



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th February, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Super Science Week!

I hope you've had a lovely half term break. It's great to see the children back in school and what a wonderful way to start the new term with our Super Science Week! I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the staff, especially Mrs Hugo, for their hard work in organising all the additional activities and investigations. I think the Menthos in the cola bottle experiment was my particular favourite... we're still mopping up the mess in the hall!

School Council Visit!

Next Monday, our School Council will be meeting with Charnock Richard's School Council in order to discuss playground games, rules and equipment. Both groups of children will have a working lunch together and will then spend some time playing and learning. I'm sure that when our councillors return to Heskin they will be full of amazing ideas about how we can make our playtimes even better than they already are.

Wonderful World Book Day.

Thank you for all the wonderful photographs I've received so far. They are amazing and it's going to be a really tough job to find a winner! Please remember to have all photographs in for Monday 27th February. As well as being able to dress up as their favourite book characters on 2nd March, there will also be a Book Fair in the hall after school so the children can buy and read a range of new books.

Fairtrade.

I was extremely proud of every one of our children yesterday in the mature and caring way they worked with Kath Greenlees, a visitor representing The Fairtrade Organisation. The children were able to learn where many of our everyday food items come from as well as learn about the struggle the farmers and their families have in producing food which we can often take for granted.

Chorley Gymnastics Competition.

Good luck to our Year 2 & 3 Gymnastics Team who will be taking part in a competition next Friday after school at Clayton Green Leisure Centre.

What has happened in school this week...?

Science Week!

Class 1- We began our new topic by looking at the Coral Reef. What was it? What creatures would we find there? We used our observing and classifying skills to sort sea creatures by different criteria. After sharing 'The Rainbow Fish', we thought about what makes a good friend? We wrote our thoughts on colourful scales to decorate our Rainbow Fish. In our maths, we have been starting to look at our numerals 11-20. Can we recognise and order them? Can we say the number before or after a given number? What is the number worth? Can we find that many objects?

Class 2- We have had a science packed week. We have done investigations to answer questions such as 'What will help a daffodil to bloom?' We have developed our skills of observing, predicting, measuring and recording and presenting our results. We loved the science show on Tuesday especially when he put a whole packet of mentos in the bottle of diet coke and it exploded up to the ceiling. We even did a life cycle dance in PE based on the story of the ugly duckling.

Class 3- In Class 3, we have started our new Science unit about light and shadows. After being inspired by Adrian's show, we have enjoyed writing our own stories and then creating puppets to perform them to the class as a shadow puppet show. We are looking forward to more light and shadow work during the term. We have been learning our times tables in maths and have been sorting multiples of different tables into carroll sorting diagrams. Although some of us were a little nervous to start, our first swimming lesson was great. Everyone was very impressed with our sensible behaviour and our swimming skills. We particularly enjoyed the free playtime at the end!



Class 4- In Maths this week, we have been trying different methods of division. In English we have begun to study 'The Jungle Book'. We have looked at the characters in detail and are enjoying reading this challenging text. It has been science week this week and the children began by designing luxury, custom made planets. They then moved on to prepare their own experiment about sound. We had a visit from Kath Greenlees who taught us all about Fair Trade too.

Extra-Curricular Clubs.

Mrs Cowie has sent home a letter containing information about all the extra-curricular clubs available for the remainder of this term. Please complete and return the form as soon as possible if you would like your child to participate in any of these activities. The majority of clubs will start again next week and my football club will start the following week. Unfortunately the tennis club is now full!

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.

Shrove Tuesday.

On Tuesday 28th February, we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday in school. As part of this celebration, everybody will be making and eating their own pancake! Woo hoo! Please let your child's class teacher know if there are any allergies we should be aware of.

Worship Themes.

Our Worship Themes this half term are **Trust** and **Easter**. The Ethos group will be telling us all about Shrove Tuesday next week and our Easter Service at St. James' will take place on Friday 31st March. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us for our Celebration Worship every Friday at 3:00pm.

Important Dates

27.02.17: Deadline for 'The Most Unusual Place to Read a Book' competition.

02.03.17: World Book Day

09.03.17: PFTA Meeting. 7:00pm White Lion

23.03.17: Parents' Evening

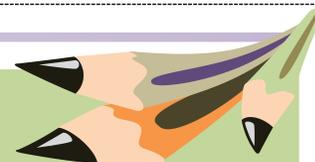
24.03.17: Red Nose Day

24.03.17: PTFA Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party

27.03.17: Parents' Evening

30.03.17: PTFA Easter Bingo

31.03.17: School Closes at 2:00pm for Easter



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Class 1 – Kendall McDonnell

Class 2 – Y1 Rosa Dunbavin
Y2 Oliver Sim

Class 3 – Y3 Addison Turner
Y4 Shaun Christopher

Class 4 – Lucy Cunliffe

Joke Of The Week:

I'm so impressed with this week's joke that I'm going to send it to my friend, Cheesy. Cheesy is not his real name, by the way!

So thank you Erin in Class 4 for this 'grate' joke:

Q: Did you hear about the explosion in the cheese factory?

A: There was de-Brie everywhere!

Thanks Erin. That was Brie-lliant!

Hope you have a fantastic week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

