



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

13th January 2017

Head's Message

As all of you will be aware a date has now been set of February 27th for de-federation. Governors will work hard to ensure a smooth transition takes place. Stakeholders have been invited to a meeting on the 23rd January. As I have said before, all families in the Federation are in my prayers during this time, but all the children are in my heart.

Colour Sculpture

Class 3 at St John's worked extremely hard on a colour sculpture this week, which is now hanging in the school hall.

Family Service

Please join us on Sunday at St Christopher's at 10.45am for our Family Service.

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. A reminder that the permission slip and payment should be returned to school by next Friday 20th January.

In school next week

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

Tues - Mrs Walker at HR workshop.

Wed - Mrs Walker at a PDA meeting.

Thur - Mrs Walker at a meeting am and St John's pm.

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

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

Curriculum update

Class 1 St John's – Some mysterious events have happened in Class One this week! On Tuesday we found an enormous egg; we all wrote out our predictions of what might hatch out. On Thursday, a rather large T-rex appeared at the window! We have been getting used to our new addition to the class and learning lots about him and other dinosaurs. In maths we have focussed on finding the missing numbers on our 1-20 number line. In Phonics we have continued with our Phase 3 diagraphs.

Class 1 Pott Shrigley – We have been looking at dragons and unicorns and developing our use of conjunctions. In maths, we enjoyed looking at mental methods of adding. Our science topic is healthy eating and we have been playing some interactive games.

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Class 2 St John's – This week we have been writing character descriptions of Little Red Riding Hood. We have also written a setting description of an enchanted castle. In maths we have looked at positioning in year 1 and in year 2 we have been using our 2, 5 and 10 times table. In topic work we have been investigating how our hearts work and looking at the effects of exercise on our body.

Class 2 Pott Shrigley – We have enjoyed unpicking the language features of 'The Highwayman' poem and we have started to sequence the story. In maths, we have become more secure with our written method of subtraction. We have been very enthusiastic about starting our new Science topic, and are already thinking about a perfectly adapted human being!

Class 3 St John's – This week we have had an artist in working with us to create a sculpture and colour wheel. We learn which colours worked well together and which were opposite. We also learnt about colour saturation, where the eye has enough of one colour and shows the opposite colour. In maths we have been looking at different methods for addition. In literacy we have been looking at complex and compound sentences.

Class 4 St John's – This week, we have been writing short stories, and we have also been writing setting descriptions of a castle. In maths, we have been looking at how near multiples can help us with mental calculations. We have also looked at using organised lists in problem solving. In IPC, we have created PowerPoints about natural disasters, and we have presented them to our peers. We have also created artwork inspired by our IPC topic.

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