

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

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*'To love, live and learn together'*

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Justice'

**Our Chinese New Year Passport Morning** before half term was a great success. The children loved working across school, in different classes and with different teachers to explore Chinese New Year and culture. The Reception children loved working with their Year 6 buddies. **Pictured below are highlights from the morning.**



**Thank you for attending Parent Teacher Consultations this week.** It was wonderful to share your child's work and their progress with you. Thank you for your ongoing support with homework and regular reading.

**Thank you for supporting our Book Fair this week.** Proceeds from this allow us to update our library and class topic books.

**Date reminders for this half term** Check these on our school website under Parents/Diary Dates

<http://bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/diary-dates/>

### **School Clubs start next week:**

**Tuesday:** Choir; KS2 Cricket

**Thursday:** Y6 SATs Club; KS1 Lego; KS2 Eco Club

**Friday:** Recorders

**Lunchtime Clubs** Our children run a lunchtime **Art Club** and a **Reading Club** for younger children.

The children are supported by school staff and display really good leadership skills. Well done!

### **Class Assembly Dates**

**Class 4 Parental Assembly** 9.30am Thursday 6th March

**Class 1 Parental Assembly** 9.30am Thursday 13th March

**Class 3 Parental Assembly** 9.30am Thursday 20th March

**Class 2 Parental Assembly** 9.30am Thursday 27th March

**Dressing up on Friday 7th March** Please note that official World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March but we dress up in school on Friday 7th March.

We will be celebrating our love of reading by dressing as a character from a book for the day. **Your costume** doesn't need to be complicated; lots of books have characters with very ordinary clothes. Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; a Victorian from The Railway Children;

Hansel or Gretel; a farmer from Fantastic Mr Fox. **We will have lots of fun sharing our favourite books and stories.**

**Please do take time each day to read to your child-whatever age they are and whether they can read fluently or not.** Reading for pleasure is the greatest indicator of a child's future academic success. Please do all you can to encourage and help your child make time for reading themselves and with you at home.



**World Book Day vouchers** All the children have now received these. They are worth £1 and can be exchanged for the special £1 World Book Day books from supermarkets and book shops.

**FoS School Tea Towels and Coasters fundraiser** an ideal gift for Mothering Sunday, 30th March. Proofs of the design have been sent home last week in book bags.

**Please place your order by this Monday 3rd March** to allow for return of the tea towels and coasters before Mothering Sunday. **Please complete the physical order form and return to school and complete and pay on Parent Pay. Any issues at all please contact the school office.**

**Thank you to FoS** who organised a fun Valentines disco before half term.

**Bag2School Tuesday 18th March by 9am.** Please use your own bags and upcycle clothing to raise money for school. (no school uniform or bedding).

**Highlights from around the classes this week.**

**Class 1** have been focussing on number work; place value and the important number skills for playing dominoes. They continue to look at traditional tales, especially Little Red Riding Hood. In Geography they are exploring the climate and animals of Kenya. Before half term Class 1 delivered Valentine's gifts around school.



**Class 2** have worked hard to complete their 'Three Little Pigs' story writing. Their Art unit on Sculpture saw them work as a team to create their giant spider sculpture inspired by the work of Louise Bourgeois. They have been identifying human and physical features of Kenya using maps.



**Class 2 - History of Toys topic.** Both Classes 1 and 2 will be moving onto this in this half term. **Please can children in Class 2 bring in a small favourite toy/or photo (email to admin@).** Also any old toys/games from parents/grandparents. We will look after them. **Class 2 should bring these in on Wednesday 5th March if possible.** (Class 1's date will follow).

**Class 3** are enjoying work on their class reader 'Mr Skip' by Michael Morpurgo. In Maths they are continuing to focus on Times Tables to x12 and division. Their music lessons have looked at Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy'. In PE they are developing their cricket skills.

**Class 4** are working hard on decimals and rounding. In Art their portrait work has allowed them to explore a variety of media. In English they have been punctuating dialogue and working hard on spellings. They are enjoying their new PE unit on Cricket. **They have also been preparing their class assembly for this Thursday 6th March.**

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

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson