

Pott Shrigley Church School

Church of England Aided Primary



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'A place to learn, a place to grow, a place to be me'

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Dear Parents

Our half term begins today and hopefully we will enjoy some more of this lovely weather somewhere over the break. We are looking forward to a busy final half term in school after the holiday. As well as continuing with our weekly swimming lessons, our Forest School sessions at Nest in the Woods and our regular sports sessions, there are a number of other special events to enjoy.

The Licensing Ceremony for the new Vicar, Reverend David Swales will take place next week at St Christopher's Church and the children will be writing invitations to ask him to come into school to meet them. We hope that he will become a regular visitor to the school. We are also preparing for the Rose Queen Festival weekend on the 17th June with the Family Service on the 18th. Our sports day is planned for the afternoon of the 6th July, but please note that we have changed the reserve date to Wednesday 12th July.

On the day of the general election, Thursday 8th June, the Village Hall will be used for voting and therefore we have arranged a trip so that we do not have to close the school on that day. We intend that we will be out all day. Could you therefore check the weather forecast the day before and ensure that your child has the correct clothing and equipment, whether that be sun hat and sun cream and waterproof cagoule or full waterproof kit and gloves!

Early years' area

The trustees of the Village Hall have been busy purchasing the land to the back of the school and we are in the process of receiving a number of quotes for the development of the inside and outside of the early years' classroom. When it is complete it will be an excellent resource and we anticipate that much of the work will be completed over or just after the summer holidays. We are also preparing a bid to the Diocese for an outside climbing frame/play area which would be suitable for all children.

Parental Involvement in School Life

After half term we have planned to have an increased focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar. This is generally known as SPaG in primary schools and we will be asking parents to support the school by regularly completing any homework, especially spellings. Many thanks to the parents and carers who do this as a matter of course.

There are two areas that you could also support us on over the half term. The first one is to help your children with a piece of maths work for our maths week which we have planned week commencing Monday, 12th June. We would like all children, with adult support as required, to produce a piece of work over half term which reflects 'real maths' to ensure that the children understand how relevant mathematics is to their lives rather than merely a school subject. If you are able to involve the children in an aspect of maths it would be much appreciated, especially if we could make a display from the work. For example, this may be photographs of a food recipe and process which involves weighing and measuring, a visit which requires a bus or train timetable, a shopping list with prices, a piece of DIY which involves costing and measuring, miles/kilometres driven on a holiday or visit, plane tickets and times - anywhere that mathematics can be found. There are lots of ideas on the internet for this. A few photographs, pictures, plans or models would be much appreciated. The second area where you can help is probably much easier. One of the best ways that schools can evaluate their strengths and development areas is by asking parents directly. You will find a questionnaire attached for parents to complete. The most valuable feedback that we will receive is from parental written comments. Every comment will be considered in detail and discussed with staff and governors anonymously. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and valued and a collated anonymised summary will be sent home. Please write any comments on the questionnaire or on additional sheets.

We would especially appreciate your opinions on the following:

- School meals
- After school clubs.
- School sports: we are allocated approximately £8000 annually to invest in school sports. We have used this for sports coaching, after school clubs, Forest school visits and purchasing of new sports equipment amongst other areas. Do parents have any comments on how this is spent?

Finally, what do you see as the three main general priorities for the school over the next few years?

Please can you complete this survey and return it to school in an envelope as soon as possible but by Wednesday 7th June at the latest.

Thank you for your help in this.

School will reopen on Monday, 5th June after the half term break.

Yours sincerely

M Bertinshaw
Headteacher

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