



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 27th January, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Very Proud!

We have been inundated with visitors in school this week. There have been visits from prospective parents, important people from the Local Education Authority and we've even had my BOSS, Mrs Brindle, looking around! The children have been polite, friendly and industrious whenever I've seen them and it has been an absolute delight showing so many people around our fantastic school.

Good Luck!

By the time you read this newsletter, Mrs King, our wonderful Class 4 teacher, will have started her maternity leave. She is a very important part of our Heskin family and we will miss her tremendously. However, we know we'll be seeing her again very soon and we wish her, her husband and Zeus, their dog, all the very best for this exciting time in their lives.

Congratulations Heskin!

I am very pleased to announce that Heskin Pemberton's has received the **School Games Gold Award** for our work in PE, games and sports. Woo hoo! I would like to say a massive congratulations to every child who has taken part in any of the sporting activities we provide here at Heskin and I would also like to thank Mrs Cowie and the rest of the staff for all the time and effort they put into developing PE and Sport in our school.

Year 6 SATs Boosters.

Thank you to all our Year 6 parents who were able to attend our SATs information evening. We will shortly be sending out details of the booster clubs we will be delivering in the run up to SATs week.

Three Peaks.

This weekend will see the men and women of Heskin conquer the Three Peaks of Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis. We wish everybody taking part in this amazing challenge the very best of luck and we thank you for the money you will be raising in this truly worthwhile cause.



What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- This week we have been learning about how the Chinese culture celebrates their new year. We made preparations during this week, producing decoration, lanterns, baking moon cakes and writing Chinese symbols which represented the Zodiac animals. We discovered how this year was 'The Year of the Rooster'. Using photos of red roosters, we wrote descriptions of what he was 'doing', developing our segmenting skills. In our Maths work, we explored how we can sort objects by different criteria and produced our own symmetrical pattern. We finished the week with our New Year party and Chinese food tasting experience.

Class 2- This week we have been writing the story of Goldilocks. Year 2 have been writing exclamation sentences. What a busy class they have been! In Maths we have been counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and using this to find totals of money. Year 2 have been converting pence into pounds. Any practise at home counting up money would be beneficial. In Science we have been classifying living things into plants and animals and in RE we have been learning about the Twelve Disciples.

Class 3- In English, we have written some super descriptions of our settings. We have zoomed in on detail and tried to use interesting words to entertain our readers. This week in Maths, we have continued to learn about fractions. We have been using division skills to calculate fraction of groups. As part of our Roman topic, this week the children made clay coil pots to keep all their gold in! The children also had a fun lesson with Mr Robinson making their own Roman family shields. In RE we talked about places we like to pray.

Class 4- This week Class 4, have been exploring statistics by trying to solve a murder mystery. In order to eliminate suspects, they had to look at discrete and continuous data and calculate the mode, median and mean to find the most likely assailant. They did a fantastic job! In English, the class wrote their final pieces entitled 'How the man became a buffalo'. They are really working hard at varying their sentence lengths to hook their reader. I have been most impressed with their RE this week, during which the class have read a range of parables and linked their messages to the real world, including Brexit, Donald Trump and poverty.

Important Notices

Chorley Get Up & Go:

We have put details of the Chorley Council's **Winter Play Day** and their **Get Up and Go** February Timetable on our school website. The information can be found under the 'Our Classes' page at www.pembertons.lancsngfl.ac.uk

The council are offering a wide range of interesting activities this half term which are designed for children of all ages.

PTFA Lucky Numbers:

Our first Lucky Numbers monthly prize draw will take place next week. Please ensure that you send your £12 into school ASAP if you'd like to be entered for a chance to win £25. All money raised will go back into school for the benefit of our children.

School Car Park & Child Safety:

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 pupil in school this week. They have been successfully treated but it might be a good idea to be extra vigilant for a little while.

Important Dates

28.01.17- Three Peaks Challenge

09.02.17- School Disco

10.02.17- School closes at 3:30pm

20.02.17- School Reopens



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Class 1 – Addison Ainscough

Class 2 – Y1 Emily Robinson
Y2 Rory Brown

Class 3 – Amelie Taylor-Bamford

Class 4 – Hollie Smith

Joke Of The Week:

We've got a great joke this week from Ysabel in Class 4:

PATIENT: *Doctor, doctor! Some days I feel like a tipi and some days I feel like a wigwam.*

DOCTOR: *You've got to relax. You're obviously two tents!*

Well done, Ysabel. Very funny!
Keep popping your jokes into my office, please.

Have a wonderful week,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

