Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 16th March, 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Drama & Dance Club Performance

On Monday 19th March, our Drama Club will be presenting their latest show and on Tuesday 20th March, our Dance Club will be performing their Indian dance routine. Parents and friends are invited to watch both performances from 4:00pm onwards, on the respective days.

Celebration Worship & Star of the Term

Due to the fact that school will close at 2:00pm on Friday 23rd March, our final Celebration Worship this term will start at the earlier time of 1:30pm. **We will be announcing the Stars of the Term in this worship so please could last term's winners return their trophies before that date?**

Parents' Evenings.

It was great to see so many of you on Parents' Evening yesterday and it was lovely to see so many happy faces as you looked through your child's books. We hope you find these meetings useful and we look forward to seeing more of you on Tuesday's Parents' Evening. Members of our school governing board will also be present on Tuesday so please feel free to stop for a chat, pass on any helpful ideas or ask questions.

Fantastic Fencing!

This week we were joined by Wayne who provided us with a very exciting fencing demonstration in preparation for our fencing club which will start after the Easter holidays. Ben in Year 6 and Ella in Year 6 both made it through the elimination rounds to the final duel! Well done Ben and Ella.

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.

2nd Wrightington Rainbows

There are currently vacancies for girls aged 5-7 at Rainbows. Anyone interested in a place or further information can contact the Rainbow Leader, Sarah O'Neill, on 07480350850.

What has happened in school this week…?

Class 1- This week we have been focusing on whales. We learnt lots of facts including how some whales have teeth and others don't and that whales breathe through their blowholes. After reading 'My Friend Whale,' we developed our own story endings. What had happened to him? We also shared 'The Snail and the Whale,' comparing the different lands which they visited. How were they similar or different? In Maths we have been looking at the capacity. What words do we use if a container is full, empty, half full? Can we order them from the fullest to emptiest? How many capfuls of water does the container hold?

Class 2 – This week we have been planning our middle section to our 'Owl Babies' innovation. We have learned our 'Chicken Babies' off by heart and we can perform it with action's. (Ask us to tell you about it or even perform it.) In Maths we have been developing our addition and subtraction strategies including near doubles, adding and taking away 9 and using our number bonds to ten. In R.E. we have been thinking about the sadness and happiness we can find in the Easter story and what it means to have forgiveness in our lives.

Class 3- In Maths we have been learning how to multiply higher value numbers. We have used the grid method to help us. In Year 4 we have looked at factors of numbers. In our English we have used drama to create our own stories. We worked in groups to act out our dilemma. In D.T. this week we finally made our healthy sandwiches. We began by cleaning the tables and recapping our safety rules. The Children worked very hard and produced super looking sandwiches although some of the flavour combinations were a little unusual! In R.E. we have written prayers in preparation for our Easter service in Church next week.

Class 4 – This week Class 4 have been exploring statistics in Maths and have been practising drawing and interpreting line graphs. The Year 6 children have also practised reading pie charts and have done a fantastic job at applying their understanding of fractions to them! During English, the children have started their new unit on Discussions. They have been reading texts linked to pollution and have been looking at the authors' choice of language to manipulate and influence the reader. The highlight of the week has been fencing, as the children really showed their competitive sides!

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.**

Bikeability.

On Monday and Tuesday our Year 5 children will be completing their Bikeability Training. Please could you ensure bikes, helmets and suitable clothing are brought to school on these days?

Lancashire Catering Service: School Dinners

Please note that the cost of school dinners will increase from £2.10 to £2.30 from Monday 9th April. We have held the cost at £2.10 for quite a period of time but, after consulting with, Lancashire Catering Service, we have been advised to make this increase to bring us in line with other schools in Lancashire. After Easter, Mrs Carrier will also provide you with further information regarding online payments and online bookings, which should make ordering and paying for school dinners much easier. In the meantime, she has asked me to pass on her thanks for your cooperation in ensuring that the children who mix school dinners with packed lunches are in a much clearer routine now that orders are being placed for the same days each week.

Egg-citing Easter & Sports Relief

On Friday 23rd March, we will once again be competing in the 2018 Heskin Egg Rolling Championships! **Please remember to send a decorated hen's egg into school on that final Friday for this competition.**

We will also be celebrating Sports Relief on Friday 23rd March. The school council will write to you shortly with further details of the various activities they've organised but, for now, they would like you to know that, for a £1 donation, the children can come dressed in sporty clothes or as their favourite sports star on that Friday. They would also like any kind bakers to make individual cakes or muffins for our playtime cake sale. The cakes will then be sold for 50p in order to raise even more money for Sports Relief. Certain members of the school council have also told me that I'm only allowed a maximum of two cakes!!! I'm not sure what they're trying to insinuate!

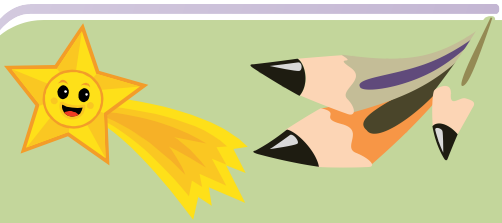
Extra- Curricular Clubs

Due to Parents' Evening and our Easter Church Service, the following clubs **will not** take place: ***Board Games Club, Ethos Club & Multi skills Club***

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

Important Dates:

19.03.18 & 20.03.18: Year 5 Bikeability.
20.03.18: Indian Dance Performance. 4:00pm.
20.03.18: Parents' Evening. 5:30pm-7:30pm.
22.03.18: PTFA Easter Bingo.
22.03.18: Easter Church Service at St. James the Great. 2:45pm.
23.03.18: Sports Relief & Easter Egg Rolling Competition.
23.03.18: School Closes for Easter Holidays at 2:00pm.
09.04.18: School Opens for Summer Term.
19.04.18: PTFA Meeting.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: **Arthur Buckley**
Y1: **Lloyd Evans**
Y2: **Emily Robinson**
Y3: **Ezrin Hazar**
Y4: **Thelia Wallwork**
Y5: **Shaun Christopher**
Y6: **Noah Burrill**

Joke of the Week:

I've had lots of jokes to choose from this week so I've decided to pick two. Our double chuckles come from Harry in Class 3 and Sam O' in Class 2, respectively:

Q: Why did the farmer plough his field with a steam roller?

A: Because he wanted to grow mashed potatoes.

Q: What did the buffalo say to his calf when he left for work?

A: Bi-son!

Thank you Harry and Sam. A great way to start the weekend. Well done.

Hope you have a great week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher