Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 8th December, 2017

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Singing On The Radio

Stand aside, Rak-Su because Heskin Pemberton's are in da house! On Thursday, our Class 3 & 4 children took part in a live recording for Chorley FM. We sang Rocking Around The Christmas Tree, Do You Hear What I Hear and Marshmallow World. In my humble opinion, we were much better than Rak-Su, whoever she is, and every child who took part was absolutely fantastic. Our songs will be broadcast on Chorley FM at 2:30pm on 17th and 24th December. Well done singers and thank you to Mrs Prance for leading all the additional singing sessions over the last few weeks.

School Nativity & Christmas Production

Thank you for all the extra props and costumes you've sent in with your children. They looked amazing on Wednesday and I can't wait to see our Nativity next week. The songs sound wonderful and I have been really impressed with the acting I've seen on stage during our rehearsals. Dates and times of our shows can be found in the 'Important Dates' section of this newsletter. The PTFA will also attend our Raggedy King Production, selling raffle tickets, refreshments and Nativity photographs.

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.

The Bear With No Name

We had a visit on Wednesday from the Bear With No Name. Martin and Emma Price delivered a worship on the importance of the advent wreath and they reminded us that the deadline for the Bear Naming competition is Friday 15th December. I can confirm that the bear is extremely cuddly and whoever wins it will have a great big snuggly friend for life. Please can all entries be returned to school by next Friday?

Breakfast With Santa

On Saturday 16th December we will be having our annual PTFA Breakfast With Santa event in the school hall. There are many stalls, a tombola, Christmas crafts, refreshments and a very special visitor. Tickets are priced at £5 and are available from Mrs Carrier.

What has happened in school this week…?

Class 1- We have continued our work on woodland animals, focusing on nocturnal creatures. We read 'Our Babies' recalling the story events and using the puppets to recreate or create our own owl baby stories. In R.E. we shared 'The Nativity' book, linking it to our own Nativity performance and characters (which we have been practising very hard for!) In our Maths, we have been ordering numerals to 10 and beyond. Could we also say which number comes before, after or in between given numbers?

Class 2- This week we have been making different types of Christmas decoration using our collage skills. We have made baubles by cutting and party hats by tearing. Year 2 went on a fabulous trip to experience the journey of Hope at Christmas time. In R.E. we have thought about the importance of the Angels' messages in the Nativity Story. We have also put the finishing touches to our nativity performance. It is absolutely superb!

Class 3- This week in English we have completed our unit on diary entries by writing about an imaginary day. After gathering ideas for events that would make an ordinary day into a great day, we wrote our own diary entry of The Best Day Ever! Let's hope some of our wishes come true. In Maths we have been looking at features of 3D shapes and sorted 3D shapes into Venn Diagrams. Science was great fun – we explored and observed how magnets make things move. In R.E. we are continuing with our unit on Light, exploring how Christians show the Light of Jesus in their daily lives and thinking of individuals who bring light in the life of others. A highlight of the end of the week has been sewing! We are making a simple purse from felt to tie in with the craft skills of the Vikings.

Class 4- This week we have been studying our exciting, new novel 'The Nowhere Emporium' it is leaving us on the edge of our seats after each chapter. In Maths we have been investigating time and learning how to read the 24 hour clock. We have also been calculating the surface area and volume of cuboids. Some children have also been learning the Formulae for finding the area of triangles and parallelograms. In art, we have been using pastels to create beautiful fairy light pictures and paints to depict wintery scenes. In French, we have learnt a Carol and thought about Christmas greetings.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The next two weeks in school are going to be very busy with our Christmas preparations, services, parties and performances so this week has been the last week for the majority of our after school extra-curricular clubs. There will be a small number of clubs continuing to have sessions and these are listed below:

Monday 11th Dec: Helen O'Grady performance night. 3:30-4:30pm. ***Parents welcome from 4:00pm.*** No Dodgeball.
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.

We will endeavour to keep lunchtime clubs running as usual.

Christmas Cracker

On Friday 22nd December the school will close at 2:00pm 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, finding out who the Stars of the Term are and unveiling 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 Parking

You will have received an important letter yesterday regarding safe parking for the return of our coaches after Wednesday's trip to Preston Guild Hall. Please read the letter carefully and try to ensure Withington Lane remains accessible for our coaches and the emergency services during the collection of your children. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Year 2's Nativity Journey

On Thursday, Miss Hughes, Mrs Pass and Miss Bugler took our Year 2 children to a special Nativity Event organised by the local Methodist Churches. The pupils met the shepherds, the wise men, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. It was a wonderful experience for them to be a part of the Nativity and our children demonstrated excellent manners, understanding and cooperation throughout the visit.

Important Dates:

11.12.17: 2:00pm Nativity & Christmas Production.
12.12.17: 6:00pm Nativity & Christmas Production.
13.12.17: Panto trip to The Guild Hall.
14.12.17: Christmas Lunch & 6:00pm Nativity & Christmas Production.
15.12.17: Flu Vaccinations morning. Reception-Year 4.
16.12.17: Breakfast with Santa.
18.12.17: Classes 3 & 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. School closes at 2:00pm.

St James The Great Christmas Family Service's:

10.12.2017: 10:30am Toy Service.
24.12.2107: 10am Christmas Eve Family Service.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: **Sartaj Singh**
Y1: **Sam Booth**
Y2: **Alana Makinson**
Y3: **Robert Shinkfield**
Y4: **Meg Robinson**
Y5: **Robert Wilkinson**
Y6: **Lottie Taylor**

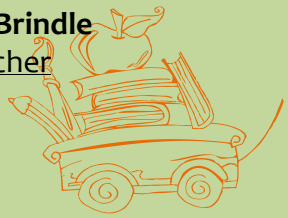
Joke of the Week:

This week's fantastic joke comes from Eve in Class 4.

Q: Who is never hungry at Christmas?

A: the turkey. It's always stuffed!

That's a great Christmassy joke, Eve, and a great Christmassy name. I want even more festive funnies for next week's newsletter.

Hope you have a lovely week.
Best wishes,

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