



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 13th January, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

## 'Happy New Year!'

Welcome back. I hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas and I'd like to wish you all the best for 2017. On behalf of everyone in school, I would also like to thank you for the many thoughtful gifts and cards they received at the end of last term. Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated.

## Thank You!

What an amazing school! I have had a lovely time in my first 'official' week here at Heskin and I'd just like to say a massive thank you to you and your wonderful children for all the little chats, good luck messages and introductions I've received. You've made me feel extremely welcome and I look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming weeks.

## Good Luck

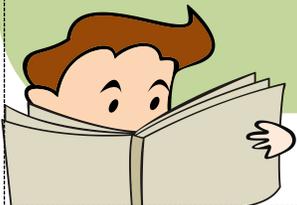
I think we'd all like to wish Mr Bretherton the best of luck for his next adventure at New Longton. I'm sure you'll agree that Mr Bretherton has done an amazing job here at Heskin and I'm certain he will make a positive impact in his new school.

## Christian Values

In worship this half-term, we will be exploring the Christian Value of Forgiveness and how important this value is when building friendships. I look forward to seeing our Ethos Group delivering their special worships on this theme.

## After School Club

If you would like to make use of our after school club provision please could you contact Miss Jones on 07519190760



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

**Class 1-** What a busy first week back! We have begun our topic by looking at Dinosaurs. What were they? Were they all the same? Do they still live on the Earth now? We each chose a type of dinosaur to learn about. We mixed paints to make just the right colour to paint our dinosaur. Next, we used an information book to find out some facts about it. Was it fast, slow, large, small, a meat or plant eater? In our number work we have been matching objects and numbers 11-20. Keep looking at home!

**Class 2-** What a busy week! We hit the ground running with a Big Write to open our 'Once upon a time..' topic. We have been reading Goldilocks in English and re-telling the story on story maps and writing character descriptions. In Maths, we have been reading and writing numbers in numerals and words and also developing our understanding of the value of the digits in 2 and 3 digit numbers. We have sorted our new class novel which is Peter Pan.

**Class 3-** This week we have worked hard in our maths learning more about place value to add and subtract mentally. In our English, we have been exploring a picture and thinking about the characters and their thoughts and feelings. In Science, the children devised their own investigation and tested theories. In R.E, we looked at the gospel values and wrote new classroom prayers. We have begun to look at The Romans and why they invaded Britain.

**Class 4-** We've had a busy start to 2017 in Class 4 this week, with lots of new units in each subject! During Maths, the children have been exploring sequences and looking for patterns to extend number sentences. Some children even started to look at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term and can now use a simple formula to find given terms. In English, the class are exploring stories from other cultures and have been reading both apache and aboriginal tales about how a kangaroo got its pouch and how the sky became so high. They then used their imagination to write a story about how a zebra got its stripes. The whole class have come back with a fantastic work ethic, keep up the good work Class 4!

## Important Notices

### **School Clubs:**

Thank you, Mrs Cowie for organising our extra-curricular clubs which will start again next week. A letter went home yesterday containing the details of all our clubs for the Spring Term. Thursday morning Invasion Games is now full unfortunately.

### **School Photographs:**

Last order date for school photographs is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, if you would like to order please send it in on Monday. Thank you.

### **PTFA:**

Our hardworking PTFA had a meeting last night and have arranged an extensive programme of events for 2017. They will send out a separate newsletter detailing all these fundraisers shortly and I will keep you posted on any upcoming events.

If anyone would like to enter our Lucky Numbers draw then please send £12 into school, cheques payable to 'Heskin Pemberton CE School PTA' and you will be entered into our monthly prize draw with a chance of winning £25!

### **Three Peaks Challenge:**

I've spoken to Mr Bretherton this week and he has confirmed that he will continue to post details of The Three Peaks Challenge on the PTFA Facebook page. He has also said that if anyone is interested in completing this challenge, who has not already contacted him, they can let him know either through Facebook or through school and he will add you to the list.

### **Important Dates**

**9/2/17 – PTFA Valentines Disco (Details to follow)**

**10/02/17- School Closes at 3.30pm**

**20/2/17- School Reopens**



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

Class 1 – Sam O'Rourke

Class 2 – Y1 Darcie Lynch  
Y2 Robert Shinkfield

Class 3 – Rowan Millar

Class 4 – Harry Clarke-Tomlinson

### **Joke Of The Week:**

I think it's always nice to end the week with a smile and a giggle so I'd like to thank Millie in Class 4 for providing me with this Joke:

**Q: *What do cats use to keep their teeth clean?***

**A: *Mouse wash!!***

Thanks for that, Millie.

Remember to pass on your favourite jokes to me for next week's newsletter.

Have a lovely week,

Mr Alan Brindle  
Headteacher

