



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 10th March, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

School Website.

Our new school website is now under construction. I really want this website to 'show off' everything that's special about Heskin so we're creating a brand new gallery of photographs. Our website designer will be in school on Tuesday, next week, to take these photographs so if you see me wearing my best suit, you'll know why... I think I might even get my hair done this weekend!

Thank you, PTFA!

Our PTFA met last night to discuss upcoming events. These events not only make a lot of money for our school but are a great opportunity to enjoy time with our friends and families. Already, our PTFA have purchased new sporting equipment for the school and have spent £400 on non-fiction reading books. These resources are already being used and enjoyed by our children so I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who raises money by attending these events and a big thank you to all the members of our PTFA for organising so many fundraising activities. THANK YOU!

Interim Reports & Parents Evenings.

On Monday you will receive your child's interim report which should form part of the discussion you will have with their class teacher on Parents' Evening. The report will give you a brief update on your child's attendance, attainment levels and effort. We are really looking forward to meeting with you on our Parents' Evenings. As usual, your child's work will be available for you to look at in their classrooms, prior to your appointments with the class teacher. I, along with some of our support staff, will also be available on both evenings in order to keep the appointments running to schedule and to assist in any way we can.

Red Nose Day!

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 24th March by having a non-uniform day. This year we are asking the children to wear something red and bring a voluntary donation of around £1 into school. I know this event has come along quite soon after World Book Day so please don't go to any additional trouble or expense in finding a special costume for your child to wear. It's far more important that we raise money for and awareness of this great charity.

What has happened in school this week...?



Class 1- Our focus this week has been Sharks. Using information which we had discovered throughout the week. We wrote facts and drew illustrations for our very own class information book. In RE, we shared the Easter Story, discovering how this celebration was both a sad and happy one. Our maths focus has been 3D shapes. We have named, sorted and described a variety of shapes including a sphere, cylinder, cone, cube and cuboid. Ask me if I can spot any at home and describe them to you.

Class 2- This week we have been learning about writing and organising instructions. We have worked with a partner to perform instructions for a video to instruct other children on how to brush their teeth properly. In maths, we have been dividing. We have been solving problems by grouping and sharing. We have been practising multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table. We have finally finished building our castles!

Class 3- In English we have started our new unit on non-chronological reports. We have been reading non-fiction books and practised our close reading skills. We have learnt all about 3D shapes in maths. We've learnt new words, sorted shapes, looked for shapes, made shapes and written 'what am I?' 3D riddles. In PE we began our work on outdoor adventurous activities. This is not just about physical activity but problem solving and teamwork. In Topic we looked at how the Romans developed a number system based on just seven letters but didn't have a zero. In Science we used mirrors to look at how light is reflected.

Class 4- In maths this week we have been calculating with fractions in Year 5. Year 6 have been concentrating on addition and subtraction. We continue to study the Jungle Book in English and are very excited about the new character 'Kaa' who has arrived this week. On Tuesday, we sketched still life pictures using different pencils and looked carefully at tone and shade. Class 4 devised and carried out their own experiments in Science to investigate shadows. We had lots of fun on the playground waiting for the sun to come out from behind the clouds!

Sainsbury's Active Kids.

Thank you for all the Sainsbury's vouchers we've received so far. Please keep sending these important vouchers in to school.

Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party.

On Friday 24th March, our hardworking PTFA will be organising an afternoon tea party for mums, grandmothers and their children. This will be lovely event so please try to attend if at all possible. Tickets are available, at a cost of £5, from Mrs Fry in the office. **Therefore there will be no star assembly.**

Wigan Warriors!

Wow! Friday 24th March seems to be a very busy day! Not only is it Red Nose Day, not only is it our Mothers' Day Tea but it is also the Wigan Warriors .v. Hull FC match. If you'd like to purchase tickets for the match, please complete the reply slip on the bottom of the letter which was sent home earlier in the week. I can't wait to see our pupils on the pitch at the start of this Super League match.

Easter Service.

Just a quick reminder that our school Easter Service will take place on Friday 31st March at St. James The Great Church at 8:50am. Please take your children to the church that morning, rather than school, and please feel free to stay and attend the service. Children in Breakfast Club will be transported to church by staff but please ensure that they bring their own booster seats if they require them. Transport back to school has been organised.

Important Dates

- 22.03.17: Cultural Educ-Asian Day.
- 22.03.17: Year 5 Visit to Croston Methodist Church.
- 23.03.17: Parents' Evening.
- 24.03.17: Red Nose Day.
- 24.03.17: PTFA Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party.
- 24.03.17: Wigan Warriors Flag Waving.
- 27.03.17: Parents' Evening.
- 28.03.17: Class 1 & 2 Visit to Gillmoss.
- 29.03.17: Ollerton Cup Football Match Away .v. Whittle-woods.
- 30.03.17: Class 3 & 4 Visit to Jodrell Bank.
- 30.03.17: Cluster Football Tournament.
- 30.03.17: PTFA Easter Bingo.
- 31.03.17: Easter Service in Church.
- 31.03.17: School Closes at 2:00pm for Easter.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Class 1 – Amelie Tate

Class 2 – Y1 Rosie Furzeman
Y2 Olivia O'Rourke

Class 3 – Y3 Isabelle Wilson
Y4 Matthew Dewhurst

Class 4 – Lottie Taylor

Joke of the Week:

This week's Joke of the Week comes from Sophia in Class 4:

Q: Why did the girl smear peanut butter on the road?

A: She thought it would go really well with the traffic jam!

A great joke! Thanks, Sophia.

Have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

