

# 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

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#### Head's Message

Well done to all the children across the Federation who took part in the Parents Assemblies yesterday and today. We are so proud of you all. Please remember that school finishes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, as Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February is a staff INSET day.

# The Selfish Giant

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the workshop on Tuesday and many of them participated in the show. Their behaviour was super as always. Please check the website for photos of this event.

# Morning Procedure at St John's

After half term we will be returning to our previous morning procedures at St John's. A member of staff will be on duty from 8.45am and at 8.50am the whistle will be blown for all classes to line up. Registration is 8.55am with lessons starting at 9am. Please note Class 1 will also line up in the juniors yard with all the other children.

### **Punctuality**

Please be advised that registration at both schools is 8.55am and so all the children should be in class ready to be registered at this time. We cannot stress how important it is for the children to be on time for school each day.

#### **Young Voices**

We are very excited that the Federation Choir is going to be performing at this wonderful event at the Manchester Area on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Parents of pupils in the Choir are able to buy tickets to attend and should have all the information required to be able to purchase their tickets, but please do speak to the school office if you need these details again.

#### In school next week

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

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

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

Thur - Mrs Walker at Young Voices.

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

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

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#### **Curriculum update**

Class 1 St John's – This week we have focussed on Chinese New Year. We have used our senses to explore the sights, sounds and tastes of China. In maths we have looked at capacity and made comparisons between a range of containers to decide which one would hold more. In literacy we have looked at preferences and reasons for them and we have also practised writing out Chinese symbols which the children have loved!

**Class 1 Pott Shrigley –** After a lovely class assembly, Class 1 have continued to look at Robin Hood and produce a comic strip story board. In maths, we have looked at fractions.

Class 2 St John's – This week in literacy we have been writing our own night-time poems. In maths we have been doing division and subtraction by counting back. In IPC we have been learning all about our skeletons and labelling all of our bones.

Class 2 Pott Shrigley – We have begun some work on geometry in maths and have been looking at quadrilateral shapes. Year 4's have been familiarising themselves with some technical language to use when describing 4-sided shapes, while Year 5 & 6 have been calculating missing angles in 4-sided shapes. In literacy, we have read lots of short, fantasy stories by the author Shaun Tan. We have started to plan our own fantasy stories.

Class 3 St John's – In English, we have been writing reports as if we were all teachers in a fictional school. The children also finished off their information leaflets about Warner Bros. Studios. For maths this week, the children have been exploring measurement including length and weight. Also, we have been looking at the history of electricity such as Thomas Edison's light bulb.

Class 4 St John's – This week, in Class 4 we have been working on methods of, and solving problems involving, division. In English, we have been continuing to write our short stories, focusing on the build- up section and working on our editing skills. In history, we have been looking at slavery in America- we had a Philosophy for Children session and decided to discuss the question, 'How can we end racism in our world?'.

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