



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th October, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Football Training

On Monday we were joined by Jennie Swarbrick from Bootroom Academy who delivered some football training sessions for Class 4 and Class 2. Jennie has worked for many years for the FA and has coached at many levels. She loved the attitude and enthusiasm of our children and was particularly impressed with the standard of girls' football at Heskin. Jennie will join us again next week to work with Class 3 and Class 1.



No Pens Wednesday

What a creative day we had on Wednesday! The children really showed their collaborative, industrious and imaginative attributes as we worked without pens or pencils for the day. They enacted courtroom scenarios, harvested our gardening club's crops, created a Jewish Sukkah, followed recipes and solved maths problems throughout the day. The staff and the children had an excellent time and demonstrated just how, resilient, ingenious and 'wacky' we all are at Heskin!



Parents' Evenings.

It was great to see so many parents on Monday and lovely to chat to so many of you about your wonderful children. I'm sorry if I didn't manage to catch you on the night but please remember that you are always welcome to see me any time. Also, the teachers are more than happy to discuss your child with you throughout the year, not just at these formal Parents' Evenings.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- This week we have been starting 'The 3 Little Pigs'. We looked at the materials each pig used. Which was the strongest? Why did the straw and sticks blow away? Using the construction bricks we created our own buildings and tested if they were strong enough to withstand our 'huffing' and 'puffing'. In our Maths we have been naming 2D shapes and looking at their properties. How many sides or corners do they have? We have started phase 2 of our Phonics, learning the first 4 graphemes and phonemes. These will come home in our Reading Packs next week for extra practise.

Class 2- This week we have been imitating the story of 'Dogger' through drama and retelling as the story teller. Year 2 have made comic strips using the illustrations from the story. In Maths we have been comparing lengths and measuring lengths. Year 1 have been using non-standard units such as cubes and Year 2 have been using cms. On 'No Pen Wednesday' we learned about the Jewish Festival of Sukkot. We spent the morning building Sukkah Shelters. We are budding historians and are now experts of Florence Nightingale and how she changed nursing forever.

Class 3- In our English lessons, we have started our new unit all about Legends. We have looked at the characters in the Anglo Saxon story Beowulf and had great fun on 'No Pen Wednesday' when we presented potential heroes to each other. After some super persuasive speeches Brave lightning (aka Rory) was voted as the most suitable hero. In Maths we have been developing our skills in using formal written calculations and have worked hard on column addition. In topic work we have compared similarities and differences between a modern house and Anglo Saxon home. We then worked in pairs and used collage and paint to represent the two styles of house. In RE we have looked at stories in the Bible to show how Jesus had authority and in PE we have been demonstrating a sequence of moves travelling on hands and feet.

Class 4- In English we were very excited to read the rest of our book 'How to Live Forever'. After discovering the Ancient Child we discussed whether living forever would be a good thing or not. In Maths we have been learning new methods for calculating multiplication. In Topic we held our own mock trials comparing the Anglo-Saxon Judicial System and the Modern British system. The children loved it! The children are becoming more confident with numbers to 39 in French and we have begun naming the months of the year ready to say our date of birth as well as our age. In Music we have been look at simple notation to write down the rhythms we have been exploring.

Bag 2 School

We will once again be participating in the Bag 2 School project. Bags have been distributed which should be filled with any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties or soft toys. They should be returned to school on **Monday 16th October** at **9:00am**. These items will be used to support families in need and our school PTFA will also receive a donation for the items we collect.

School Photographs

Thank you for everyone who has already returned their photograph orders. It is the first time we have used Adam at Heskin so any feedback about the photographs would be appreciated. The photographs he has taken for our new school website were amazing so hopefully you are happy with his service. Please return any order forms with payment by **Friday 13th October** so we can get your photographs to you well before Christmas.

Choctober

This October, many people, including lots of Heskin staff, will be giving up chocolate in order to raise awareness of and money for The National Kidney Federation who support kidney patients across the UK. Our first week of Choctober was particularly difficult! Not only did we have Parents' Evening which meant that the staffroom was full of choccy biscuits, we also had World Teacher Day which meant that we received some lovely gifts, including a big tub of Cadbury's Heroes! Temptation was strong but we've held out... and I've squirrelled some chocolates away for November!

Feel free to join us on our chocolate free month or find out more information on:

<http://www.kidney.org.uk/fundraising/donate-to-the-nkf/sponsored-events/choctober-2/>

Autumn Ball

I've got my dancing shoes ready for next Friday and I'm not afraid to use them! Unfortunately, my dancing is less like Patrick Swayze and more like Patrick Star from SpongeBob so I'll apologise now for any collateral damage I might cause on the dancefloor. As well as being a great opportunity to laugh at my dancing and to socialize with others, our Autumn Ball is also a wonderful chance to raise funds for our school, so if anybody has any suitable raffle prizes for the night please can you drop them off at school before next Friday? Thank you to everyone in our PTFA who have all worked tirelessly in organising the event.

School Flu Vaccinations

Classes 1, 2 & 3 parents will have received a letter providing information about your child's opportunity to receive the nasal flu vaccine. Please could all consent/non-consent forms be returned to school as soon as possible? Thanks.

Important Dates:

06.10.17: Heskin Values Day.

13.10.17: PTFA Autumn Ball.

17.10.17: Relax Kids Workshop in Class 4.

17.10.17: Year 6 educational visit to Chorley Magistrates Court.

23.10.17: My Asian Experiences presented to Class 3 & 4

24.10.17: PTFA Celebrate The Season Party

25.10.17: School closes at 3:30pm.

27.10.17: Autumn Fancy Dress Disco at the Church Hall, Wrightington.

31.10.17: High School application deadline.

08 .11.17: School reopens.

08.11.17: PTFA Meeting at White Lion



STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: Oscar Bragg

Y1: Moses Wotherspoon

Y2: Rosie Furzeman

Y3: Roddy Crighton

Y4: Joshua Hindle

Y5: Eve Turner

Y6: Faye Scott

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke comes from Drew in Class 2.

Q: *What wobbles and wobbles and rides in a pram?*

A: *A Jelly Baby!*

That's a cracker, Drew! Keep sending your best jokes to me for next week's newsletter.

Hope you have a great weekend,

Mr Alan Brindle

Headteacher

