



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

PC Paul

So far this year, we've had two magistrates in school, a barrister and now, this week, a police officer has visited Heskin. Luckily, the pupils are always well behaved so PC Paul didn't need to make any arrests. Even the teachers did what they were told!!! PC Paul, who is one of our hard working governors, came into Class 1 to tell the children all about the interesting work he does for GM Police. Thank you for your visit, PC Paul. The children had a wonderful time.



Terrific Tennis

With Kyle Edmund shooting up the tennis rankings, we decided that we would have our very own tennis afternoon here at Heskin. On Tuesday, Stuart Grice, who is one of the very best local coaches, came into school and delivered a series of tennis drills for the children in classes 3 & 4. We all had a great afternoon and hopefully, we may have inspired our very own tennis superstar of the future.

Valentine's Disco

Our world famous Valentine's Disco will take place on Thursday 8th February at 5:30pm for infants & 6:45pm for juniors. Tickets are priced at £2 and are available from Mrs Carrier in the school office.

Message From Our School Council

We will be sending home our Parking Quiz next week. Please can you complete and return them by Friday 23rd February. Remember, the completed sheets must be returned to your child's class. The class who manages to collect the most completed sheets will win a prize!

Prompt Starts

Just a quick reminder that our school opens at 8:50am ready for a prompt start for the children at 9:00am. I have noticed that a growing number of children are beginning to arrive a little late which means that they are missing the start of their morning lessons. The initial input into any lesson is vitally important. With this in mind, please can I ask everyone to try their very best to arrive in plenty of time so that our children are in class and ready to learn at 9 o'clock every morning. Thank you.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 – We have continued to look at planets this week. Using what we know about colour, shape and size, we painted a variety of planets in our Solar System. What facts could we remember about them? How did their environment differ from our own planet Earth? After sharing 'Man on the Moon', we chose an illustration from the book to construct and write our own sentences. In our Maths, we have been looking at subtraction of amounts from a group of 10. How could we record our number sentences using numerals or marks to represent amounts?

Year 2 - This week we have been learning about instruction writing. We have learned the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and we have turned it into instructions 'How to grow a Beanstalk'. Year 1 are focusing on sentence punctuation and Year 2 are using adverbs to give more information about their verbs. In Maths Year 1 have been counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and spotting patterns on hundred squares.

Class 3 – In English, we have written our own discussion text. Having captured the Iron Man, Hogarth started to feel guilty. We have written a discussion text reporting different opinions about whether he should've been trapped or not, what do you think? In Maths we have continued working with fractions. We have used division and multiplication skills to help us calculate fractions of groups quickly. In topic we have started to explore the continent of South America, looking particularly at The Amazon Rainforest. We have been using an atlas to locate continents and rivers and labelling maps. In computing, we have begun to manipulate images and move and resize them.

Class 4 – This week in Class 4 we have been exploring Classic Narrative Poetry in English. We have read The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes and The Listeners by Walter De La Mare. Having analysed the poems, both Year 5 and 6 enjoyed using their new found understanding of old vocabulary. During Maths, Year 6 have been exploring strategies for addition & subtraction and have practised using and applying them to word problems. Year 5 have been covering measurements and have practised multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000 using Beyonce's words of wisdom – 'to the left, to the left'.

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.

SATs Information Evening

On Thursday 22nd February we will be holding a SATs meeting for the parents of our Year 6 children. The meeting will take place at 6 o'clock in Class 4 and we will be passing on lots of information and advice about the upcoming SATs.

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. On Tuesday, 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

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.

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.

22.02.18: Year 6 SATS Information Evening

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: Lilly- May Higham

Y1: Sophie Scott

Y2: Ava Ramsay

Y3: Harry Tasker

Y4: Robert Moss

Y5: Eve Turner

Y6: Lottie Taylor

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke comes from Issy & Phoebe in Class 3.

Q: Why did the bubble gum cross the road?

A: Because it was stuck to the bottom of the chicken's foot.

Well done, girls. Very funny. Please keep the jokes coming in.

Hope you have a lovely week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle

Headteacher

