



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 29th September, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Drama Day

Well if Heskin doesn't produce the next big Hollywood superstar then there's something wrong with the world! On Monday, our children took part in a series of drama workshops run by the Helen O'Grady Drama School. They were fantastic and demonstrated some very flamboyant and creative acting skills. I can't wait to see our next school play- it'll be amazing!



Heskin Values Day

Next Friday, we will be learning all about our British Values and our Christian Values in a special Heskin Values Day, led by Martin & Emma Price. Class 4 will be taking part in various activities, exploring these values and what they mean to us in school, what they mean to the local community and what they mean to people all over the world. Class 4 will then lead a whole school worship on these values, which will start at 3:00pm and will replace our normal Celebration Worship for this week only. It would be great to see as many parents, grandparents and friends in our hall next Friday to see what the children have prepared for us.

Great British Dinner Day.

Miss Jones is organising a special Great British Dinner Day on Thursday 5th October. If any child, who usually has a packed lunch on Thursdays, would like to join us for a roast dinner then please fill in the lunch sheet you received from Mrs Carrier this week.

No Pens Wednesday

On Wednesday, we will be promoting and developing our speech, language and creativity skills by participating in No Pens Wednesday. I'm not sure how we'll manage without our pens but we'll tell you all about it in next week's newsletter.

Parents' Evenings.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd October, for the first of our Parents' Evenings. This first Parents' Evening will be an opportunity for you to meet with the teachers and discuss how well the children are settling in to their new class and new year group. We hope you find the meeting informative and useful.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- Our focus this week has been 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. After reading the story together, we used the puppets to retell and sequence the events. We also watched another version of the story on the IWB. We discussed what was the same and what was different. After talking about Harvest, we created our own song to sing in Church at the Harvest Festival. In our Maths, we have continued to match quantities to numerals 0-10. WE have also practised counting back from 10-0 and ordering numerals forwards and backwards.

Class 2- This week we have been re-telling the story of 'Dogger'. We have made photo-stories recording our voices as the story teller. In Maths we have been counting in 2's and 10's and Year 2's have been counting in 3's and 5's. We have been using the word multiple and trying to spot numbers which are multiples. In topic we have been finding the problems Florence Nightingale solved. Year 1 have interpreted their understanding by drawing the hospital before Florence got there.

Class 3- In English we have written an imaginative poem called 'What's in the Box?' We have used our skills and knowledge of word types to create some very interesting creatives that may be in the smallest of boxes. In Maths we have been data handling. We gathered information and presented it in tables, tally charts, pictograms & graphs. We have been exploring sound in Science lessons. We had great fun working outside to find out what the pattern is between sound and distance. In PE we got faster and faster when we practised our skills for super, fast running. Watch out Usain Bolt! To show what we have learnt so far, we have typed out a fascinating fact about the Anglo Saxons.

Class 4- This week in Class 4 we have been looking closely at our writing and looking at ways to improve – the results so far are impressive. In Maths we have been consolidating our learning of place value, rounding and positioning numbers. In French we have been learning the numbers up to 30 by playing different games such as bingo. Whilst in music our skills at holding a rhythm are improving through tapping out a beat and repeating a simple rhyme.

Harvest Service

Thank you so much for the wonderful Harvest Gifts which were donated at church this morning. The teachers and children have been working really hard in preparation for this special festival and it was great to see so many families joining us for the service.

Harvest Family Communion

On Sunday, there will be a family friendly Harvest Communion at St. James the Great Church, Wrightington, followed by a Jacob's Join. The service will start at 10:30 and further information can be found on our Facebook page.

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

On Thursday, a representative from Chorley Magistrates Court visited our Year 5 children. You will be pleased to hear that they were all acquitted!! Phew! Actually, the children took part in an interactive workshop in which they developed their understanding of Justice, the Law and the Magistrate System. As usual, the pupils were amazing, demonstrating good knowledge and learning lots of new facts and concepts. Next month, Year 6 will actually visit the courtroom and take part in a mock trial.

September's PTFA Lucky Numbers Winner

Thank you to everybody who has entered this year's lucky Numbers Draw. Your kind generosity is very much appreciated. September's winning number is **10**. Well done to our lucky winner, **Sarah Hazar**. Congratulations, Sarah.

Choctober

This October, many people 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. Chocolate is something that the majority of kidney patients cannot eat so at school, many members of staff will be giving up chocolate and our Ethos Club will also be organising various fundraising events. We will keep you informed of our progress and the activities we will be participating in but 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/>

Important Dates:

- 02.10.17: Parents Evening.
- 04.10.17: No Pen Wednesday!
- 05.10.17: Great British Dinner Day!
- 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.
- 08.11.17: School reopens.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: **Joshua Argile**

Y1: **Lloyd Evans**

Y2: **Florence Smith**

Y3: **Rory Brown**

Y4: **Addison Turner**

Y5: **Daisie Wilkinson**

Y6: **Noah Burrell**

Joke of the Week:

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

Q: How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?

A: It's because you never see a rabbit wearing glasses!

That's a belter, Rosa. Very bunny! It made me shout, 'Hop, hop, hooray!' Keep the jokes coming in, please.

Hope you have a lovely week,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

