



Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together

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'Christian Value' – Courage

'Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.'

1 Corinthians 16:13

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Head's Message

As we rapidly head towards Easter this will be the last newsletter this term. We are still very busy though, so be sure to keep checking the website for updates. Can I say a huge thankyou to three ladies who have made kind donations towards the library re-vamp at St John's. Thank you to Gemma for the amazing cushions, to Angela for the superhero capes and to Becky for the superhero stickers. Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and peaceful Easter.

Easter Service

The Federation are holding an Easter service at Bollington St John's at 1.30 on Thursday 24th March. We do hope you can all come and celebrate the event with us. Children can be taken home straight after the performance. Pott Shrigley Children will be on site at St John's all day. We will be having a collection at the end of the service and the Ethos Group from Pott Shrigley will be deciding who to donate the collection to.

Swimming Gala

What a fantastic night at the Small School's Swimming Gala. We are so proud of the Federation Team. All our swimmers made the finals. Robert won Gold in the boys breaststroke and Lewis Bronze in the boys backcrawl. The team were a credit to the Federation. We are very proud of them.

Year 6 Booster and Year 4/5 Arrangements

From the 11th April until after SATs Class 3 from Pott Shrigley will be taught on site at St John's each morning. This is to allow staff to booster the Year 6 children before their tests. Mrs Watson will have the Year 6 class and Miss Williams will teach the Pott Shrigley Year 5s with the St John's Year4/5s. We will also have a PGCE student in school for that period.

PCSO E-Safety Evening

On Tuesday 22nd March at 4pm the PSCOs are holding an information event for parents regarding E-Safety. They have requested that there are no children present due to the nature of the discussion. We hope to see you all there.

Transition Dates

The Year 5 children from St John's will be attending a transition day at Tytherington High School on Tuesday morning. On Wednesday the Federation Year 6 children will be at Tytherington all day.

Quails

The Reception class are delighted to announce that two quails have hatched and are being looked after by the children.

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In school next week

Mon - Mrs Walker at Cranage Hall all day.

Tues - Mrs Walker at St John's am and Pott Shrigley pm. Y5 transition. PCSO parent event.

Wed - Mrs Walker at St John's am and Pott Shrigley pm. Y6 transition.

Thur - Mrs Walker at St John's all day. All children at St John's. Easter Service at 1.30pm.

Fri - School closed for Good Friday.

Please remember messages for Mrs Walker can be left with Mrs Sinclair/Mrs Blackwell or Mrs Watson at any time.

Curriculum update

Class 1 St John's – This week we welcomed two quail chicks, with the children witnessing the second chick hatching! We have been looking at how to take care of animals using the RSPCA website and linking it to our own new chicks. In Literacy we have been writing sentences about the life cycle of a quail. We used sound buttons to record our sentences before writing them independently. In Maths we have continued looking at subtraction sums.

Class 1 Pott Shrigley – This week in Literacy, Class 1 have been looking at recount writing using the text 'Farmer Duck'. In Maths, we have been working with bar charts and inputting data to charts that we have drawn. In RE, we have been looking at Shrove Tuesday and Lent in preparation for our work on Easter next week.

Class 2 St John's – In literacy this week we have been writing recounts all about the exciting biodiversity day we had with Mrs Arnott. In maths we have been doing column subtraction and counting backwards. In IPC we have had our special biodiversity day in which we learnt about food chains, ecosystems and made our own beautiful animal masks.

Class 2 Pott Shrigley – Class 2 have loved looking at the play 'Macbeth' as part of Shakespeare Week. They have completed a character profile and a plot study. In Maths, we have explored problem solving using multiplication and division.

Class 3 St John's – We have looked at Classic Poem in English this week. We have looked at their features and tried to learn a poem off by heart. In Maths, we have looked at multiplication of fractions and converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. In RE, we have explored the characteristics and nature of God. Year 4 have attended the Eucharist service.

Class 3 Pott Shrigley – This week in Literacy, we have been reading and performing classic poems such as 'My Shadow' by Robert Louis Stevenson. We have also been practising our short play based on Romeo and Juliet as it is Shakespeare Week. In Maths, we have been multiplying 4 digit numbers by numbers to two decimal places. We have really enjoyed reading different Shakespeare plays such as 'The Tempest' and 'Twelfth Night'.

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