



Heads Up 8th March

Dear parents,

This week has been all about books! We celebrated national world book day on Thursday 7th and the children and staff all looked fantastic as I am sure you will agree.



We started with a book swap and all children had the opportunity to swap a book they had read for a pre-loved book - everyone loved this and we heard lots of exciting book talk in the hall as the children discussed their choices and offered recommendations.



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In the afternoon the children designed their favourite book cover and created some amazing pieces. It was very hard to judge a winner from each class but the following children were selected for their original, creative and effective designs.

Class 1 – Rory
Class 2 - Laela
Class 3 – James

All children revved an exciting new book as their prize, well done!



Our author competition continues to run and the children are keen to achieve the winning Prize! Again, this is creating lots of conversation around books as children recommended different authors to each other. There is certainly a real buzz around school about books this half term!

As a school team we are busy compiling our recommended reads for each class and this final list will go live soon! The PTA have kindly agreed to buy this selection of books for each class which will really enrich the quality and standard of our books in school for all children. Thank you, PTA!

This week our year 1 children started their spellings for the first time. Like the older children they will take a list home every week to learn and bring back into school.

Please do continue to work with your child at home on their spellings using spelling frame and our look, cover write and check sheets. We have seen an increase in scores this academic year which is all down to the work the children do at home to consolidate their learning, thank you!

I keep a check on children's scores on spelling frame and TT tools stars on a weekly basis so please do continue this hard work at home. It's nice to see different names at the top of the leader board each week!



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We take mental health seriously at our school and do all we can to ensure our children are happy and thriving! I am proud to announce that Mrs Paton will now take up the important position of mental health lead and her training has begun already! This half term she will start to do some work with select children using Next Step Cards. Next Step Cards are a Solution-Focused, Goal Based Outcome resource which help practitioners to engage and empower children and young people, promoting psychological wellbeing. The Cards enable adults who support children and young people to have safe and structured conversations about emotional health and wellbeing and empower them to set and achieve self-defined goals. This is a tool that we feel will have multiple benefits for our children and Mrs Paton will start this important work alongside her busy office role this half term. Thank you Mrs Paton!

Finally a very special message from Reverend Lynn, please do try and attend this reflective service.

Dear Parents,

St Christopher's Pott Shrigley are holding a special "Service of Remembering" for any who have lost loved ones. This will be held at 4.30pm on Sunday 17th March at the church. There will be an opportunity to have the name of your loved one read out if you wish, hear some simple prayers and message of hope, and light a candle of remembrance. There will also be refreshments served afterwards.

This is an invitation to anyone who would like to come.

If you would like more information or would like to pass on the name of your loved one in advance please contact Revd Lynn Caudwell either by email vicar@pottshrigleychurch.org.uk or by phone 01625 574660

We have also been given advanced notice of our SIAMS inspection which will take place on Thursday 14th March. I have attached a letter from the inspector with further details. Please do ask if you have any questions at all about this inspection.

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Amelia	Joshua	Bonnie

Have a wonderful weekend with your children and families.

Kind regards
Mrs Willis



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Diary Dates:

Monday 11th March - SATS Club Year 6

Tuesday 12th March – Class 3 Trip to Jodrell Bank – school uniform & packed lunches
- After School Sports Club

Wednesday 13th March – Non Uniform Day in exchange for an Easter egg
- After School Cheerleading Club

Thursday 14th March – PE
After School Lego Club

Friday 15th March - Football Tournament – Pott Football Team
- Class 1 – Gymnastics
- Class 2 & 3 – Forest School