



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 21st April, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Welcome back! I hope you've all had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

Goodbye Mrs Fry!

On Tuesday, we said goodbye to our extremely hard-working and colourful bursar, Mrs Fry. She has been touched by all the supportive and encouraging comments she has received and has asked me to pass on her thanks to each and every one of you. Mrs Fry will be sorely missed at Heskin but we will undoubtedly keep in touch and I'm sure we'll be seeing her very soon.

We'll miss you, Shelley!

Our new bursar, Mrs Dixon, will be starting in the office next Friday. Mrs Dixon is an extremely enthusiastic and experienced school business manager and we look forward to welcoming her to our Heskin family.

Scarecrow Family Fun Day

The annual Scarecrow Family Fun Day will be take place on Sunday 30th April at Tunley United Reform Church Field and Hall. There will be a wealth of activities for both young and the not-so-young starting at 12 noon. Our creative team of staff and children are already in the process of making the Heskin Pemberton scarecrow, which you will soon be able to see and the bottom of the school drive. As a little boy, I was petrified of a TV programme about a scarecrow called Worzel Gummidge but I've got to admit that I'm really looking forward to this family fun day I and hope to see many of you there.

Mad Science

Wow! What an exciting morning we had on Wednesday! We had a special assembly led by Generator John from Mad Science. The children participated in a wide range of exciting and spectacular experiments during the assembly and Generator John said that he was extremely impressed with their scientific knowledge and understanding. He was so impressed that he's going to come back to school and run a Mad Science club every Thursday for the children in Years R, 1, 2 and 3. A letter with further details of this club was sent home yesterday.

Stay & Play

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

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- This week, we have been recalling the recent celebration of Easter. After watching some Kinder Eggs being opened we invented our own toy. It could do anything we wanted! What was it? How did it work? What could it do? Next, we drew our creations and wrote about them. In our maths we have been looking at one more and one less than any given number. We have also been writing our own addition number sentences and counting on to find the total.

Class 2- This week we have started our new topic which is Giants! In English, we have been learning about fantasy stories and in Maths we have been developing our understanding of place value by solving number problems. In Science we have been looking at and comparing the characteristics and structures of giant animals and also looking at the structure of minibests. Our theme in R.E. this half term is Saints & Followers.

Class 3- We have started this new term with a very busy week! In English, we have learnt when to use apostrophes and when not to use apostrophes in our writing. We have also enjoyed finishing our book, The Journey, and talking about all the surprises and adventures in it. In Maths, we have been learning about position and movement. We have learnt about grid references and coordinates and have used lots of different language to move ourselves on the carpet. We have studied right, left, clockwise, anticlockwise, 2 quarter turns, 90° turns and 360° turns! In topic, we have started looking at settlements. We have learnt about the different types of settlement and where they may be located.

Class 4- In Class 4 this week we have started to look at a new collection of short stories with a fantasy theme called Tales From Outer Suburbia. In Maths, Year 6 have been working hard on arithmetic whilst Year 5 have been exploring place value and decimals. In R.E. we have been discussing what inspiration is and who inspires us. Ancient Greece is our topic this term. We have begun by reading Pandora's Box and by looking at a timeline.

School Clubs.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Cowie for once again organising our extra-curricular clubs. A letter went home earlier this week containing all the details of the activities available this half term. If your child would like to take part in any of these clubs, please could you complete and return the form as soon as possible?

Yorkshire Three Peaks!

As many of you may be aware, our vice-chair of governors, Mr Jonathan Pitt, has been busy organising the Yorkshire Three Peak Challenge in order to raise money for Gordon Thorpe. We will be setting off early in the morning on Saturday 29th April in order to complete this 24 miles challenge. Information about how you can get involved and how you can donate to this worthy cause can be found on the PTFA Facebook page and the Heskin Pemberton Mountaineers Facebook page.

Easter Service.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who attending our Easter Service at church on the last day of term. It was great to see so many faces enjoying the wonderful service the children had prepared for you. I would also like to say an even bigger thank you for donating so many Easter eggs for children who, for whatever reason, may not be quite as fortunate as ourselves. Your kindness will have put a lot of happy smiles on a lot of children's faces this Easter. Thank you!

Newspapers!

Mrs Hugo would like as many old newspapers as possible bringing into school for our scarecrow project so hopefully, this request will go out before recycling day! Please send any newspapers into school with your child next Monday and Tuesday and we will pass them on to our scarecrow making team. Thank you.

PFTA Meeting

The next PFTA meeting will take place on Thursday 27th April at 7:00pm at The White Lion. Please feel free to join us for the meeting and help in any way you can.

Important Dates

- 25.04.17: Cluster Tag Rugby Competition.**
- 26.04.17: School Swimming Gala.**
- 27.04.17: PTFA Meeting.**
- 29.04.17: Yorkshire Three Peak Challenge.**
- 30.04.17: Scarecrow Family Fun Afternoon.**
- 01.05.17: May Day Bank Holiday.**
- 08.05.17: Year 6 SATs.**
- 12.05.17: Class 1 & 2 educational visit to Greenslate Farm.**
- 26.05.17: School closes for half term.**
- 30.06.17-03.07.17: Patterdale Residential Visit**



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Class 1 – Thomas Ormesher

**Class 2 – Y1 Alana Makinson
Y2 Ezrin Hazar**

**Class 3 – Y3 Jacob Gardiner
Y4 Olivia Williams**

Class 4 – Sam Cookson

Joke of the Week:

Our Joke of the week comes from Lucy in Year 5:

Q: *What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?*

A: *You can't tuna fish!*

Wow! You've got to be CODding me, Lucy! There's a time and a PLAICE for jokes like that!

If you have a funny joke for the newsletter please let MINNOW.

Have a great week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

