

## Sharing our Gifts and Growing our Talents Together

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# 'Christian Value' - Peace

'Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

#### Head's message

I hope you have all had a very restful and peaceful half term and are as excited as we are at the Federation to start the countdown to the Christmas season, where together we rejoice and celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. We have already had a busy first week back, which included a delightful visit from Bishop Libby, who joined us for lunch on Thursday and met our Ethos groups. She spent over an hour chatting with the children and answering their questions. She will be putting pictures of her visit on her Facebook page.



#### Website

We are delighted to announce our new look website is now live and can be found at <a href="www.pottstjohns.co.uk">www.pottstjohns.co.uk</a>. Just a reminder that the Federation Twitter account is @PottStJohns

#### **Class Assemblies**

It was a delight to watch Class 3 on both sites lead the worship today. The pride they showed in all they had achieved was wonderful. It was also lovely to be able to introduce Pott Shrigley parents to Charlotte Williams, who will be covering Gemma Smith's maternity.

### **Gardening Club**

Congratulations to the Gardening Club for completing Level 3 in the RHS School Gardening Awards.

#### **Children in Need - Dress Spotty or Stripy**

The School Councils are raising money for Children in Need. If you would like to come dressed in anything spotty or stripy on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, please bring in a donation to Children in Need. Thank you - School Councils.

Please note that the children from St John's, who are swimming on this day, should not wear any spotty or striped make-up.

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#### In school next week

Mon - Mrs Walker at a meeting all day in Wilmslow.

Tues - Mrs Walker at the Tytherington Head's breakfast at 8am, and then at a Head's meeting at Bollington Cross. After that St John's followed by Pott Shrigley.

Wed - Mrs Walker Pott Shrigley am and St John's pm. FGB meeting at St John's at 6.30pm.

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

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

Sun – Pott Shrigley Family Service at St Christopher's at 10.45am.

#### **Curriculum update**

**Class 1 Pott Shrigley** — This week Class 1 have been reading 'Oi! Get off our Train' and have been exploring the setting of the book. In maths we have been looking at the difference between addition and subtraction sentences. As part of our topic we had a party and explored our feelings in preparation for looking at 'Let's Celebrate' this half-term.

**Class 1 St John's** – This week we have learnt all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We have reenacted the story through drama. We have created some beautiful firework pictures and 3D rocket models. We have used our entire supply of glitter! We have made safety posters to remind us how to be safe on Bonfire Night.

**Class 2 Pott Shrigley** — The children have been reading the Time Travelling Cat which they have loved. They have hot-seated the role of the main character.

**Class 2 St John's** — We have had a very exciting week in literacy this week as we have been replying to the letters from our new pen pals at Bollington Cross. In maths we have been looking at ordering 2 and 3 digit numbers on a number line and in our topic work we have been focusing on our British values and writing our own set of classroom rules.

**Class 3 Pott Shrigley** — We have been working on poetry at the moment and the poem we are doing is Jack and the Beanstalk. It has lots of rhyming words, actions and facial expressions. My favourite performer is Michael Rosen because he is funny. In maths we have been using a written method for multiplying 3 digit by 2 digit numbers. We know how this method links to the grid method. We also know how to check that our answer looks correct. (Ellis - Year 6)

**Class 3 St John's** — We've had a busy week in Class 3 this week! In Maths, we have been exploring shapes and grouping them according to their properties. We have also been looking at angles. In Year 4 the children have learned about acute, right angles and obtuse angles, and the Year 5 and 6s have been practising measuring angles accurately using a protractor. In English, the children have been looking at the features of poems, and have been performing poems they have practised to the rest of the class.

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