



Pott Shrigley Church School

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Dear parents,

We have a great two weeks in school and the children have settled in well to new routines, classes and friendships. We welcomed two new boys this week in class 2 and 3. Albie joins our class 2 and Wilbur joins class 3. We are very proud of you both already and know you will achieve great things with us here at Pott Shrigley.

On Sunday we gathered at church for our all-age worship. It was so lovely to share this service with so many of our families, thank you for joining us! The next all age worship is on Sunday 29th September for our Harvest celebrations. Please do come along if you can, many of our children will be taking part.



This week we presented our reception and year 3 children with their Bibles. This is a gift from church for our Pott Shrigley school children.

The children were thrilled with this gift

as you can see from their smiling faces!

This week, Class 3 have been investigating liquid and gas diffusion in our Science topic of 'States of Matter'.

We lit an incense stick and observed how the smoke and scent diffused gradually across the room and learnt about how the particles behave in that process. The children were asking thought-provoking questions and challenging themselves to understand securely this scientific enquiry.

We also investigated how liquid particles can also diffuse by observing how the colour particles in skittles behaved when they met water.

I was very proud of how sensible and curious the children were throughout these investigations and of their understanding and presentation of their findings - well done Class 3!





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On Monday we will be sending our brand-new homework books. We have relaunched spelling frame and TT rocks stars with the children, and we ask that you utilise these platforms little and often at home to support your child's learning in the fundamentals of spelling and mental maths. Both platforms are designed to ensure children make progress quickly in these areas. 10 minutes a day will make a massive difference and this is homework they can do independently. All passwords will be in your child's homework book. We have also invested in numbots for our younger children in class 1 and 2. This is a platform that enables them to play with number and start to lay the foundations for lasting maths skills. It is also really fun!

All children who have completed the phonics programme will receive weekly spellings off spelling frame and in their homework book. These will be sent out on a Monday after new spellings have been introduced and we ask that they are returned on a Friday for us to mark. Homework books will be used this year to help our children with the organisation of their home studies and enable you to see progress made.



I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that children need to bring healthy snacks for break time and water in their water bottles (wherever possible). We have a range of fresh fruit every day that we encourage our children to eat so please don't worry if your child forgets their snack. We always make sure they have all been offered a piece of fruit.

Please can you also ensure your child brings a healthy lunch if they are on packed lunches. As a healthy school this is something we monitor closely and always ensure we educate our children on healthy choices for a healthy lifestyle. Please find some ideas in the following link. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

It is also very important that children do not come to school with earrings in. With such an active and outdoor learning offer we need to ensure our children are safe in the 'great outdoors'. Unfortunately, if earrings are worn your child will miss outdoor learning opportunities in line with national school guidance for safety.

This week we opened our dojo chat function so parents are able to message directly to teachers. Please do use this as this is a great way for us to work together and keep communication strong.



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Finally, this week we have seen a sudden rise in lateness with some of our families and children – 20% of our children have been late on at least one occasion since the beginning of term. It is really important your child is in school on time as this ensures they start the day with their friends are and avoids unnecessary upset if they have missed part of the morning.

Our overall attendance since the beginning of September is 97% which is good – please do continue the good work here as we always strive to be at 96% or above. Attendance and lateness are being monitored directly by the DfE and schools have strict guidelines in place from September 2024 to ensure children do not miss out on education/morning sessions. All schools have to follow this guidance and carry out the procedures tightly, this was shared with you in the summer term last year. Please continue to do all you can to ensure your child/children are here on time each morning ready in the playground for the bell to ring at 8.50am.

Now our superstars of the last two weeks, we find it so hard to pick just 1 child for each class, but here they are.

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Arya Horacio	Clark Albie	Sophie Joshua

Have a wonderful sunny weekend with your families and enjoy the sun and warm weather whilst it is here!

Kind regards

Mrs Willis

Diary Dates:

- Monday 23rd September - **Class 1 Airport Trip**
- Tuesday 24th September - Open Morning -9.30-11.30am
- PE & After School Sports Club
- Thursday 26th September - **Dine with Me – Parents Lunch (Reception & Year 1)**
- After School Lego Club
- Friday 27th September - Friday uniforms
- Class 3 Forest School
- Class 1&2 Dance
- Sunday 29th September - Harvest Service at St Christopher’s Church