



*Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together*

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## 'Christian Value' – Protection

*'Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.'*

*Proverbs 4:6*

4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Head's Message

Welcome back to the second half term of the academic year where our new Christian Value is 'Protection.' Classes are already busy, and hopefully you all had a chance to get an update on your child's progress at this week's Parent Evening meetings. Next week we have our STEM Buzz Week and our Tim Peake Primary Project Space Ambassador, Graeme Brock, will be leading sessions on 'How to Train like an Astronaut' on both sites on Monday. Finally, to update you, £73.60 was raised for the Mental Health Foundation following our yellow awareness day. Thank you to all who made a donation.

### Planetarium

Please can all Pott Shrigley children be dropped off at St John's on Thursday morning so that they can experience the planetarium. All children will be taken back to Pott Shrigley in time for lunch.

### Federation Disco

St John's PTA is arranging a Federation Disco for children to attend on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 6 - 7.30pm. More details will be going home with the children.

### Non-Uniform Days

Both schools will have different non-uniform days in the next few weeks, and parents are asked to please make a donation to either schools 'Christmas Fair Tombola.' St John's tombola non-uniform day is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Pott Shrigley's tombola non-uniform day is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### Tytherington Transition Day

All the pupils in Year 6 will be attending the CSI Forensics Science morning at Tytherington on Tuesday. This is a very popular transition event and links well to our STEM Buzz week. Please ensure your child is at **St. John's school for 08:45am prompt** for transportation to this event.

### Information Evening

Federation Year 2 and Year 6 parents are invited to a parent information evening at St John's on Tuesday from 5.30-6.30pm. Mrs Stout and Mrs Watson will be sharing information about testing arrangements and end of year expectations.

### Class 2 Celebration Worship at Pott Shrigley and Class 4 Celebration Worship at St John's

Parents are reminded that Pott Class 2 will lead the Celebration Worship at 3pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. St John's Class 4 will lead the Celebration Worship at 3pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We hope to see you all there.

### Anti-Bullying Week

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November 14<sup>th</sup> is the start of Anti-Bullying Week and this year the theme is 'Power for Good.' All classes will be doing activities related to this theme during the week. There is lots of advice and guidance for parents on the GOV.uk website.

### **In school next week**

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

Tues - Mrs Walker on safeguarding training.

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

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

Frid - Mrs Walker at curriculum training with Mrs Watson.

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

### **Curriculum update**

**Class 1 St John's** – This week we have focussed on the Hindu festival of Diwali. We have learnt about the story of Rama and Sita, we've made Rangoli patterns and Diva lamps. We also joined Class Two to learn an Indian dance – please visit the website to see how we got on. In maths, we have been shape detectives – investigating the features of 2D shapes and searching for them in the environment.

**Class 1 Pott Shrigley** – Class 1 have been using the colder weather to write descriptions about a snowy scene. They have been including adjectives, adverbs and using their senses. In numeracy, we have looked at doubling and halving.

**Class 2 St John's** – In English this week we have been working on a Global learning project for which we have produced a piece of descriptive writing. We have looked at the geographical features of a setting and tried to open our sentences with prepositions to make them more interesting. In maths we have been counting in threes and looking for number patterns. In IPC we have started our new topic "What is it made from" we have been designing our own rockets and thinking about all of the different materials we would need to make them in preparation for building them in our exciting science week next week.

**Class 2 Pott Shrigley** – We began our week with looking at doubling and halving in maths and then moved on to fractions. In literacy, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Uganda and have started to write our recount. It has been wonderful to share our Mars Rover projects with the rest of the class.

**Class 3 St John's** – In literacy, we have been writing a recount in the role of a teddy bear. The children have also been writing about Uganda. In maths, the children have been consolidating their understanding of place value and solving place value challenges. In the afternoons, we have been doing some e-safety learning and the children have enjoyed doing a music session on rhythm.

**Class 4 St John's** – This week, Class 4 have been working on reasoning and problem solving using our knowledge of place value, rounding and negative numbers. We have also been practising a formal multiplication method. In English, we have been writing a recount in role as a teddy bear, describing what he sees when he arrives in Uganda- this has been part of a family of schools project. In IPC, we have now completed our Extreme Survivors topic, and we are excited to get going with Mission to Mars next week during the STEM buzz week.

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