



Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together

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'Christian Value' – Caring

'Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.'

Ephesians 4:32

11th September 2015

Head's message

Welcome back to the new term, and a special welcome to children and families new to the Federation. It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year with all the children settling in beautifully. Our newsletter has a different format this year, so you can see what your child has been learning in class and where I will be the following week.

As some of you may be aware Miss Smith (Class 3 Pott Shrigley) will be leaving us shortly to start her maternity leave. She will be with us until the end of November, and then Miss Charlotte Williams will cover her class until her return. Miss Williams is already known within our Federation community and will be available to meet Class 3 parents nearer the time. We are all delighted for Miss Smith and wish her the very best during this exciting time.

Contact

If you have not already done so, please sign up for the school's Home Contact service via either school office. There is also a Federation Twitter account up and running called @PottStJohns. Both of these services, along with this newsletter, are designed to keep you updated with Federation news.

Attendance

A polite reminder that it is extremely important the children are in school on time and ready to learn. Children should be in school for at least 96% of the time, as per government guidelines. If you have a problem or your child is ill, please contact either school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

In school next week

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

2.30pm - New Reception welcome with Reverend Veronica – parents are invited.

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

3pm - Stay, Play and Pray in the Reception class. Parents are invited.

Wed – Mrs Walker PDA meeting/Pott Shrigley am and St John's pm.

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

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

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Curriculum update

Class 1 Pott Shrigley - Since the start of term class one have been absorbed in learning about themselves. This week we have looked at the towns we live in, what different groups we belong to and how we can make a difference by being a good friend. In Literacy we have been reading stories with familiar settings and have begun to plan our own story about our lost teddy. In Numeracy we have been looking at missing numbers, number lines and estimating. All the children have settled in really well and we are enjoying learning together in our new classroom.

Class 1 St John's - In Reception this week we have been getting used to our class and school rules and routines and discovering our class environment. We have been working on our fine motor skills during dough disco and cutting activities. We have started collecting rewards for good behaviour and for trying hard or being helpful. We have enjoyed discovering all the areas of our classroom including the art and collage area and some of us have been working hard laying new pipes in our new outside area!

Class 2 Pott Shrigley - We have been looking at how to use patterns to help us add and subtract mentally. In Literacy we are working on performance poetry and in Science we have made a junk model of the digestive system.

Class 2 St John's - It has been a lovely week in Class two! The children are settling in brilliantly. In literacy this week we have been learning about Quest stories. We have done some drama and learnt how to write in the past and present tense. In maths we have been looking at place value of three digit numbers. In our topic work we have begun our exciting temples, tombs and treasures topic with and made our own River Nile fact files.

Class 3 Pott Shrigley - This week in Class 3 we have learned about decimal points in Numeracy. We have been multiplying them by 10,100 and 1,000. In Literacy we are learning about Stone Age Britain and have done our own timeline for Stonehenge.

Class 3 St John's - We've made a great start to the new academic year. In maths, we have been focusing on Place Value and column addition methods. In English, we have been looking at information texts linked to the Stone Age. We have also started our IPC topic, 'Making New Materials' where we have found out about solids, liquids and gases.

Finally please be reminded that there is a family communion at St Oswald's Church at 10.30 on Sunday September the 20th. I hope to see you there.

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