



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Well done, Nelson!

The children in Nelson House have stormed into an unassailable lead and have been crowned this half-term's winning House. As a reward for all their hard work and effort they can have their own special non-uniform day on **Wednesday 25th October**. Well done to all the children in Nelson.

Chorley Magistrates Court

The Year 6 children were fantastic on Tuesday when they took part in a mock trial at the Magistrates Court in Chorley. It was like a cross between Perry Mason and Judge Rinder! You'll be pleased to hear that the magistrates (*Faye, Teegan and Dylan*) found the accused (*Ysabel*) NOT GUILTY! Well done, Year 6. You were all amazing.



Celebrate The Season Disco

It's the time of year we've all been waiting for! On Tuesday 24th October we will be hosting our Celebrate the Season Disco in the school hall, 5:30p-7:00pm. Tickets are priced at £5 which includes a drink, a hot dog, a cake, spooky crafts and the disco. A bargain! Judge Brindle will also be deciding who the winners of the best costume, craft and pumpkin competitions will be.

Please could all carved pumpkins arrive in school on Tuesday morning and could any kind bakers please donate some yummy cupcakes for this event? Thank you.

Autumn Ball

Wow! What a great night! I'd like to say a big thank you to all the members of the PTFA who helped to organise this year's ball and a massive thank you to everyone who attended. I had a fantastic time and the atmosphere was excellent. The money raised from this event, £727, will go with the money from our Summer Fayre and will be spent on new iPads for the children. In total we have raised £2341 towards these iPads but any additional donations would be also be welcome.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- Our story focus this week has been 'The Gingerbread Man'. We talked about how he could have crossed the river safely instead of being eaten by the fox. We thought a boat would be a better idea and built our own out of junk model materials. Next we tested them out in the water tray. What did we think would happen? Why? In our maths we have been focusing on counting groups of objects and adding one more by keeping the first amount in our heads and counting on.

Class 2- This week we have completed our stories and even had chance to write another complete story on our own. In Maths Year 2 have been developing and choosing different strategies for addition and subtraction and Year 1 have been organising data in block graphs. We have designed a fruit salad face which we will be making next week. We have been learning about the difference between fruit and vegetables and learning about where our fruit and vegetables grow.

Class 3- In Maths we have been counting in steps of different sizes. This has helped us practise and learn our 3 times tables and 6 times tables. In our English lesson we have been learning how to include adverbs in our sentences. We have planned our own legend and have started to write it. Investigating how to block or muffle sound was great fun in science. We predicted the best material and then carried out our fair test. In our topic work we pretended to be an Anglo Saxon child and wrote a postcard to a friend telling them about our busy day. We also read and wrote riddles. In Art we learnt how to use sketching pencils and sketched a fruit or vegetable grown in Anglo Saxon times. The results were amazing! The children were proud of their stunning sketches. In RE we concluded our unit on Authority and talked about the importance of the Sabbath.

Class 4- In English this week we have created sentences with 'ed' openers and punctuated interrupted speech ready to write our own versions of the story 'How to Live Forever'. In Maths Y5's have practised using the inverse to check calculations and y6's have begun to find missing numbers using algebra. We began learning the days of the week in French and we are making a 'chatter box' to help us remember the names by playing games. In Music the Year 5 children began to use glockenspiels to accompany their singing of a song from 'Oliver The Musical'.

Bag 2 School

On Monday, we collected 206kg of clothing which raised £104 for our school PTFA. Thank you to everyone who donated. I'm sure many people will benefit from your generosity.

St James The Great Bonfire & BBQ

There will be a church bonfire and BBQ on **Saturday 4th November**, starting at 6:00pm. Adult tickets are priced at £3.00 and children, who are accompanying a paying adult, can attend for free.

Choctober Update

We have had the biggest chocolate cake sitting in the staffroom this week but we've held strong and, apart from quite a lot of drooling, we have been very good!

In order to raise funds for this charity, our Ethos Club will be organising a special chocolate free tuck shop on **Wednesday 25th October**. Items will be priced at 50p each although additional donations will be gratefully received.

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 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.

Christmas Card Deadline

How talented are the children at Heskin? The Christmas cards they have created have been amazing this year and I have been extremely impressed with the artistic skills of every one of our children. If you would like to purchase your child's card then please complete the order form and return it to school by **Wednesday 25th October** at the latest.

St James The Great Grand Christmas Draw, 2017

In order to raise funds for the Church, St. James The Great's PCC have organised a Grand Christmas Draw. Tickets can be bought via the church or from Mrs Carrier in the school office. Tickets are priced at £1 and various prizes, including £200 and a 'posh' food hamper, can be won.

Half-Term

School will close at the normal time on **Wednesday 25th October** for the half-term break. It will re-open on **Wednesday 8th November**.

Please note that there will not be a Celebration Worship next week.

Remembrance

Our school Ethos Club will be selling Poppies and remembrance wristbands next week in honour of anyone who has been affected by war or conflict.

Important Dates:

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.

04.11.17: St James The Great Bonfire and BBQ.

08.11.17: School reopens.

08.11.17: PTFA Meeting at White Lion.

30.11.17: PTFA Film Night.

16.12.17: Breakfast With Santa.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: Anastasia Kerr

Y1: Thomas Ormesher

Y2: Emily Robinson

Y3: Isabella Churchill

Y4: Jack Pollitt

Y5: Zara Robinson

Y6: Erin Beverley

Joke Riddles of the Week:

This week's joke is actually a collection of Anglo Saxon Riddles created by Class 3!

Q: I have a mouth but do not eat. I have a bed but do not sleep. What am I?

A: River by Leo.

Q: I am green and brown. I am tall but do not move. What am I?

A: Tree by Lillian.

Q: I have no corners and I am not flat. What am I?

A: Marble by Oliver.

Q: I'm pretty and shiny and gorgeous to look at. What am I?

A: Diamond by Meg.

Well done! You've done a wonderful job of confusing me, Class 3.

It didn't take much!

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

