



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a wonderful, relaxing summer break. The children have already settled in brilliantly and I'm sure we'll have another fantastic year. On behalf of everyone at school, I would like to pass on our heartfelt THANKS for all the lovely gifts, thoughtful cards, kind comments and best wishes we received before the holidays. Your generosity and support really means a lot to us. Thank you.

## Welcome To The Heskin Family.

As well as catching up with lots of familiar faces, this week, it's been great to see lots of new children who have now become members of our Heskin family. I would like to wish a very warm welcome to *Joshua, Arthur, Oscar, Anna, Lilly-May, Pennie, Anastasia, Jack, Joseph, India, Sartaj, Cole, Charlie, Ezra* and *Elijah* who have joined Class 1 this week. I am also delighted to welcome *Charlie* who has joined Class 3 and *Mrs Aitken* who is teaching in Class 4. Finally, we are all pleased to see *Mrs Pass* (Class 3) and *Mrs Wilcock* (Kitchen) return to Heskin.

## Mrs Cowie

As many of you are already aware, Mrs Cowie has now taken up post in The Laurels as the events organiser. Mrs Cowie has worked tremendously hard for our school in promoting sports and healthy activities. Although she will be missed, we all wish her every success in her new exciting venture. Mrs Cowie's teaching commitment in school will now be undertaken by the staff of Chorley School Sports Partnership. I am delighted that the partnership, who promote sport throughout the district, will be taking such a prominent role in our school and we are looking forward to even greater success in all the competitions we will be participating in this year.

## Car Parking.

Please remember that the school car park is for staff only between these times: 8:15am-9:15am and 3:00pm-4:00pm. We have noticed a number of cars coming up the drive to drop children off and pick children up at the playground gates. During our busy periods, before and after school, this can be very dangerous. We would hate for an accident to occur when it could so easily be avoided. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

## Head Lice.

I have been informed that head lice have been found on a number of pupils in school this week. They have been successfully treated but it might be a good idea to be extra vigilant for a while.

## What has happened in school this week...?

**Class 1-** What a wonderful first week we have had. All children have settled in really well and have enjoyed exploring the Learning Areas and making new friends. We have been very busy creating, painting and playing both indoors and out. The children have also been learning about class and school rules and have slotted into our school family beautifully.

**Class 2-** This week has been a settling in week. We have been learning new routines and expectations and Year 2 have been fantastic role models and a huge help. We have started our RE theme, which is 'Jesus friend to everyone.' The children have created a picture to show how they think Jesus welcoming children would look. We have been revising tricky words and letter formations in Year 1 Phonics and Year 2 have been spelling number words. What a super start to the year.

**Class 3-** This week we have spent lots of time learning the new routines in Class 3. We have thought about how a model pupil would act and behave in the class and around school. We created a poster of our pupil and decided on our day rules. In Maths, we have been learning about place value. We have used our skills to compare and order numbers. We have started our topic on the Anglo Saxons and found out where they come from and when. In RE we have talked about our 7 Gospel Values and written thoughtful prayers.

**Class 4-** In Maths this week we have started the year with a recap of place values and comparison of numbers. In English we have designed our own time machines in preparation for a non-chronological report to tie in with our new book - 'How to Live Forever'. In the afternoons we have been looking at our Christian Life Journey. As the oldest pupils in school we are working as a class on our school Mission Statement.



### Parents Evenings.

Throughout the year, you will have two formal opportunities to meet with your child's teacher. Our first Parents Evening will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and this will be an opportunity for you to meet with the teachers and discuss how well the children are settling in to their new class and new year group. The second will take place in the Spring Term and this meeting will be about your child's attainment and the progress they have been making in school. You will also have an opportunity at this Spring meeting to see the work in your child's books and classroom. Of course, you are always welcome to contact school to at any time to arrange an informal meeting with the teachers. We really do have an 'open door' policy at Heskin Pemberton's and we will always provide you with any advice or support you may need.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Next week, you will receive a letter containing details of our extra-curricular clubs for this half term. All clubs will start in the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September except the Sportscool Club which starts next Wednesday. I would like to say a big thank you to all members of staff for their hard work, time and effort in organising and running these activities.

### Roald Dahl Day!

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day in school. Each class will be participating in special Roald Dahl Day activities, which will enable us to explore and enjoy the books written by this amazing author. Although we do not want the children to come to school in fancy dress, they may bring in small objects, pictures or an item of clothing as a clue to their favourite Roald Dahl book.

### Important Dates:

- 13.09.17: Roald Dahl Day.
- 14.09.17: Year 6 House Captain Elections.
- 14.09.17: PTFA Annual General Meeting. 7:00pm in The White Lion. *Please come along. Everyone is welcome!*
- 15.09.17: PTFA Family Breakfast BBQ.
- 18.09.17: Football & Healthy Eating Day.
- 20.09.17: Reception Class Photograph for Chorley Guardian.
- 21.09.17: School Council to meet with LCC Road Safety Officer.
- 22.09.17: PTFA Family Campover.
- 25.09.17: Drama Day at Heskin!
- 26.09.17: Class 1 Phonics Meeting.
- 28.09.17: Chorley Magistrates visit to school.
- 29.09.17: Individual & Family Photographs.
- 29.09.17: Harvest Worship at St. James The Great.
- 02.10.17: Parents Evening.
- 04.10.17: No Pen Wednesday!
- 06.10.17: Christian & British Values Day.
- 13.10.17: PTFA Autumn Ball.
- 17.10.17: Relax Kids Workshop in Class 4.
- 17.10.17: Year 6 educational visit to Chorley Magistrates Court.
- 23.10.17: My Asian Experiences presented to Class 3 & 4
- 25.10.17: School closes at 3:30pm.
- 08.11.17: School reopens.



## STARS OF THE WEEK!

- Y1: Addison Ainscough
- Y2: Freya McEvoy
- Y3: Emily Savage
- Y4: Robert Moss
- Y5: Phoebe Lewis-Guinness
- Y6: Ella Moss

### Joke of the Week:

Our first joke of the new school year comes from Zara Robinson in Class 4.

**Q:** What do eggs like to do for fun?

**A:** Carry Yockie!

Well done, Zara! That really made me giggle.

If you've got a joke that you think would tickle my funny bone then please pass it onto me. You never know, your joke might make it into next week's newsletter.

Hope you have a lovely week,

Mr Alan Brindle  
Headteacher

