



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Heskin Hens!

Egbert and Henrietta made an appearance this week and they have now been joined by Goldie Hen. The children will be learning all about chicks over the next few weeks and we will give you regular updates on the new additions to our Heskin family.



Parents' Evenings

We are really looking forward to meeting with you on our Parents' Evenings. Your child's work will be available for you to look at in their classrooms, prior to your appointments with the class teacher. I, along with some of our support staff, will also be available on both evenings in order to keep the appointments running to schedule and to assist in any way we can. Members of our school governing board will also be present at both Parents' Evenings so please stop for a chat and pass on any helpful ideas or ask any questions.

Extra- Curricular Clubs

Due to Parents' Evening and our Easter Church Service, the following clubs **will not** take place:

Thursday 15th March- Ethos Club

Basketball Club

Tuesday 20th March- Board Games Club

Thursday 22nd March- Ethos Club

Basketball Club

All other extra-curricular activities will take place as usual.

PTFA Easter Bingo

The world famous Heskin PTFA Easter Bingo will take place on Thursday 22nd March, in the school hall, at 6:00pm. £2 a ticket.

Book Day Winners

Well done to everyone who entered our Design a Book Cover Competition. We had some amazing entries and we'll be displaying these around school shortly. We have now decided on our class winners and these will be announced in next week's Celebration Worship. Each winner will receive a certificate, a book voucher and a signed poster of our local Olympic Skier, Dave Ryding. Certificates will also be presented next week for the best costume in each class.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 – We have continued to look at creatures under the sea, focusing on sharks this week. After discussing different types of sharks, we wrote a fact file to share with the class. We also used our writing skills to create a very special 'Under the Sea' card for our Mums (Shhhhh!) In our Maths we have been exploring how we measure the weight of objects. Using the correct vocab (heavy, light, equal) we compared the weight of objects using the balance scales. We also began to look at measuring how many units an item weighed. The whale measured 4 conkers but only 3 pinecones. I wonder why...?

Class 2 - This week we have been reading the story 'Owl Babies' and started to write a class 2 version called 'Chicken Babies'. We have also all planned and written the beginning of our own story about animal babies that live in our school environment. We have learned the opening of Chicken Babies with actions so if you are lucky you might get a performance at home. In Maths we have been using number bonds to 10. Year 1 have been learning them and looking at the relationship between addition and subtraction. Year 2 have been using the number bonds to add two 2 digit numbers by bridging through the next multiple of ten and subtracting a single digit from a multiple of ten.

Class 3 – This week in English we have been looking at persuasive devices in writing. We used what we learnt to persuade the man not to cut down the kapok tree. In our science lesson, we worked in teams to plan and carry out an investigation to find out if all liquids have the same 'runniness'. In D.T. we checked that the sandwich we are going to make next week will be healthy by plotting on the 'eat well' plate. Today we made some special cards in art and continued to learn about Easter in R.E.

Class 4 – Have had a fantastic week in Maths exploring the topic of Geometry. As well as finding the area of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms, the children were tasked with designing their own islands for Te Fiti. Using their knowledge of 2D shapes, they designed an island map. Then they looked at their corresponding 3D shapes and using nets, created their islands! During English, the class invented their own chapter for Alice in Wonderland which demonstrated how amazing their imaginations are! During Science, the children researched variation within a species of their choice and explained how, for example, Dolphins have adapted to their environment in different parts of the world.

School Council: Parking Quiz

All of the parking quiz sheets have now been collated and, in order to make it a fair competition, the school council have calculated the average sheets per pupil for each Class. The winner of the £50 prize is Class 2 who narrowly pipped Class 1 to the top slot. Well done everyone who entered and well done to our School Council for organising such an important quiz.

Easter Service.

Just a quick reminder that our school Easter Service will take place on Thursday 22nd March at St. James The Great Church at 2:45pm. The children will be singing, reading and leading prayers so please join us for this special service. Transport to the church has been arranged but please collect your children at 3:30pm from church rather than school. Any child in Stay & Play Club will be transported back to school but please ensure that they have an appropriate car seat for this journey if they legally require one.

Spring Market

Tunley United Reform Church will be holding their Spring Market between 11:00am and 1:00pm on Saturday 10th March, 2018. There will be many stalls, including home-made cakes and pies, crafts, toys & gifts, a tombola, raffle, plants, bric-a-brac & jewellery, scarves & handbags and guess the name of Tunley's cuddly cow. Light lunches are also on sale.

Bingo at St. James the Great

On Saturday 10th March, St James the Great will be hosting an evening of bingo in their church hall. The fun begins at 6:00pm so please support this event if you can.

Dance Club Performance

On Tuesday 20th March, our Dance Club will be performing their Indian dance routine. Parents and friends are invited to watch the dance from 4:00pm onwards. The children have been amazing in this club and I can't wait to see their final performance.

Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party.

I'd like to pass on my thanks to our PTFA for all the time and effort they have put into organising our Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party. This event takes a lot of preparation and a lot of hard work but seeing our children, mothers and grandmothers having such a good time, makes it all worthwhile. Thank you!

Stay & Play.

If you would like to make use of our after school club, please could you contact Miss Jones on **07519190760**. It is important to book these places in advance so that Miss Jones can organise provision for each night.

Lancashire Catering Service: School Dinners

Further to the letter you received in November, please can I ask you to support our school meal service by adhering to the following points:

- **Endeavour to return menus back to Mrs Carrier, in the office, every Thursday morning at the latest.** This will ensure that our Friday food order is accurate and cost effective.
- **If your child mixes packed lunches with some school dinner choices, please try to select the same days for every week.** This helps the children to get into a routine and remember when they need packed lunches. It also avoids any upset when packed lunches are forgotten but school dinners haven't been ordered.
- **Please provide the office with a minimum of one week's notice if your child would like to change from packed lunches to school dinner or vice versa.** This again helps with the efficient and cost effective ordering of supplies and ensures we can continue to offer a wider menu than the basic Lancashire Catering Services Menu.



Important Dates:

- 10.03.18: ST James Bingo Night. 6:00pm**
- 15.03.18: Parents' Evening. 4:00pm-5:30pm.**
- 20.03.18: Indian Dance Performance. 4:00pm.**
- 20.03.18: Parents' Evening. 5:30pm-7:30pm.**
- 22.03.18: PTFA Easter Bingo.**
- 23.03.18 School Council Cake Stall**
- 23.03.18: School Closes for Easter Holidays at 2:00pm.**
- 09.04.18 School Re-opens.**
- 19.04.18: PTFA Meeting.**

Joke of the Week:

It's always nice to end the week with a smile and a giggle so I'd like to thank Teegan's dad for providing me with this Joke:

Boy: I'm not going to wear my clothes when I'm older.

Dad: Oh my goodness!! Why not?

Boy: Because they won't fit me anymore!

Thank you, Teegan's dad! Our newsletter's very first parent joke! Pupils, please keep sending your jokes to me for our newsletters! Please!

Hope you have a great week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

