



Heads Up 8th September 2023

Dear parents,

What a fantastic first week we have had! The children have settled incredibly well into new routines and new classes, new teachers and new topics. They have been missed so much and we have started the year as we mean to go on. The children have come back to school happy, settled and focussed and we couldn't be prouder.



We have welcomed three wonderful children into reception this week – Emma, Miles and Meadow. They have been a joy to teach all week and a great addition to our class 1. We are very excited to watch you grow and flourish at our school, thank you for being amazing!

Following this picture, a special thank you to you all as parents for investing in new uniforms, especially the new PE style and colour. The children look so smart and I am sure you will agree, red is our colour!

This week we launched our brand new Pott Shrigley Church School curriculum. This is a great new start for us and will ensure our children are supported, engaged and challenged in their learning. A special thank you to Miss Millington who has worked incredibly hard on this project since she took up post on the leadership team. We now have a curriculum that is bespoke to us, immersive and progressive – a copy is now available on the school website for you to enjoy. This will enable our children to make links between and across subjects and we have planned enrichment opportunities in every topic to bring learning to life. The children have already enjoyed their new topics this week and class 2 and 3 will finish the week with specialist dance delivery in Royal and Egyptian dance to tie in with their topic.



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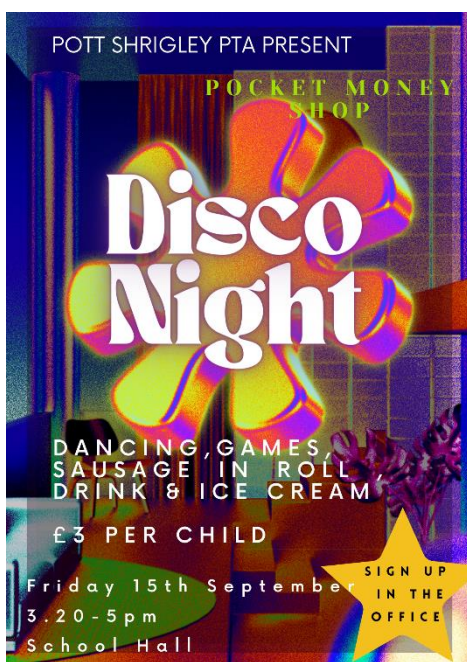


Over the summer we had lots of building work completed after we were successful in a grant from the Diocese. Class 1 had a full refurbishment and the space is much brighter and bigger. We have big plans for the space now to ensure it is as exciting and engaging as our children deserve.

We also have brand new furniture in Class which the PTA kindly funded for us. This has made such a difference to the class, thank you!



We also started breakfast and after school clubs this week. After school clubs have been extremely popular and are almost full. Our breakfast provision hasn't been as popular as we had hoped, if this is a provision you would like to use please do book your children in. Unfortunately, if numbers don't increase it won't be viable to continue due to the cost to the school.



The PTA are holding their first event of the year next Friday after school – Please sign up in the office by Thursday if you're child would like to attend.



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Finally, we would like to launch our new pupil voice committees! You are all going to do great things and we are very proud of the great start you have made already.

Firstly our prayer focus group – Brandon, Grace, Luke and Sienna.



Then proudly introducing our school council – Arlo, Daisy, Eden, Joshua, Clark, Bonnie and Olivia.



As always we will finish with our superstars of the week, it was so hard to select just three of you but our merit winners this week are...

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Miles	Ieva	James



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Well done to you all and thank you for shining so bright and inspiring others this week. We are very proud of you all!

Have a wonderful sunny weekend with your families and enjoy this beautiful weather whilst you can. As always, thank you for your continuous support and encouragement as we grow together as a school and community.

Kind regards

Mrs Willis
Headteacher

Diary Dates:

- Tuesday 12th September
- Breakfast Club 8-8.45am
 - PE – children to come to school in PE kits (red short sleeve tops and navy / black shorts / sport trousers)
 - After School Sports Club – spaces available to book via school spider
- Wednesday 13th September
- Breakfast Club 8-8.45am
 - After School Lego Club - FULL
- Thursday 14th September
- Breakfast Club 8-8.45am
 - Years 2-6 Swimming. Kits hats & towels to be brought to school
 - After School Dance Club – FULL
- Friday 15th September
- Friday uniforms (red long-sleeved tops and navy sports trousers)
 - Class 1 will go to Forest School this half term so boots/ waterproofs required according to the weather.
 - PTA Disco – 3.20-5pm.

Advance notice:

- Tuesday 19th September
- Miss Millington & Mrs Fairhurst will be running a Residential Info. Session from 3.25-4.05 in the school hall. This will be a really useful session so please do attend with your children if you can.