



*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

As we finally welcome the lovely weather may I take this opportunity to wish all the Year 6 children the very best in their tests next week. The Year 2 children will also be sitting their tests over the next few weeks, and we also wish them well. Staff and governors wish to say a huge thank you to the PTA at St John's for generously donating much needed funds to ensure the ICT suite at St John's can be converted into a classroom ready for September. Finally the Year 3 children enjoyed a visit to St Oswald's Church to attend a Eucharist service yesterday and as always they were wonderfully behaved. We are constantly reminded how wonderful the children at the Federation are.

### SATs Week

Next week is SATs week for the Year 6 children. Please ensure they are not absent from school and are well rested. They have all been invited to a special breakfast at St John's each day, but in order to receive it can they please arrive at school (St John's) at 8:45am.

### KS1 Spelling Test

As you will no doubt have heard, the spelling and grammar test has been dropped for this year. It was a new test proposed this year for the first time but it had been published as a trial paper on the Government website. We will look at the paper to inform our teaching of spelling and grammar.

### Rocket Seeds

The gardening clubs seeds from space have arrived at St John's and all classes are very excited to be part of this exciting project.

### Tim Peake Primary Project

I have registered the Federation to take part in the second year of Tim Peake's Primary Project. If we are selected I will keep you updated.

### Online safety

If your child is watching videos on YouTube there is a new parent's guide available on the CEOP website.

### Parents Information

I am sending out a leaflet entitled 'Information for Parents' with this newsletter. The leaflet has been produced by the government and gives information on the 2016 national curriculum tests which take place at the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6.)

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### **In school next week**

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

Tues - Mrs Walker at St John's am and a Love Music Trust meeting pm.

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

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

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

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 been focusing on time and sequencing a school day. We enjoyed our forest school session - we made bird feeders on the camp fire. We have been trying very hard to put our phonics in to practice by writing signs for our outdoor area.

**Class 1 Pott Shrigley** – In Class 1 we have been focussing on description writing, using and old, creepy village, to create ideas for a setting. The children have really engaged using all of their senses to produce imaginative pieces of writing. In maths, we have looked at direction and fractions. In science, we have been exploring materials and incorporating this to an art project.

**Class 2 St John's** – This week in literacy we have been writing our own magical guides to fairyland. In maths we have been looking at pictograms and division. In IPC we have been investigating our lungs and measuring our lung capacity with a peak flow meter.

**Class 2 Pott Shrigley** – Class 2 have been looking at poetry and the techniques poets use to make images come alive. In maths, we have been solving problems and practising our formal calculation methods.

**Class 3 St John's** – This week we have been practising ordering numbers, including decimals, in Maths. In English, they have been completing their newspaper reports and evaluating them. The IPC we have been looking at tectonic plates, earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes. In Booster lessons for the Year 6s the children have been doing some final practice for their SATs next week.

**Class 3 Pott Shrigley** – This week in Class 3 we have finished our newspaper reports based on the story 'Tuesday' by David Weisner. In maths, we have been working on positive and negative numbers. We have also started to translate 2D shapes on graphs. In topic, we have explored how the tectonic plates cause earthquakes, volcanoes and form mountains.

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