



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

## Congratulations Heskin!

I am very pleased and proud to announce that Heskin Pemberton's has received the **School Games Gold Award** for our work in PE, games and sports. I would like to say a massive congratulations to every child who has taken part in any of the sporting activities we provide here at Heskin and I would also like to thank the staff for all the time, hard work and commitment they put into developing PE and sport in our school. Well done, everyone.



## Welcome back!

Further to the letter you received earlier this week, I would like to officially welcome Mrs King back to Heskin. Mrs King will be taking up her position in Class 4 on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January but I am sure we will be seeing a lot of her between now and then. Mrs Prance and Miss Dean have done an amazing job in Class 4, while Mrs King has been on maternity leave, and I am sure you'd like to join with me in thanking them for all their hard work over the last 12 months. Mrs Prance will return to her original duties in Class 3 at the end of the month which means that I would also like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Pass for everything she has done for our children in Years 3 & 4.

## Car Parking

Please remember that the school car park is for staff only (including driveway) between the times of 8:15am-9:15am and 3:00pm-4:00pm. I have noticed a number of cars coming up the drive to drop children off or pick them up from the school gates. During our busy periods, before and after school, this can be extremely dangerous considering the number of pedestrians using the school drive. I would hate for an accident to occur when it could so easily be avoided. Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

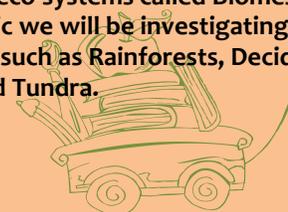
## What has happened in school this week...?

**Class 1** - We have continued to look at dinosaurs this week, learning lots of facts from 'Andy's Dinosaurs Adventures'. We played sorting dinosaur games on the computer and a comparing dinosaur game. How were they the same or different? Using the phonics sounds, we chose a picture and wrote captions about it. In our Maths we have been ordering and comparing sets of objects. Which groups had the most, fewest or same? Could we order 3 sets from the most to fewest or fewest to most?

**Class 2** - This week we have been learning to re-tell and act our creation myth 'The First Musician'. Year 1 children have written their own book re-telling the story and Year 2 have re-written it using adverbs and adjectives to improve it. In Maths we have been learning about mass. We have been comparing mass using the balance scales. We have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. In R.E. we are learning about the Bible.

**Class 3** - In English we have been looking at discussion texts. We have discussed whether or not children should be allowed to eat chocolate and also whether we should allow giants to live in Britain. We have carried on practising our mental maths skills and using different strategies to make us more rapid. In our Topic work we looked at globes and atlases and learnt the continents of the world. We used our own colour code to identify countries in North and South America. In R.E. we have started a new unit called God, David and The Psalms and this week we have talked about courage. After listening to the Bible story, the children have written some super newspaper reports about the battle between David and Goliath. In French we are learning no's 13-20 and the words for add/subtract.

**Class 4** - This week, in English we have been learning about Journalistic writing. We have looked at a range of articles and reports before creating our own pieces of writing. In Maths Year 5 have been developing their understanding of and solving problems involving negative integers whilst Year 6 have been reading, plotting translating co-ordinates images - the children loved the pictures they produced. In Topic, we have been finding out about large scale eco-systems called Biomes. During the course of this topic we will be investigating some of the ten major biomes such as Rainforests, Deciduous Forests, Savannah and Tundra.



### **Safer Internet Day**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, our school will be participating in The Safer Internet Day. Online safety is a big part of our Computing Curriculum and we, along with hundreds of other schools, will be strengthening our understanding of this important topic during Safer Internet Day. Nearer the time, the children will be bringing home their own Online Safety rules to share with their parents. However, if you would like to find out more information about keeping your child safe online then you can follow these useful links:

[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### **Tunley United Reform Church: Brazilian Pantanal**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at 7:30pm, Colin and Rhona Balls will be giving an audio-visual presentation about the land-locked, South American river delta system. The presentation will look at the wildlife in this area such as giant otters, crocodiles, capybaras and jaguars. Tickets, which include refreshments, can be purchased for £7.00. Tel: 01257 463407.

### **Stay & Play Toy Appeal**

Mrs Sykes is organising various games activities for the children who attend our Stay & Play Club. In order to facilitate this, she has asked for donations of any unwanted games, such as Lego, Connect Four and Guess Who. Mrs Sykes will see which activities are popular and will then ensure that these games are available for the children each evening. Therefore, any donations would be very much appreciated. To book Stay & Play sessions for the term please text Miss Jones on 07519190760, between the hours of 8:30am and 6:00pm.

### **Important Dates:**

06.02.18: Internet Safety Day.

08.02.18: PTFA Valentine's Disco.

09.02.18: School Closes for half term at 3:30pm.

19.02.18: School Reopens.

26.02.18: Science Week.

01.03.18: World Book Day.

05.03.18: Interim Reports sent home.

09.03.18: PTFA Mothers' Day Tea.

15.03.18: Parents' Evening. 4:00pm-5:30pm.

20.03.18: Parents' Evening. 5:30pm-7:30pm.

22.03.18: PTFA Easter Bingo.

23.03.18: School Closes for Easter Holidays at 2:00pm.



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

YR: Jack Moss

Y1: Ruby Crighton

Y2: Thomas Boyer

Y3: Evan Lewis-Guinness

Y4: Phoebe Thorpe

Y5: Phoebe Lewis-Guinness

Y6: Dylan Warburton

### **Joke of the Week:**

Mrs Marshall & Mrs Scovell went head to head this week in a Heskin Joke Off! It was very close but Mrs Scovell's joke just came out on top. Here it is.

**Q: What's the difference between Dubai and Abu Dhabi?**

**A: The people in Dubai don't like the Flintstones but the people in Abu Dhabi Do!**

And that joke won??? Please tell me you can do better! Only joking, Mrs Scovell! Your joke was brilliant.

Hope you have a lovely week.

Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher

