



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Get Well Soon!

I am pleased to inform you that both Mrs Prance and Miss Dean are both recovering well and will soon be back to full health. Miss Dean has been quite poorly but is now on the mend and Mrs Prance's minor operation was a complete success. I'd like to pass on my get well wishes to them both and I'd also like to say a massive thank you to Mr Coates, Mrs Crowe and Mrs Sharrock for maintaining the excellent standard of teaching in Class 4 during Mrs Prance and Miss Dean's absence.

Move & Groove Mile

We are continually looking for different challenges to complete during our Heskin Mile sessions. We have had a funny walk mile, a strange noise mile and a smiley face mile, to name but a few. On Thursday, we were delighted to be joined by Kieran and Steve, from ABL Health Ltd, who helped us to complete our first Move & Groove Mile. Kieran and Steve introduced lots of different activities, trials and actions for the children to complete. Everyone who took part was fantastic and it is so pleasing to see how the fitness levels of the children have increased since September. Well done Heskin and well done Miss Hughes and Mrs Hugo for Moving and Grooving along with the children.



The Perfect Pass!

Today, we will say 'au revoir' to Mrs Pass who has done a wonderful job in Class 3 since joining us in September. Although we'll be sad to see her go, we're delighted that Mrs Pass will continue to run her Christian Fun Club every Thursday lunchtime until half term and will, of course, be the first person we call when additional cover in Class 3 is required.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- We began our new focus on Space this week. We learnt how the stars are planets which are very far away and that our Solar System is made up of 8 planets, including our own Earth. We have been looking at how to use labels. We labelled our own Star Wars characters using our phonic sounds and correct letter formations. In our Maths, we have been grouping large sets into 10 and exploring how teen numbers are made of 10 and another amount. In our RE, we looked at the special job which our Vicar does and various objects you see in a Church.

Class 2- This week we have written our own stories about the creation of our own fantasy land. Year 1 have made story maps and re-told their story for a video. Year 2 planned their story by 'boxing it up'. In Maths we have been learning about the properties of 2D & 3D shapes. In topic we have made our own maps of our fantasy islands. In R.E. we have been learning about the Bible and we have designed our own front covers for a children's Bible.

Class 3 – This week in English, we have carried on with discussion texts. We have read about whether playtimes should be banned, whether we should have to wear school uniform and talked about whether unicorns would make a good pet. We all have very different opinions. In Maths, we have been finding fraction groups. We have learnt about denominators and numerators. We looked at food nutrition groups in science and learnt about how each type of nutrients help our body. In R.E. we have learnt that David's special friend was Jonathan and we have discussed the values which make someone a good friend. In French we have now learnt the numbers up to 31 and we are able to say when our birthday is. For the last 3 weeks the children have enjoyed team games in P.E. – with lots of concentration needed!

Class 4 – Phew! We've been extremely busy this week in Class 4. In English, we have used our knowledge of newspaper reports and journalistic writing to help us to construct our own article for The Heskin Herald! In our Maths work, Year 5 have been polishing up their multiplication skills, using the grid method, and Year 6 have looked at making calculations using negative integers. Class 4 have also been making and debugging their own algorithms in Computing and, in Science, we've investigated how, over time, different animals have adapted to their various habitats and eco systems.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th 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

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Tunley United Reform Church: Brazilian Pantanal

On Saturday 3rd 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.

Money, Money, Money.

The range of payments coming into school from parents has gradually increased over the years. Mrs Carrier processes all dinner monies, the costs of trips, payments for extra curriculum clubs, our Stay & Play provision and the money for Breakfast Club. In order to help with the administration of these payments, please could I ask you to place money or, even better, cheques into a separate envelope for the individual areas being paid for? Each envelope will need the following information written on it: your child's name, what the payment is for and how much money is contained within the envelope. The correct money would be extremely helpful but, if this isn't possible, any change will be sent home at the end of the day in your child's school bag. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Patterdale

Class 4's annual residential trip to Patterdale will take place in the Summer Term, between Wednesday 13th June and Friday 15th June. Please be reminded that the interim payment of £26 is due by Monday 5th February. Thank you.

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: **Elijah Turner**

Y1: **Thomas Ormesher**

Y2: **Jack Green**

Y3: **Emily Savage**

Y4: **Leo Simpson**

Y5: **Matthew Dewhurst**

Y6: **Caitlin Rees**

Joke of the Week:

After Mrs Scovell's joke, last week, I've decided to go back to the true comedy heroes of Heskin: the children. This week's joke is a joint effort from Mia in Class 3 and Joshua in Class 1.

Q: Did you hear about the race between the lettuce and the tomato?

A: The lettuce was a head and the tomato was trying to ketchup!

A very clever joke, Mia and Joshua. Well done.

Keep the funny stuff coming in or I might have to use Mrs Marshall's joke next Friday!

Hope you have a lovely week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

