



Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together

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'Christian Value' – Understanding

'Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.'

2 Tim 2:7

7th October 2016

Head's Message

The Federation was visited by Jill Kelly from the Diocese this week. Jill had a lovely visit and met all of the children. On Monday we are proud to be supporting the World Children's Mental Health Day. All children are invited to wear something yellow to show our support of this worthwhile cause. Children on a school visit that day are asked to wear something yellow that compliments their school uniform. Finally all the children thoroughly enjoyed their Sustainability Workshops, and we will be focussing on sustainability issues all year.

Tim Peake STEM Buzz Week

Staff are busily planning for our Buzz Week and we have already booked Graeme Brock (our Space Ambassador) to lead a session with the top classes on Monday 7th November. His workshop is entitled, 'Train like and Astronaut.' We are also delighted that some parents, old and new, have volunteered their services.

Stay, Play and Pray

Reception parents are invited to join the class on Monday at 3pm to watch the children play and pray.

Sponsored Reading Challenge

As you may be aware on the first week back after half term we are holding a sponsored read. The children will be encouraged to read a set amount per night in a hope to raise as much money for new books as possible. Sponsor forms will be given out next week along with what you will need to do. It would be great if all children could get involved. Speak to Mrs Stout for more details.

Pilgrim Day

The Federation Year 5 children are attending Pilgrim Day at Chester Cathedral on Monday. Please note we need to leave St. John's School promptly at 8.15 am in order to arrive at the Cathedral in time.

Pott Shrigley Class 1 Trip to The Chestnut Centre

The children in Class 1 at Pott Shrigley are visiting The Chestnut Centre in High Peak on Monday as part of their topic on Animals and their Habitats. The bus will be leaving Pott Shrigley School at 9.10 am and will return in time for the end of the school day. We are looking forward to an exciting day.

St. John's Class 1 Trip to The Random Apple Company in Swanscoe

The Reception children are off on their first trip! They will be apple pressing using traditional apple pressers in Swanscoe on Thursday 13th October. The class will be leaving school at 1pm and returning at 3pm. Please make sure the children come suitable dressed. If anybody has access to apples that they can collect in time for Thursday, they would be most grateful!

Governor Working Party

A parent's forum, arranged by governors, was held at Pott Shrigley at the end of last term to discuss marketing the school and EYFS provision on site. A working party of governors was set up to investigate various options. The

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governors will hold a follow up forum on Friday 4th November at 3.45pm, after the working party has delivered its feedback to the FGB on October 19th.

In school next week

Mon - Mrs Walker at Chester Cathedral.

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

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

Thur - Mrs Walker at St John's.

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

Please remember messages for Mrs Walker can be left at any time.

Curriculum update

Class 1 St John's – This week we have focused on the non-fiction text 'Children like us: homes around the World'. We have learnt about children living in different houses and we have recreated some of the houses in our role-play. We have also looked at the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts. In maths we have used Numicon to support our number recognition skills

Class 1 Pott Shrigley – In literacy, Class 1 have written a description of a setting using adjectives, similes and adverbs. In numeracy, we have looked at finding lines of symmetry and different measures.

Class 2 St John's – This week in literacy we have read the story of Beegu. We have retold the story and sequenced it. We are also exploring story settings ready for next week. In maths we have been adding up three amounts of money using our number facts to ten. In IPC we have evaluated our sandwiches and discussed how we could have improved them.

Class 2 Pott Shrigley – This week we have started looking at some advertisements for our new literacy topic. We have also begun to look at measurement for maths. We have been measuring time, distance and capacity. In IPC, we have created our own classification keys for desert animals.

Class 3 St John's – In maths, we have been doubling and halving up to 3 digit numbers. In literacy, we have been reading and writing our own Indian folk tales and in IPC we have been learning about magnets and investigating magnetic materials.

Class 4 St John's – This week, Class 4 have been performing Lewis Carroll's 'The Walrus and the Carpenter', focusing on performance skills and memorising lines. In maths, we have been focusing on subtraction methods and finding common multiples and factors. In IPC, we have been exploring different lifecycles and creating wonderful books to present our information.

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