



Pott Shrigley Church School

Church of England Aided Primary

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*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ, God forgave you"*
Ephesians 4:32

Dear parents,

Hello everyone and welcome back to school. Apologies for the length of today's news.....

We have welcomed eight lovely new children to school this week – four in reception, two in year two, one in year four and one in year six. They have all settled in beautifully and our children have made them feel at home and were glad to make some new friends.

Everyone enjoyed returning to New Hey Farm today; thank you to Sheila and David for accommodating us and to our new forest schools teachers – Lorna and Julie.

Whilst many things are different to how we usually operate in school, the children have grown accustomed to the frequent handwashing and not sharing equipment etc. Our intention over the next few weeks is to take care of their emotional and mental well-being firstly and then to assess the gaps in their learning so that we can plan for progress and catch up. You can support us with this by reading with them, practising spellings once they receive them and providing a quiet place for them to do any homework. The reading is the most important thing, even if you only have 5 minutes to spare – reading to your child is just as important as them reading to you at primary school.

I would like to draw your attention to part of the new guidance for schools from the department for education. The guidance is very clear about the expectations for remote learning should a local lockdown be necessary. School will set work for children learning at home and teachers will monitor that work. Children will be expected to complete it and hand it in when they return to school. Having surveyed and taken note of parental responses last term, most people wanted work on paper, blank notebooks and work online via Tapestry for reception/KS1 and ZOOM for KS2. We are hopeful that this will not be necessary and continue to pray for everyone's health in these uncertain times. We will communicate with the Local

Authority and Public Health England should there be a coronavirus case within our school community or a local lockdown and keep you informed at all times.

I would also like to ask you to put **parents' evening** in your diaries – it will be via telephone during the school day on **Thursday 8th October**. Appointments will be for ten minutes per child. We will contact you with time slots nearer the time, possibly asking you to sign up via the website.

Sadly, Bollington Leisure Centre are not ready to take schools for swimming lessons just yet. We will let you know as soon as we can recommence swimming lessons.

Please note the term dates on the accompanying list. We will try to mark the year with all the usual activities for the children; they will be filmed and made available for parents to view online and we will be working with the PTA to find new ways to fundraise for school.

Finally, could I encourage any new parents to join the school and PTA Facebook groups? The former is official and promotes the exciting things we do – you can help by sharing this with all your friends – and the second is an unofficial but useful group with practical advice, reminders and a place to ask questions if necessary.

Hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Kind Regards

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