



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

The Scary Bikers (Part II)

After completing their balance bike training in January, a selection of our Class 1 bikers took part in a Competition today involving primary schools from all over the Chorley area. The children were amazing, demonstrating fearless skills and excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition. I'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Tasker for organising this event and a massive well done to our brilliant balance bikers.

Balance Bike Squad: Oscar, Joshua, Anna and Arthur.

Class 3 Swimming

Class 3's swimming tuition will start on Thursday 22nd February. Please remember to bring swimming kits into school every Thursday for these important lessons.

Valentine's Disco

In the words of Frankie Valli and The four Seasons, OH WHAT A NIGHT!! Our Valentine's disco was a great success and a wonderful time was experienced by everyone who attended. I'd like to pass on my thanks to our hard working PTFA who have once again organised an event to remember. Thank you!

Message From Our School Council

By now you will have received our School Council's Parking Quiz. Ella, Izzy, Ashton, Declan, Rory, Ava, Joe and Joshua have designed this quiz in order to improve traffic safety around our school and they have asked that parents complete the quiz alongside their children. Please can you complete and return all quiz sheets by Friday 23rd February. Remember, the completed forms must be returned to your child's class. A prize will be awarded to the class with the most completed forms!

Wonderful World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March, we will be celebrating World Book Day in style at Heskin Pemberton's! During the day, we will be dressing up as our favourite book characters and we are also running a 'design a front cover' competition, details of which will be sent home after half term.

Class 2's Educational Visit: Clitheroe Castle.

On Wednesday 21st February, Class 2 will be visiting Clitheroe Castle in order to support their work on Myths & Legends. Please be aware that the children participating in this educational visit will require a packed lunch and a drink in disposable packaging.

Singing Club

Our singing club, led by Mrs Robinson will be performing their latest songs during our Celebration Worship on Friday 23rd February. Please join us for our usual celebrations and this special performance.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- Our focus this week has been Chinese New Year. We read the Zodiac animal story and discussed how each year is named after an animal. 2018 is the Year of the Dog. We looked at photos of dogs and wrote sentences about what they were doing. We found out how many Chinese people celebrate New Year and made our own lanterns and moon Cakes in preparation for our party on Friday. During the party, we performed Dragon and Ribbon dances and tasted some Chinese food. In our Maths, we used the Zodiac story to order the animals and use our ordinal language. Who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th 5th in the swimming race?

Class 2- This week we have written instructions to tell people how to care for their unicorn. We have used the time conjunctions first, next, after that and finally. Year 2 have been using adverbs to give more detail to their verbs. In Maths we have been multiplying. Year 2 have been learning 2, 5 and 10 times tables and solving problems. Year 1 have been doubling and using repeated addition. We have been learning about keeping ourselves safe on the Internet. They are very smart children.

Class 3 – We have finished our discussions in English by writing a memo to Mr Brindle. We discussed whether school holidays should be made shorter or not. In Maths, we have been learning about tenths, hundredths and decimal numbers. To finish our science unit about keeping Healthy we have used all our knowledge and all the information found in our research to create a leaflet. In topic this week, we have been reading two and four figure grid references and beginning to set challenges with them for our friends. In P.E. we explored the qualities of King David and what makes a good king. In ICT, we continued to manipulate images, this week, adding fonts and resizing them. Today, we found out all about Saint Valentine and the traditions surrounding Valentine's Day.

Class 4 – This week have continued to explore 'The Highwayman' and have been innovating the original text. We particularly enjoyed using Kung Fu punctuation to rewrite the conversation between Bess and the Highwayman. During Maths the children have been taking inspiration from Moana's main character Maui and 'finding their own way' to multiply. In doing so the children explored the long and short written methods for multiplication and have practised using the method which best suits them.

Payments

Please could I ask you to place the correct 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: child's name, what the payment is for and how much money is contained within the envelope. Thanks for your cooperation.

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

Throughout the week, the children have been learning about how to stay safe and how to act responsibly whilst online. The internet plays such a significant part in our modern lives and our children are able to connect online in so many different ways. Every pupil at Heskin has demonstrated a mature and thoughtful understanding of this important subject and they have impressed me with their knowledge of internet safety. Please look out for a copy of their internet user agreement which they will be bringing home today.



Prompt Starts

Just a 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.

Important Dates:

- 09.02.18: School Closes for half term at 3:30pm.
- 19.02.18: School Reopens 8:50am.
- 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: **Anastasia Kerr**
- Y1: **Moses Wotherspoon**
- Y2: **Drew Thorpe**
- Y3: **Rory Brown**
- Y4: **Issy Taylor**
- Y5: **Olivia Williams**
- Y6: **Ysabel Green**

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke is not a joke. It's a riddle and it comes from Mackenzie in Class 4.

Q: *A family had five children. The first four children were called January, February, March and April.*

What was the name of the fifth child.

A: *Answer at the bottom of the page.*

Ooooh, that's a tricky one. I kicked myself when I looked at the answer. Well done, Mackenzie.

Hope you have a lovely break.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher



The fifth child was called What.