



*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*

11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Head's Message

It has been an amazing week of learning in school and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their STEM Buzz Week. Our thanks go to Mr Laffan and Mrs Phillips who volunteered their services and a huge thank you to Tim O'Brien and our Space Ambassador Graeme Brock. The children are very eager to show you all the wonderful things they did during the week at the Parent's Assemblies.

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

Parents are reminded that Pott Class 2 will now lead the Celebration Worship at 3pm on Thursday 17<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

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.

### Eucharist

Federation Year 5 children will be attending St Oswald's Church on Thursday to take part in a Eucharist service. They will be taken straight back to school after the event. Please can Pott Shrigley Year 5 children be dropped off at St John's. If you are unable to do so please let school admin know. Thank you.

### Children in Need 'Pyjama Day'

Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November we are having a 'Pyjama Day' to raise money for Children in Need. Children may come in their pyjamas/onesies for the day and bring in a donation which we will send to Children in Need.

### Christingle

Please note the Federation Christingle Service is at St John's on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2pm. St Christopher's Church will be celebrating Christingle at a Family Service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### Pott Shrigley Christmas Fair: 25<sup>th</sup> November

Pott Shrigley Christmas Fair is only two weeks away and the PTA are busy preparing for this event. We are holding a non-school uniform day on 25<sup>th</sup> November and would be very grateful if children could bring in a prize for the tombola stall on that day or any time during that week. The stalls and hamper lists are in the entrance hall so please sign up if you are able to help. Thank you for your support.

### St. John's Christmas Fair: 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The PTA would like to thank our families for the amazing amount of tombola prizes received – you are all very generous! The tombola is just one of the many exciting activities on offer at our Christmas Fair, which takes place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 1-4pm. We hope that you can all join us for this fantastic event. As always, thank you for your support.

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### **In school next week**

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

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

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

### **Curriculum update**

**Class 1 St John's** – We started our week by looking at the history of Bonfire Night and choosing interesting words to describe how fireworks look and sound. We then moved on to focus on our STEM week activities. We have carried out experiments, learnt about planets and stars in the planetarium and made space music during our exciting week.

**Class 1 Pott Shrigley** – We have had an amazing STEM week. The children have been looking at a range of exciting experiments and have learnt a couple of songs. Look at our website to see what we have been up to.

**Class 2 St John's** – We have had a super science week. This week in literacy we have been writing a diary entry based on a day in the life of an astronaut. We have been trying to include time connectives in our writing. In Maths we have been challenging each other by creating our own number sequences. In IPC we have built our own rockets and practised launching them. We have composed our own piece of space music. We have also made our own fizzy planets with bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. To end our exciting space week we have made chocolate covered planets!

**Class 2 Pott Shrigley** – We welcomed a knowledgeable scientist who trained us to become astronauts. We had to perform skills and memory tasks that Tim Peake would have done before his mission. We have also researched space facts to make our own Top Trump cards.

**Class 3 St John's** – In literacy, we have been exploring poetry with a space theme. In maths, the children have been adding and subtracting using near multiples. For our STEM week, the children have enjoyed learning about Tim Peake's mission to the ISS, the phases of the moon, flying helicopters and they also got the chance to have a session about space in the star-lab planetarium – it's been a very exciting week!

**Class 4 St John's** – This week, Class 4 have had an amazing STEM buzz week. Starting with Tim O'Brien and ending with making sun cream for outer space! We have also enjoyed coding for the first time this year.

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