



*Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together*

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## 'Christian Value' – Endurance

*'Let these Bible verses inspire you to proceed through whatever challenges you may face in life. Let them help you gain endurance, for endurance leads to growth in character and hope.'*

*Romans 5:3*

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### Head's Message

Back to work this week after the excitement of last Friday's snow. Please see my home contact that has gone out today regarding proposed cuts to school budgets in Cheshire East. I have already sent a tweet about this issue this week as they proposed cuts will have a significant impact on schools in the area. For more information please go to [schoolcuts.org.uk](http://schoolcuts.org.uk). Finally on a personal note a huge thankyou to Harry's dad for coming to my rescue on Monday.

### Snowy Weather

Snowy weather can cause disruption and confusion and we will always endeavour to ensure that messages about closures are sent out early. If it is snowing heavily in the morning, please check your home contact emails and the website; and listen to Silk 106.9fm. Our two main considerations about whether to close the school or not will be:

- a) Can enough members of staff get to school safely in order to ensure the correct level of staffing/supervision?
- b) Will parents/carers be able to drop off or collect children from school safely and will staff be able to travel home safely?

If the school is open and there is snow, please ensure that your children have outdoor footwear (snow boots/wellies/walking boots), coats, scarves, gloves and a change of socks. We do not want to have children unable to go outdoors because they do not have the appropriate kit.

If you have any pre-loved snow boots or wellington boots that you could donate to the school for the rare occasions that we do have snow, we will be very grateful for them. This would help us provide children with the right footwear for the conditions as there are always a number of children who do not have such items.

### Be Food Smart App

The new Be Food Smart app helps you keep an eye on what your family is eating and drinking. With a simple scan you'll see how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your food and drink.

You'll also find hints and tips for healthier choices plus food detective activities for children and fun mini-missions for the whole family. Download the app for free from the App Store or Google Play.

### BBC looking for families to take part in a show

The hit **BBC One prime time series 'Eat Well For Less?'** are currently in production with a brand new series of the show. Applications are now open and the BBC are currently on the lookout for fun and lively families who would love to save some money on their weekly shop and eat more healthily.

*"The show follows **Masterchef's Gregg Wallace** & award winning greengrocer **Chris Bavin** on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food."*

We attach a leaflet from the BBC with contact information, should you be interested in applying to the show.

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## **In school next week**

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

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

Wed - Mrs Walker at a meeting.

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

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

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

## **Curriculum update**

**Class 1 St John's** – We have had a very exciting week as we further explored the world of dinosaurs. We became fossil hunters as we set up a dig site searching for fossils and dinosaur bones. We've been sorting different types of dinosaurs and adding groups together to find the total in maths.

**Class 1 Pott Shrigley** – Class 1 have been looking at traditional stories and have made their own gingerbread. In maths, we have been looking at subtracting along the number line.

**Class 2 St John's** – This week in English we have been learning how to use speech marks and creating our own characters based on Little Red Riding Hood. In Maths Year two have been looking at division and Year 1 have been learning how to count on from 10. In IPC we have been crawling round our bodies and labelling our major internal organs.

**Class 2 Pott Shrigley** – This week we have done some drama for our work on The Highwayman. We have enjoyed either being in the 'hot seat' as a character, or asking the character's a question. We have also been learning some more compact methods for multiplying. In topic, we have researched natural disasters from around the world and have presented our findings back as a newspaper article or information booklet.

**Class 3 St John's** – In English, the children have been exploring more Greek myths and they have been retelling stories in the first person. In maths, the children have been subtracting by counting up, including giving change. IPC has involved learning a range of facts about electricity; we have been looking at renewable and non-renewable energy sources and what we can do to save energy. Class 3 also enjoyed our first swimming session of the year.

**Class 4 St John's** – This week, Class 4 have been exploring the poem The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes by looking at the story and the key language features. We have also performed the poem and recited sections off by heart. In maths, we have been working with decimals. We have been mastering column addition and learning how to add different units of measure. In IPC, we have been exploring how humans have travelled throughout history to settle in new parts of the world.

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