



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

## Wonderful World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in style at Heskin Pemberton's but, as always, we will be doing things slightly differently here! We will be dressing up as our favourite book characters on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, rather than the Thursday. With Class 3 swimming on Thursdays we couldn't have them missing out on the fun or having to make changes to their costumes...and I don't think the sight of Mrs Prance dressed up as an Umpa Lumpa would've done the people of Tarleton any good! As well as our usual dressing up shenanigans we are also running a 'design a front cover' competition, details of which have been sent home with this newsletter. **A certificate, a book voucher and a signed poster of our local Olympic Skier, Dave Ryding, will be awarded for the best entry.**

## Super Science Week

Next week is Science Week at Heskin Pemberton's. Each class will be conducting different scientific experiments throughout the week and we will also have some very special visitors in school. On Monday we will have a variety of animals from Allday's Farm and on Wednesday a member of the Mad Science Mob will be leading a special assembly. Please can you advise the class teachers of any animal allergies on Monday morning?

## Message From Our School Council

We have already had a great response to the Parking Quiz created by Ella, Izzy, Ashton, Declan, Rory, Ava, Joe and Joshua. Thank you for your completed entries. Don't forget that quiz sheets can be completed by any adult who regularly brings your child to or from school. For example, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. We have sent extra forms home with your child but please contact anyone at school if you require any more. **Remember, there is a cash prize of £50 for the class with the most completed quiz sheets.**

## Class 2's Educational Visit: Clitheroe Castle.

On Wednesday, Class 3 went to Clitheroe Castle in order to further develop their knowledge of dragons!! The children and the adults had a fantastic time learning all about these amazing creatures. They are all now experts so if you happen to see a dragon strolling down Stocks Lane, you'll know who to call!

## Chorley FC Football Tournament

On Wednesday, our school football team took part in a tournament organised by Chorley FC. The team played against Eccleston St. Mary's in the first round of this knockout competition at Holy Cross High School. Unfortunately, we did not progress to the next round but the team played extremely well, demonstrating their skills and determination throughout the match. *Heskin Squad: Noah (c), Dylan, Lewis, Izzy, Leo and Addison.*

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

**Class 1 -** We have begun our 'Under the Sea' topic by exploring Pirates and Treasure. After sharing 'We're Going on a Treasure Hunt' we went on our own hunt around the school. Using our blending skills, we read the clues which led us to the treasure. Next, we wrote our own clues. Could our friends read it back? Did it make sense? We made telescopes, exploring how different the world looked through coloured cellophane. In our Maths, we have been looking at the variety of coins we use to pay for things. What colour, shape & size are they? Could we remember how many 1p's they were worth?

**Class 2 -** This week has all been about our fabulous trip to Clitheroe Castle where we learned how to spot, look after and protect dragons. It was absolutely fabulous and we all had so much fun. We had 30 professional dragon spotters on the coach home. We have written guides to help other people protect different species of dragon and we have made dragon and unicorn masks. In Maths we have been sharing/dividing. Year 2 are learning the division facts for the times tables they know and Year 1 have been sharing equally. We have all been problem solving. It's been a super week in Class 2.

**Class 3 -** Our first day back was a "delicious" day. We made soup from vegetables grown in the school garden and tasty flatbread to go with it. In true M&S style, we created adverts for our healthy meals. This wasn't just food - this was Heskin Pemberton's food. In English, we have started our new unit of work based on The Great Kapok Tree. We have designed tree houses and spent some time considering why the tree is considered to be great. We have learnt about decimal numbers in maths and have looked at the place and value of tenths and hundredths. Science was so, so messy this week! We had fun with cornflour slime and were amazed to see that it is possible to walk on custard! In topic this week, we compared the rainforests of South America with forests and woods in England. We learnt about the weather in each and discussed living things and their different needs. In R.E. we are starting to learn all about 'The Easter Story' and why it is as important to us as Christmas. On Thursday, we all went swimming. It was a super experience and all the children performed to the best of their ability.

**Class 4 -** we have been exploring older literature this week, with the entire class exploring Shakespeare's Macbeth, they looked at archaic vocabulary and thoroughly enjoyed acting out scene 4, when Macbeth starts to lose his mind! In Maths, the children have been practising methods for division and using their multiplication table to help them. They have also been investigating Biomes in Theme this week and have been working hard to understand how to use an atlas.

### **Dodgeball**

On Monday, our intrepid dodgeballers took to the courts of Bishop Rawstorne Academy to take part in their first ever Dodgeball Tournament against other local schools. The children's enthusiasm was a joy to see and it was clear that they got considerably better as the competition progressed. Unfortunately, we did not make the final this time but we are already aiming high for next year's competition. Thank you, Mrs Marshall for supervising this event. *Heskin Squad: Ezrin, Emily, Isabella, Meg, Phoebe, Addison, Leo and Rory.*

### **SATs Information Evening**

Thank you to all our Year 6 parents who were able to attend our SATs information evening last night. We will shortly be posting additional SATs preparation material on the Class 4 page on our school website and we will also be sending out details of the booster clubs we will be delivering in the run up to SATs week.

### **Bishop of Burnley**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, the Bishop of Burnley will be leading the service at St. James the Great Church, Wroughtington. Our school will be singing as part of this service and it would be great to see as many of our children there as possible so that the Bishop doesn't have to listen to my voice! Please come along at 10:15am on Sunday to support our school and local church.

### **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.

### **Old £10 notes**

Please remember that Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is the last day to use your old £10 notes. The school office will not be able to accept these notes as payment after this date.

### **PTFA Lucky Numbers**

If anyone would like to enter our Lucky Numbers draw then please return your Lucky Numbers reply slip by 1<sup>st</sup> March and you will be entered into our monthly prize draw with a chance of winning £25! We will let you know who the first winner is at the end of that month. All money raised from this will go to our iPad fund. We just need a few more donations and we will have enough money to purchase a new set of iPads so please join our PTFA Lucky Numbers draw before next Thursday. Thank you.

### **Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party.**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, our hardworking PTFA will be organising an afternoon tea party for mums, grandmothers and their children. This will be lovely event so please try to attend if at all possible. A PTFA letter containing more details will go home with the children tonight.

### **Important Dates:**

**26.02.18: Science Week.**

**02.03.18: World Book Day at Heskin!**

**07.03.18: 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.**

**19.04.18: PTFA Meeting.**



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

**YR: Oscar Bragg**

**Y1: William Darwin**

**Y2: Rosie Furzeman**

**Y3: Mia Argile**

**Y4: Joshua Hindle**

**Y5: Zara Robinson**

**Y6: Ella Moss**

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

This week's amazing joke comes from Olivia in Class 4.

**Q: What is the worst type of cat?**

**A: A Catastrophe!**

That's the purrrrrfect joke to take us into the weekend because tomorrow is Saturday! Well done, Olivia.

Hope you have a lovely week.  
Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher

