Pott Shrigley and Bollington St John's Church of England Primary Schools



Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together Headteacher: Mrs M. Walker Head of Teaching and Learning: Mrs E. Watson

'Christian Value' - Protection

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

Proverbs 4:6

2nd December 2016

Head's Message

What a busy few days we have at the Federation with the Christingle service at St John's this afternoon which was a wonderful event and the children were, as always, amazing. Tomorrow St John's has its Christmas Fair and the PTA has worked tirelessly to ensure it's a marvellous occasion, so do join us from 1 - 4pm. Then on Sunday St Christopher's has its Christingle Family Service at 10.45am. Again we do hope you can join us.

Local Authority

As mentioned in a Home Contact earlier this week a statement from the Local Authority is on the Federation website. It is located in the News section on the homepage.

Pott Shrigley Nativity

Pott Shrigley will be performing its Christmas Nativity at St Christopher's at 6pm on Thursday 8th December. If you are unable to make the time then please join us for the dress rehearsal at 2pm on the same day.

Pott Shrigley Christmas Fair

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Fair at Pott Shrigley last Friday. We are very grateful for all the hard work that was put in by the PTA and for the generous donations from parents and the community. We raised a fantastic total of £997.18 which will be split between School and Village Hall.

Federation Choir

Over the next few weeks the Federation Choir will be singing at various venues, including Shrigley Court, Shrigley Hall and Hope Green. If you do not wish your child to take part please let school admin know.

Christmas Jumper Day

The Federation's final non-uniform day for this year is on the last day of term (Friday 16th December) when the pupils will be invited to join the nation in wearing their super-silly festive knits. Each £1 donation will help save children's lives.

Theatre Visit in January

We have arranged for a theatre company to visit St. John's School on Tuesday 31st January 2017 to perform 'The Selfish Giant' for all the children in the Federation. More details will be sent home after the Christmas holiday, but please make a note of this date in your diaries.

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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 St John's pm for the Federation Christmas Lunch.
Thur - Mrs Walker at St John's am and Pott Shrigley pm. Nativity at 6pm.
Frid - Mrs Walker is on an Attachment Course with Mrs Hemmings.

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 story of Stick Man by Julia Donaldson. In literacy we have made lost posters for things we have lost at home. In maths we have been ordering objects in size order then we extended our learning to measuring objects using non-standard measures. We have enjoyed practising for our Christmas play too!

Class 1 Pott Shrigley – This week we have finished looking at 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children have completed some lovely written work. In maths, we have been problem solving.

Class 2 St John's – This week the children have had a very special visitor called Buddy the elf. He isn't an ordinary elf, he is a kindness elf. Every day he will be hiding somewhere around the school with a special line act that the children have to perform throughout the day. In literacy we have been writing rhyming poetry. In maths we have been doing column subtraction.

Class 2 Pott Shrigley – This week we have been getting ready for lots of our Christmas celebrations, including our Christingle performance and our Nativity play. In maths, we have been doing some shape work, including finding the area and perimeter and we have also learnt to draw circles using a compass.

Class 3 St John's – In maths, the children have been converting time such as minutes into hours. We have also been turning our data into bar charts. In English, the pupils have been doing persuasive writing and wrote a persuasive piece of writing about their own theme parks. In IPC, the children have been discussing the states of matter. We had a big debate about if sand is a solid, liquid or gas.

Class 4 St John's – This week, Class 4 have been looking at time in maths. We have been converting between analogue, digital and 24 hour clock times. In English, we have started exploring Michael Rosen's poetry, and we have written our own version of one of his poems. In IPC, we have been looking at the seven characteristics of living things and have looked at the advantages and disadvantages of different sources of energy.

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