



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th October, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Relax!

On Monday, our older children will be participating in a number of 'Relax Kids' activities. The sessions are designed to increase concentration levels, listening skills, self-esteem and confidence. The children will also be learning lots of new skills which will help them and their friends to manage their emotions and feelings.

Parking Outside Our School

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this issue. As you are aware, our school numbers have increased dramatically over the last few years which has resulted in an increase in the volume of traffic at the start and end of the school day. Myself and PCSO Featherstone have been monitoring the parking on Withington Lane and appreciate the effort and care you are taking with our pupils' safety.

Although the parking is much improved, there have still been some instances of potentially dangerous or inconsiderate parking and our School Council has now been asked by Lancashire County Council to look into the problem further. In order to gather information to help them with this project, the School Council have decided to create a Parking Quiz. The quiz will be sent home shortly so watch this space!

Class 4's Values Worship

Wow! What a wonderful worship our Class 4 children led on Friday. I was so proud of all the hard work they completed throughout the day with Martin and Emma Price and the understanding they demonstrated in delivering such an important message about our Christian Values was phenomenal. Well done, Class 4.



Tennis Training

It's great to have Stuart Grice back at Heskin. Stuart is one of the very best tennis coaches in the North West and is now delivering a breakfast club at school every Monday morning, 8:00am-9:00am for Years 3 to 6. Please see Mrs Carrier, in the office, for an application form if you would like to participate in this club.

What has happened in school this week... ?

Class 1- Our focus this week has been on 'Jack And The Beanstalk'. After sharing the story we thought of wow words we could use to describe the giant. We also made puppets of the characters to use in the Puppet Theatre and practise our story telling skills. In our Maths, we have been looking at repeating patterns using a wide variety of shapes, colours and objects. Can you work out and describe what would come next? We have also been developing our listening and attention skills with a variety of animal and instrument sound games.

Class 2 - This week we have started to plan and write our own stories about losing our special teddy. We have also been learning to tell a story off by heart. The story is called 'The Papaya that spoke'. In Maths Year 1 have been understanding addition statements and what '+' and '-' means. Year 2 have been developing mental addition strategies, in particular using number bonds to 10 to bridge through ten. We have been counting in 2's in Year 1 and 3's in Year 2.

Class 3 - In our Maths we have been learning written methods for subtraction calculations. We have solved word problems using column subtraction skills. In English we have been looking closely at the settings in Beowulf. We have written descriptive sentences about the cold damp marsh and the King's beautiful, luxurious hall. We had great fun in science when we used everything we have learnt about pitch and volume to create our own instruments. In our topic work the children have written some fabulous descriptions about life in an Anglo Saxon settlement. They have also worked in pairs to type out a comparative sentence about Anglo Saxon houses and their own house for our corridor display. In PE we are using benches to explore how we can travel on hands and feet and incorporate them into our stylish sequences!

Class 4 - This week in Class 4 we have designed invitations and written to the inhabitants of the library from our book 'How to Live Forever' to invite them to a party to help cheer up the Ancient Child. In Maths we have looked at properties of shape and calculated missing angles. In our Crime & Punishment afternoon we wrote diary entries and letters in role as a child accused of sheep stealing in Anglo-Saxon times. In French the children worked brilliantly, combining their knowledge of numbers to 40 with the names of the month to answer the question 'Quelle est la date de ton anniversaire?' In music we worked together on keeping a constant rhythm to accompany our singing. We then added a repeated pattern to add texture to the piece.

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.

Chorley Magistrates Court

Our Year 6 children will be participating in a mock trial at Chorley Magistrates Court next Tuesday. They will be taking on the roles of the prosecution and the defence in order to develop their understanding of Justice, the Law and the Magistrate System. I'll let you know how they get in next week's newsletter.

Choctober

We have survived our second week of Choctober and it's not getting any easier. Our school Ethos Group have put a donations box in the school entrance so any small change to support this cause would be gratefully received. The Ethos children are also looking at having a special Choctober day before half term so I will keep you informed of their plans.

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/>

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.

Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already packed their Samaritan's Christmas shoebox. We will be collecting all boxes on **Friday 10th November** and then passing them on to the Samaritan's for distribution. We still have many leaflets available in reception if you would like to find out more information on how to make this Christmas a time to remember for a child in need.

Stay & Play.

If you would like to make use of our after school club, please could you contact Miss Jones on 07519190760. It is important to book these places so that Miss Jones can organise provision for each night. Please can you also ensure that you let Miss Jones know if someone other than a parent is picking up your child? Thanks.

Important Dates:

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: **Pennie Jones**

Y1: **Kendall McDonell**

Y2: **Harry Wilson**

Y3: **Ezrin Hazar**

Y4: **Isabelle Ruttle**

Y5: **Alice Shinkfield**

Y6: **Dylan Warburton**

Joke of the Week:

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

Q: Why did the orange stop rolling down the hill?

A: Because it ran out of juice!

Excellent work, Ava. What a great joke!

Have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle

Headteacher

