



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 8th December, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

School Nativity & Christmas Production

Wow! We were treated to three amazing Christmas Productions this week. The children and staff have worked tremendously hard on this year's Nativity and this was reflected in their performances. I am extremely proud of each and every one of our young actors and singers. You were all fantastic. Well done, Heskin.

Rock FM's Mission Christmas

This year we are supporting Rock FM's Mission Christmas by becoming a local drop off point for their gift appeal. Rock FM's mission is to ensure that every child has a happy Christmas this year and are asking people to buy 1 extra gift to help disadvantaged children in our local community. If you feel like you would like to contribute then simply bring your unwrapped gift to school and pop it in Santa's Box outside Mrs Carrier's office. Thank you.

Breakfast With Santa

Our annual PTFA Breakfast With Santa will take place tomorrow in the school hall. There are many stalls, a tombola, Christmas crafts, refreshments and a very special visitor! Tickets are priced at £5 and there are still a few slots available if you'd like to come along and join in the fun.

Singing On The Radio

Remember to tune into Chorley FM at 2:00pm on 17th and 24th December. Heskin Pemberton's will be singing Rocking Around The Christmas Tree, Do You Hear What I Hear and Marshmallow World. Well done to everybody involved. I can't wait to hear us on the radio.

School Advent Service

Our School Advent Service will take place at 2:45pm on Wednesday 20th December at St. James The Great Church Wrightington. The children will be singing, reading and leading prayers. Please join us for this special service.

Transport to the church has been arranged but please collect your children at 3:30pm from church rather than school. Any child in Stay & Play Club will be transported back to school but please ensure that they have an appropriate car seat for this journey if they legally require one.

School Council Parking Quiz

A few weeks ago, we told you that the School Council had been asked to look into problems caused by parking outside school, and that they had decided to create a Parking Quiz. They have now created their 'Parking Quiz' which can be completed by anyone who drives pupils to our school. The quiz sheet will be sent home in the New Year with full instructions. Keep your eyes open!

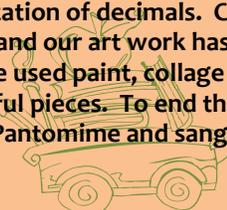
What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- What a busy week of Nativities and Pantomimes etc. As well as that, we have been writing party plans for Jesus' Birthday Party next week and looking at how we prepare for Christmas. We have decorated our Christmas tree and made special cards for our families. In our Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes. Could we identify these shapes in the environment? Could we remember their name (sphere, cone, cylinder, cube or cuboid)?

Class 2 -This week we have been writing information about London and learning about the features of information texts. Year 2 have been writing introductions that include an exclamation and a question sentence. In Maths we have been learning about time. Year 2 have been learning about periods of time such as how many days are in each month. Year 1 have been practising the months of the year in order. We have also been learning about the Jewish festival of light called Hanukah.

Class 3- This week, we have been looking at everything that we have learnt this term in English and Maths. We have looked at all the different maths strategies we know and have read and answered questions on different types of texts. When it was frosty we looked at thermometers and practised reading the temperature. We recorded negative numbers because outside it was -4°C! In our science lesson, we had lots of fun finding out which magnet won the strongest. We made sure that we carried out fair tests on all the magnets. In our topic lessons we have been busy completing our Viking purses. We had made decorative candles to symbolise Jesus as 'Light of the World' in our RE Lesson.

Class 4- We have had a very busy and exciting week in Class 4. Everyone has written their own chapter of the nowhere Emporium and they are all very different and imaginative. In Maths we have been visiting what we have learned so far this term and have been looking closely at the multiplication of decimals. Christmas has well and truly arrived and our art work has reflected this. The children have used paint, collage and pattern to create some beautiful pieces. To end the week, we wrote reviews of the Pantomime and sang French Carols.



Can all Star of the Term Trophies please be returned to School by Thursday 21st December. Thanks

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The last week in school is going to be very busy with our Christmas preparations, services and parties so there will only be a small number of clubs continuing to have sessions. These are listed below:

Monday 18th Dec: Dodgeball. 3:30-4:30pm.

Tuesday 19th Dec: Bootroom Academy Football. 3:30-4:30pm.

Thursday 21st Dec: Dodgeball 3:30-4:30pm.

Christmas Cracker

The school will close at 2:00pm on Friday 22nd December for our Christmas Holidays. We will, therefore, be having a special Celebration Worship which we are calling *Heskin's Christmas Cracker!* Doors will open at 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start. We will celebrate birthdays up to and including 23rd December, we will find out who the Stars of the Term are, 100% attendance will be rewarded and we will unveil our winning House for this half term. If that wasn't enough excitement, we will also be singing a variety of Christmas songs to get everyone in the festive spirit. We hope you can join us and feel free to sing along!

Panto

We had a terrible time at the Panto on Wednesday- Oh no we didn't! Sorry, I couldn't resist! The children were amazing, joining in with the audience participation aspects of the show and behaving impeccably throughout the trip. Well done to Ben and Hollie for actually performing on stage with Wishee Washee!!! Your singing will live in my memory for a long time!
I'd like to say a big thank you to all the staff who made this trip possible and to the PTFA for supplying transport to and from the Guild Hall.



Carol Singing

On Monday, Class 4 will be singing Christmas carols at the Heskin Village Spar Store from 2:30pm until 3:15pm. Please ensure that the children are well wrapped up for the journey and please come along and enjoy this festive treat.

Stay & Play

If you would like to make use of our after school club, please could you contact Miss Jones on 07519190760, between the hours of 8:30am and 6:00pm. It is important to book these places in advance so that Miss Jones can organise provision for each night.

Important Dates:

16.12.17: Breakfast with Santa.

18.12.17: Class 4 Carol Singing at Heskin's Spar Store.

19.12.17: Class 1's visit to Heskin's Spar Store.

20.12.17: Advent Service in Church. 2:45pm

21.12.17: Christmas Party Day.

22.12.17: Christmas Cracker in School Hall at 1:15pm.

22.12.17: School closes at 2:00pm.

23.12.17: Christingle Service 4pm at St. James The Great Church.

24.12.17: Christmas Eve Family Service at St. James The Great Church. 10:00am.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: Joe Ramsay

Y1: Zoe Millar

Y2: Jacob Morris

Y3: Joseph Scott

Y4: Olivia Green

Y5: Isobel Dyson

Y6: Ben Carrier

Joke of the Week:

We have two cracking Christmas jokes this week. The first joke comes from Miss Dean in Class 4.

Q: Why didn't anybody buy Donner & Blitzen in the Reindeer Auction?

A: Because they were two deer!

The next one comes from comes from Meg in Class 3.

Q: What do you get when you cross Santa with a duck?

A: A Christmas Quacker!

Great jokes. Let's see if we can get a few more for next week's newsletter.

Hope you have a lovely week.

Best wishes,



Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher