



Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together

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Head of Teaching and Learning: Mrs E. Watson

'Christian Value' – Fairness

'But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.'

James 3:17

29th April 2016

Head's Message

It has been a delight to visit nearly all the classes this week and observe the wonderful lessons taking place. Going into the classrooms always reminds me how fortunate we are at the Federation to have such a varied and interesting curriculum, and brilliant teachers and teaching assistants who deliver it. I have also been very touched this week by the response to the announcement that I have been made the Head. It is an honour to hold this position and I will continue to work very hard for all the children in the Federation.

Polling Day

Next Thursday 5th May, Pott Shrigley School is being used as a polling station for the Police and Crime Commissioner Election. The children from Pott Shrigley School will therefore spend the day at St. John's School. It would be helpful if parents of Pott Shrigley children could drop off and collect their child/children from St. John's on this day, but if you have any problem with this, please let the school office know.

St Oswald's Eucharist

The Year 3 children of the Federation will be attending a Eucharist Service at St Oswald's on Thursday. They will be transported from St John's and returned to class by morning break. The service will be led by Rev Michael Fox, as Rev Veronica Hydon is still on sabbatical in Venice.

Road to Rio

Mr Rutherford informs me that despite it being a difficult week because of the weather the children have still managed to cover 35 miles which means miles completed to date now stands at 416 with 4,884 to go. Remember if you complete a lap before school with your child it counts towards the grand total.

SATs Week

As you will be aware SATs week for the Year 6 children starts Monday 9th May and so next week is their final week of preparation. During SATs week please ensure the children get plenty of rest and are in school every day. All the Year 6 children will be treated to a special breakfast at St John's before their tests begin. Can they please arrive at 8:45am if they wish to have breakfast that week, thank you.

Parking

Please can we politely remind you that parking on the yellow lines outside either school is strictly forbidden. There have been a number of complaints made by residents at Pott Shrigley, and the school has been sent photographs of offending vehicles.

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In school next week

Mon – May Day Bank Holiday. School is shut.

Tues - Mrs Walker at St John's am and Pott Shrigley pm. School Council and Ethos Groups to meet.

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

Thur - Mrs Walker at St John's all day. Polling Day at Pott Shrigley. Year 3 attending Eucharist.

Fri - Mrs Walker at St John's am and Pott Shrigley pm.

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 have been learning about the life cycle of a frog. We have independently written about each stage and looked carefully at our own tadpoles to work out where they are currently at in their life cycle. We have focussed on capacity in maths; we have enjoyed our learning in the mud kitchen and in our outdoor water tray. We had a very muddy trip to forest school; we linked our learning at the forest with our questions and research about birds. We learnt lots of bird calls, made nests and even spotted a Buzzard hunting! Check out our Class One blog. Can you tell us which birds you have spotted in your garden? We'd love to hear from you!

Class 1 Pott Shrigley – This week in Class 1 we have been looking at non-fiction texts. They have explored the features and gone on to create their own leaflet about pets. In Maths, we have been looking at units of measure for time, capacity and length. In our science lesson we began to look at the properties of materials.

Class 2 St John's – This week in literacy we have written our own set of instructions to direct visitors around Fairy Land. In maths we have worked on how many days in each month, investigating odd and even numbers and solving money problems. In iPC we have been investigating the journey of our food and which processes take place within each part of our digestive systems.

Class 2 Pott Shrigley – In literacy, we have been continuing our persuasive writing topic. We have looked at marketing a holiday destination and put together an argument to save the Rainforest. During numeracy we have practised SATs papers to get used to working in test conditions.

Class 3 St John's – This week in class 3, we have been writing newspaper reports in English. In maths, we have been practising multiplying and dividing numbers by 10,100 and 1000. The Year 6s have been doing a great job working on practice questions. In IPC, we have been looking at volcanoes and earthquakes and how they are caused. Year 6 have been writing an explanation text about them, and year 4 and 5 have designed posters.

Class 3 Pott Shrigley – In maths this week, we have been looking at place value with numbers with 3 decimal places. In literacy, we have looked at the story 'Tuesday' by David Weisner. We are planning a newspaper article. In topic, we have been debating if it is better to go abroad on holiday or stay in the UK?

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