for the Spring Term
- Wednesday 17th January Whole School P.E Day (kit needed)**
- Tuesday 23rd Candid School Photography Session (for Website and prospectus)
- Wednesday 24th January Y5 THS Transition Day**
- Thursday 25th January Y5/Y6 Young Voices
- Monday 29th January Deputy Mayor's Visit**
- Wednesday 31st January Cllr Ken Edwards Ks2 Assembly on Democracy
- Friday 16th February School closes for Spring Half-Term Holiday**
- Monday 26th February INSET DAY
- Tuesday 27th February School re-opens for Spring 2nd Half-Term

**Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy start to 2018, from all of the staff and governors at Bollington Cross C.E. Primary School.**

