



Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together

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'Christian Value' – Fairness

'But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.'

James 3:17

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Head's Message

What an eventful week. We have celebrated the 90th birthday of the Queen and commemorated the 400th anniversary of the death of Shakespeare. Please note we have plans to celebrate the Queen's birthday with the children in June. We will keep you posted. A huge thank you for to both PTAs for all they do for the Federation. St John's PTA has raised enough funds to replace vital playground equipment and lay artificial grass at St John's. Pott Shrigley PTA members are currently working hard to ensure the Rose Queen is a fantastic event – and any offers of help would be gratefully received.

Netware

Netware is a parents' guide to the social networks children and young people use. For more information please click on the link below
www.net-aware.org.uk/

Attendance

Attached is an information sheet from Cheshire East entitled Top Attendance Tips for Parents. It has been provided by the Education Welfare Service. Any time off school directly affects your child's progress, and as the curriculum is now so full, if a child is absent it can be difficult to 'catch up.'

Road to Rio

We will regularly update you on the children's progress in their quest to run the distance to Rio. Mr Rutherford informs me the children have currently walked, jogged or ran 381 miles. Remember if you complete a lap before school with your child it counts towards the grand total.

Helping Your Child at Home

The Department of Education is raising expectations all the time. Please help your child at home as much as possible. Knowing times tables, especially from Year 2 onwards, is now an absolute must. Helping your child understand time, money and frequently reading is also extremely beneficial for them.

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In school next week

Mon - Mrs Walker at Pott Shrigley am and St John's pm. Governors meeting at 5pm at St John's.

Tues - Mrs Walker at St John's am and Pott Shrigley pm. LGBT twilight for staff at Dean Valley 4 – 6pm.

Wed - Mrs Walker at Pott Shrigley am and St John's pm. Safeguarding training for staff and governors 4 - 6pm.

Thur - Mrs Walker at PDA meeting am and Pott Shrigley pm.

Fri - Mrs Walker in a meeting all day.

Please remember messages for Mrs Walker can be left with Mrs Sinclair/Mrs Blackwell or Mrs Watson at any time.

Curriculum update

Class 1 St John's – This week we have read the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have ordered pictures and written out parts of the story independently. In maths we have been estimating the total and continuing to practice our number recognition and formation up to 20. At Forest Schools we toasted marshmallows on the fire and we have all enjoyed our first school swimming lesson.

Class 1 Pott Shrigley – Class 1 have been working on their Quest Stories this week in literacy. They have been able to share and discuss ideas, write a fantastic plot and create an exciting adventure. In maths, we have been working on fractions and time. Swimming started for the children this week and have all really enjoyed their introductory lesson.

Class 2 St John's – This week in literacy we have been reading Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'. The children have really enjoyed the story and produced some beautiful writing. In maths we have been focusing on measuring objects using centimetres. In IPC we have been learning all about the bones in our skeleton and we have made a model of our hands and added the bones using art straws.

Class 2 Pott Shrigley – Class 2 have been looking at persuasive writing and debating the pros and cons of 200s. We have looked at key figures in the world and made a video as if we were William Wilberforce arguing for the end of slavery. In maths, we have explored decimals and measures.

Class 3 St John's – This week we have been finishing writing the final drafts of short stories- we have had some very impressive results! In maths, we have explored algebra and fractions, decimals and percentages in year 6, and the year 5s have been looking at short and long multiplication. In IPC, we have researched a country in our Holiday Show topic and have produced an information text.

Class 3 Pott Shrigley – This week in literacy, we have continued to draft our short fantasy stories. We are now writing them up in neat. In maths, we have been looking at short and long multiplication. In topic, we have planned a holiday for a family and written a report for them.

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