Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 4th May, 2018

Happy Star Wars Day,

Wrightington & Heskin's Scarecrow Festival

The villages of Wrightington and Heskin will look very different this Bank Holiday weekend as we celebrate the annual Scarecrow Festival. Our Arts & Crafts Club have been very arty and crafty over the last few weeks, designing a very special underwater scarecrow scene! I can't wait to see the final creation and I hope you'll vote for Heskin Pemberton's Scarecrow in this year's competition. Thank you Mrs Furzman, Mrs Sharrock, Mrs Marshall and all the members of the Arts & Crafts Club for your hard work with this project.

DIY SOS

We will be having a DIY SOS day at school on **Saturday 14th July**. There are a number of little DIY jobs around school that need completing so we are getting our friends, parents and members of the local community together to help out. It might involve painting a bench for the children, fixing a fence panel or building a new den for our Reception Class. If you would like to share you DIY skills in order to improve our school then you'd be very welcome to join us anytime between 9:00am and 1:00pm on that Saturday. A BBQ breakfast will be provided for all our volunteers.

Park & Stride!

The week commencing **21st May** is National Walk to School Week. Schools all over the country will be participating in this initiative in order to improve health and look after our environment. Our School Council have spoken to **The Corner House**, **Heskin Village Hall** and **The Farmer's Arms** who have all agreed to allow that parents to park on their grounds so that the children can walk to and from school together. So if you live too far away from school to walk you can still participate by parking at any of these three venues. The School Council have put together a leaflet with more information about their Park & Stride ideas so hopefully we can all get behind their plans and enjoy taking part in Walk to School Week.

Class Photographs

The children will be having their class photographs taken on Wednesday 9th May. Mr Crowther will also be taking photographs for our school website on that day.

What has happened in school this week…?

Class 1- This week we have been learning about the frogs life cycle and sequencing their life stages from egg to frog. After sharing 'The Teeny Weeny Tadpole' we thought about other jumping animals he could meet on his journey. Then we wrote our own versions of the story, discovering how '?' and '!' can be used to enhance our writing. We continued recording in our Life Cycle Diary, drawing and painting observational pictures of frogs. In Maths we revisited subtraction – taking amounts away from groups up to 20. How could we record them as number sentences?

Class 2- This week Year 1 have been writing a text all about themselves. They have planned it and written it in a mixture of simple and compound sentences. Congratulations to Year 2 who have completed their end of Key Stage 1 reading assessments. They have worked really hard and made us all really proud. In Maths we have been learning about position and direction and consolidating some of our place value and number skills. In R.E. we have thought about friendship and how we can build positive relationships with others.

Class 3- In Maths this week we have been looking at the properties of 2D shapes. We have learned how to identify lines of symmetry and how to spot different size angles. In English we have watched a film of an adventure up the Faraway Tree and started to talk about how we can write our own story. At swimming this week, the children swam long distances to improve their fitness and stamina. They also learned some self-preservation skills. In topic this week we learned about Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphics and tried writing secret messages with them. In R.E. we looked at temple and synagogues and discussed how they are similar to churches

Class 4 – This week in Class 4, the children have continued to read Wonder from Jack's perspective. They wrote e-mails to August to apologise for the things that Jack said about them. During Maths, the class have been exploring coordinates and are now able to translate, reflect and rotate shapes in the first quadrant. In Science, the children have continued their work on microbes, but focused on good bacteria in food.

Athletics

Last Friday, children from Class 2 participated in an indoor athletics festival at Buckshaw Primary School. The children took part in a range of athletic activities and competed with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. I'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Tasker for coordinating our team and a big thank you to the parents who transported the children to and from this event. *HESKIN SQUAD: Jacob, William, Addison, Moses, Jack, Ava, Drew, Ruby and Alana.*

Year 6 SATs Week!

Our Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATs during the week commencing **14th May**. During SATs Week, they can come to school at 8:30 am Monday to Thursday for a special brain boosting breakfast, served by the world famous chefs: Brindle, King & Dean! Friday will be a rewards day in order to celebrate all their hard work and effort in the build up to these tests.

Stay & Play

Please can I ask all parents who use our Stay & Play facility to ensure that children are collected no later than 5:30pm. There have been a number of occasions recently when children have been picked up late from Stay & Play but unfortunately the insurance for our provision is only valid for our working hours. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

Royal Wedding

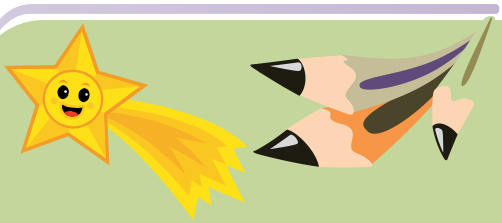
Prince Harry & Ms Meghan Markle's Royal Wedding will be celebrated at Heskin Pemberton's on **Thursday 17th May** with a special Royal Wedding Garden Party Lunch, details of which have already been sent home. On **Friday 18th May**, the children will continue their celebrations with a Red, White & Blue non-uniform day.

PTFA Flag Raffle

A big thank you to our PTFA for organising this year's Flag Raffle and an even bigger thank you to Miss Bennett for helping the children to select their flags. Our winners will be announced in celebration worship.

Important Dates:

04.05.18-07.05.18: Scarecrow Festival
06.05.18: Tunley Reform Church family Fun Day
07.05.18: May Day Bank Holiday.
09.05.18: Class Photographs.
14.05.18: SATs Week.
17.05.18-18.05.18: Royal Wedding Day Celebrations.
18.05.18: PTFA Family Campover.
24.05.18: Governor Morning.
25.05.18: School Closes for Half Term.
04.06.18: School Reopens.
10.06.17: Summer fun Day at St. James the Great.
13.06.18-15.06.18: Patterdale Residential trip.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: **Joshua Argile**
Y1: **Ruby Crighton**
Y2: **Danielle Pitt**
Y3: **Joseph Scott**
Y4: **Harry Rigby**
Y5 **Isobel Dyson**
Y6: **Hollie Smith**

Joke of the Week:

This week's jokes come from Noah and James, respectively, who are both in Class 4.

Q: Why did the music teacher have a ladder?

A: So that he could reach the high notes.

I was walking in to my class and a clown held the door open for me.

It was such a nice jester!

Thanks Noah and James, they really made me giggle. Keep sending in your funny jokes.

Have a lovely bank holiday.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher