

Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School

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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 11th November 2022 Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

Remembrance Celebrations All the children took time this week to explore the theme of remembrance in their classes. We held our own act of remembrance in school on Friday; sharing the Last Post and two minute silence in the playground led by Ruth Booth, parent of Abigail and Tom, on her cornet and then our collective worship in the hall where each class laid their own poppy wreath created during the week. We sang the National Anthem, the remembrance song we had performed in Ripon Cathedral and shared poems and prayers created by the children. It was a special time of reflection.





Friends of School Auction of Promises reminder. Please have a look and place your bids at: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/boltononswaleprimaryschool> All money raised is funding new reading and library books for school. Thank you to Friends of the School for organising this and to everyone who has made donations for the lots.

Friends of School AGM Wednesday 16th November 7.30pm in school All welcome to vote in new committee members and to support all the activities we are planning for the forthcoming year. Also an opportunity to meet other parents and friends of the school and make suggestions for events in the future.

Reception and Year 1 Early Reading Meeting

Parents and carers of children in Reception and Year 1 are invited to join us in school from 2.45pm to 3.25pm on **Tuesday 22nd November**. We will be sharing an overview of how we teach early reading and information on our new phonics scheme, **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds**. If you are unable to join us please do not be concerned. We will also send home a summary of the meeting in paper form and a link to the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds parents information page on their website.

PE Kit days this half term

Class 1 wear PE Kit Tuesday and Thursday
Class 2 wear PE Kit Tuesday and Friday
Classes 3 & 4 wear PE Kit Tuesday and Wed.

Autumn outdoor clothing

Waterproof over trousers and wellies or trainers (if you are happy to get muddy) are needed if your child would like to play on the field.
Indoor footwear A reminder that our classrooms are carpeted and all children need clean shoes/plimsolls they can wear indoors.

Diary Dates this half term

A full list of diary dates and term dates for the year are on our website.

Reminders:

- Class 4 Parental Assembly Thursday 24th November 9.30am**
- Class 3 Parental Assembly date tbc**
- Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity Performances Monday 5th December and Tuesday 6th December at 2pm. Details for tickets to follow.**
- Class 1 and 2 Christmas Party and visit to school from Father Christmas Tuesday 13th December pm**
- Class 3 and 4 Christmas Party Wednesday 14th December pm.**
- Whole School Christmas Lunch Thursday 15th December.**
- Whole School Christmas Carol Service led by Class 3 and 4 in St Mary's Church Friday 16th December 2pm. All welcome. Finish term for Christmas 3pm.**
- Return to school Wednesday 4th January**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

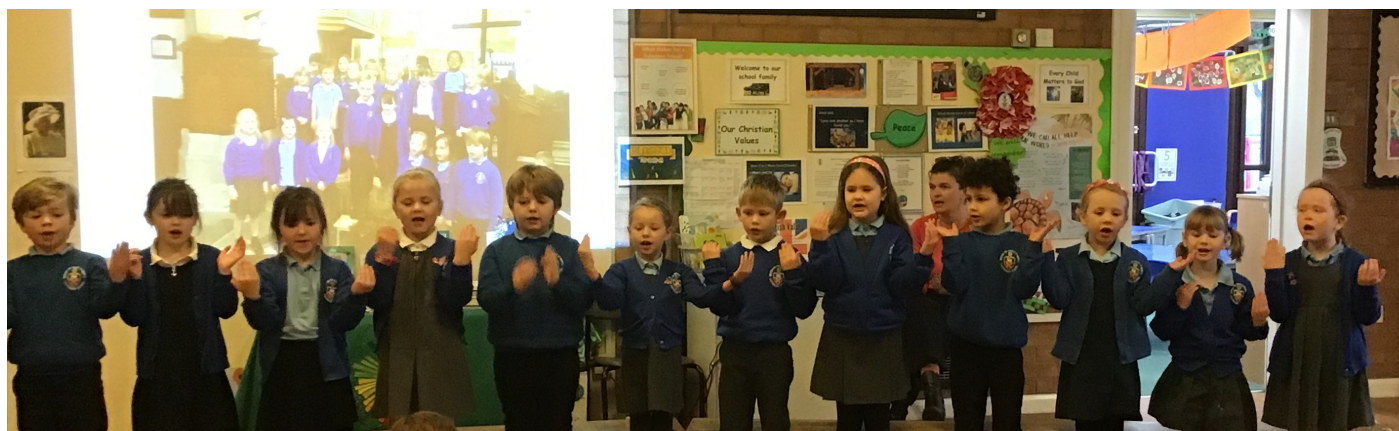
With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

Please see highlights and learning in each class this week on the next pages.

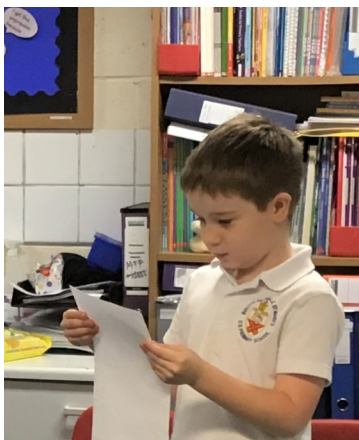
This week in Class 1 we have worked hard on our Maths and Year 1 children have been working on recording addition number bonds. In PE we have been improving our throwing and catching skills. We have also focussed on Remembrance Day and created our own poppy wreath.



This week in Class 2 we have worked on number bonds to 10 and 20 in Maths. We enjoyed practising and performing our class assembly to our parents and carers. In our history work we have learnt about why we remember Florence Nightingale today and in RE we prepared for Remembrance Day. Pictured below performing our class assembly.



This week in Class 3 we have enjoyed our History work with research on the ancient monument of Stonehenge. We have started our new Science unit on Sound. We are enjoying our hockey and dance in PE. We wrote prayers to help us to reflect on Remembrance Day and were delighted that Tom's Mum came to play the Last Post for us on her cornet. We enjoyed drama work inspired by reading 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth.'



This week in Class 4 we are especially proud of William and Charlie who both competed in the North Yorkshire Cross Country final at Giggleswick School. After qualifying in the local event at Richmond School, they went on to represent the north of the county. William finished in 4th place and Charlie in 18th place. Class 4 are also enjoying hockey in their class PE lessons. In Science they explored the solar system and the movement of the planets in relation to the sun in a practical lesson with torches and balloons.

