



Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together

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Head of Teaching and Learning: Mrs E. Watson

'Christian Value' – Justice

'Blessed are they who maintain justice, who constantly do what is right.'

Psalm 106:3

5th February 2016

Head's message

As we approach the end of another term, may I thank you all for your continued commitment to our schools. I am delighted to report that at present we have eight ex-Federation pupils back on site fulfilling either Duke of Edinburgh or workexperience/coursework training obligations. We are very pleased to welcome these children back; as they will always be a part of our community. It is also great to be able to help them achieve their community volunteering work for their Duke of Edinburgh awards. This is the last newsletter this half term, so have a restful break and remember we re-open Tuesday 23rd February after an INSET day.

Ash Wednesday – Both Class 3s will be attending a special Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday 10th February at St Oswald's Church. Canon Veronica will invite any children who wish to have an ash cross on their forehead to come forward at the end of the service. The service will start at 10am and we will transport Pott Class 3 there and back in the minibus. St John's Class 3 will walk to church. Other Bollington schools will be attending.

Dog Warden Assembly – A special assembly has been organised at St John's on Tuesday by the council. We are experiencing an increased number of complaints concerning dogs fouling outside the school and in the school yard. As always, the children's health and safety is our primary concern.

In school next week

Mon - Mrs Walker Pott Shrigley am and St John's pm.
Tues - Mrs Walker at eCaph conference. Dog Warden Assembly at St John's.
Wed - Mrs Walker at eCaph conference. Ash Wednesday Service at St Oswald's Church.
Thur - Mrs Walker at eCaph conference. House point reward day at both sites.
Fri - Mrs Walker at eCaph conference. We break up for half term.

Please remember messages for Mrs Walker can be left with Mrs Sinclair/Mrs Blackwell or Mrs Watson at any time. While at conference please see Mrs Watson for any urgent issues and remember Mrs Walker will be in daily contact with school.

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Curriculum update

Class 1 St John's - This week we have focussed on old toys, especially those from Victorian times. We went to the Heritage Centre on Wednesday where we experienced what life would have been like in a Victorian classroom and home. We had the chance to play with lots of Victorian toys and dress up in some very old clothes. The children behaved beautifully and learnt such a lot. We have used our experiences to inspire our writing and we look forward to extending this next week.

Class 1 Pott Shrigley – This week class 1 have completed their own narrative about a witch. They planned out the story thinking about the characters and the setting and gradually built up to writing their own story. In maths, class 1 have been looking at their times tables and how to write a multiplication sentence. This week we also had our trip to the museum in Macclesfield, the children had a fantastic time pretending to be a Victorian child. The pictures are now up on the website for you all to see.

Class 2 St John's - In literacy, we have been preparing to write our own fables by learning to write compound sentences. In maths we have been writing our own multiplication numbers stories and in IPC we have been classifying sea creatures using a classification flow chart.

Class 2 Pott Shrigley – Inspired by the botanical artist Margaret Mee, class 2 have completed art work and writing based on the Rainforest. In numeracy, we have been looking at fractions and times by 10.

Class 3 St John's - This week, in class 3, we have continued to work on our text, 'When Jessie Came Across the Sea'. We have written stories about Lou, who is one of the characters in the story. In Maths, we have looked at short and long multiplication and word problems. In IPC, we have been learning about the gods and goddesses in the Ancient Mayan Civilisation.

Class 3 Pott Shrigley – This week in literacy, we have looked at the features of a chronological report. In maths, we have worked with 6 digit numbers. In topic we have made posters about the decline of the Mayan Empire.

We warmly invite you all to join us at the Family Service at St Christopher's Church on Sunday 7th February. Class 3 will be taking a lead at this service.

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