



Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together

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'Christian Value' – Endurance

'Let these Bible verses inspire you to proceed through whatever challenges you may face in life. Let them help you gain endurance, for endurance leads to growth in character and hope.'

Romans 5:3

6th January 2017

Head's Message

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the Spring term where our Christian Value is Endurance. All the children have settled beautifully back into their classes, and I have been thrilled to hear stories about pyjamas, real life dolls and super special dinosaur shoes. I hope you all had the opportunity to hear the children sing on Silk FM over the Christmas period. We have lots going on this term so please make sure you check the calendar on the website for all upcoming dates. I am hoping the Y5 children will be able to play with the Hallé orchestra, but will keep you updated with news on this exciting event.

Five Gold Rings and St John's Nativity

Although it seems a very long time ago we still want to congratulate the S John's children for the end of year productions. They were all splendid and ensured we had a very festive last week of term.

Theatre Visit

We have arranged for a theatre company to visit St. John's School on Tuesday 31st January 2017 to perform 'The Selfish Giant' for all the children in the Federation.

John Lewis Competition Winner

A very well done to William in Class 3 at St John's, for winning a John Lewis competition before Christmas in which the children had to create a dream animal and William thought of a winning crocomeleon – a mix of a crocodile and a chameleon.

Swimming

Class 1 at Pott Shrigley start their swimming lessons next Tuesday afternoon 10th January which will run until 28th March. Please note there will be no swimming on 31st January due to a theatre company visiting school on that day. Class 3 at St. John's will begin their lessons on Friday 13th January and run up to and including Friday 24th March. Please return the permission slip and payment to your relevant school office by Monday if you have not already done so.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs start week commencing 23rd January and a letter will be sent home shortly with details of the clubs being held. The only exceptions are Choir Club which starts next Tuesday 10th January and is being held at St. John's School. Mrs Stout has sent a home contact out to all choir club members. Mrs. Watson's Year 6 Booster club also starts on Monday 9th January.

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In school next week

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

Tues - Mrs Walker at Head's Breakfast meeting followed by a Family of Schools meeting.

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

Thur - Mrs Walker at a conference.

Frid - Mrs Walker is 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 been focussing on the artist Andy Goldsworthy. We looked at patterns, shape and colour and we planned and created our own sculptures using ice, pebbles, leaves and sticks. In maths we are focussing on recognising and forming numbers to 20.

Class 1 Pott Shrigley – In literacy, we have been exploring mythical creatures including unicorns and dragons and are building up to write a report. In maths, we have been looking at place value to underpin our understanding of the number system. We did a whole school e-safety lesson by following 'Smartie' the penguin's story. We discussed our digital (penguin) footprint and decided what activities are safe to do online.

Class 2 St John's – This week in Class 2 we have started looking at our new unit of Traditional Tales. We have been sequencing the story of Little Red Riding Hood. In maths we have been telling subtraction stories in year 1 and looking at multiplication in year 2. In topic work this week we have introduced our new topic of Super Humans. In this topic we will be looking at all of the different systems in our bodies and learning all about how to look after ourselves. New homework and spellings for the half term have been stuck in each child's homework book.

Class 2 Pott Shrigley – In literacy, we have started reading a classic narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We have been recapping place value in maths and finding more than and less than. We have begun our topic 'Moving People' and have devised a questionnaire to find out about migration. We did a whole school e-safety lesson by following 'Smartie' the penguin's story. We discussed our digital (penguin) footprint and decided what activities are safe to do online.

Class 3 St John's – In maths, the Year 3 children have been doing a lot of work on 3 digit numbers and place value. Most Year 4 pupils have been looking at tenths as decimals and measuring in cm and mm. In English, we have been learning about some Greek myths and reflecting them to the class. We have finished off our IPC topics of 'Materials World' by looking at how bikes are made and thinking about heat conductors.

Class 4 St John's – Class 4 have been exploring Shaun Tan's short stories, and we are going to write a story inspired by his next week. In Maths, have been reasoning and problem solving using our knowledge of place value and negative numbers. In IPC, we have started our 'Moving People' topic. We have researched where family members were born and now live and explored reasons why people may want to move from the country they were born in.

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