



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

### Park & Stride!

The week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> May is National Walk to School Week. Schools all over the country will be participating in this initiative in order to improve children's 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 our 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.

### Royal Wedding

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

### Family Campover

After the success of our fun filled, if slightly damp, camping exploits in September, our PTFA have organised a Summer Family Campover for **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. There will be a treasure hunt, a BBQ and lots of campfire games for both the young and the slightly older campers. If you would like to join us then please complete the Campover reply slip before next Tuesday, copies of which can be found in the school office. Remember, if spending the night under the stars is not your thing then you can always join us for the BBQ and treasure hunt before heading off to your nice warm beds. Everyone is welcome.

### Patterdale Meeting

On **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** we will be holding an Information Evening for the parents of our Year 5 & 6 children who are attending Patterdale Activity Centre this year. 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 forthcoming residential visit.

### 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.

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

**Class 1-** Our focus this week has been Bees. We discovered how they make honey and help to pollinate plants and flowers. We also learnt about their life cycle from egg to bee. After reading 'The Bumble Bear', we practised our recall and story comprehension skills. We also learnt how algorithms are a set of instructions which we could use to programme the BeeBot toy. In Maths, we have been practising counting back from 20-0, identifying numbers between 2 given numbers and working out 1+2 more or 1+2 less than a number.

**Class 2-** This week Year 2 have been very busy completing their special maths work to show off everything they have learned so far. We are incredibly proud of how determined and sensible they have been. I think the special treats have helped! Year 1 have planned and written about their sunny bank holiday weekend and in Maths they have been learning about fractions. In Art we have done some observational drawing in our outdoor environment. In R.E. we celebrated Ascension Day by acting out the story in groups and writing Jesus letters to take with him, from his disciples. In P.E. we started athletics and we have also done some summer dances.

**Class 3-** In English this week we have practised writing character descriptions and punctuating speech. We have made a start on our class adventure story that we are writing together. In Maths, we have learnt about horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines. In topic this week we have studied the Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. We have researched and drawn them. In R.E. we compared a Church to a Mosque and looked for similarities and differences. We had an extra maths challenge today looking at the 24hour clock. At swimming, we concentrated on driving in – there were a lot of different styles!

**Class 4** – This week in English, Year 5 have been writing their 'Julian Chapter' to complete our 'Wonder' unit. They've worked exceptionally hard to understand why Julian might act like a bully. In Maths, the children have been exploring sequences and have been practising using inverse operations to complete patterns. The highlight of our week has been History, as the children built their own NAAH (Ancient Maya House). They had 30 minutes to forage for materials to create their homes, there were some very creative results. Throughout the week, the Year 6 Children have continued to revise and I would like to say a huge thank you to the children for the work ethic they have demonstrated. They should be incredibly proud of the progress they have made!

### **Fantastic Footballers**

On Tuesday, our football team took part in the Cluster Schools Football Tournament at Bishop Rawstone Academy. The team played a total of three matches, winning two and losing one. These results meant that we finished in second place, just two points behind the winners. Every member of the team played like heroes, giving their best effort in every match, and our skipper, Dylan, finished the competition as our leading goal scorer. I'd like to say thanks to all the parents, who supported Heskin in the rain, and Jurgen Hughes for managing our team. I'd also like to say thank you to Noah, who couldn't play on Tuesday but did give his time and his organisational skills in order to ensure that the team were fully prepared for the tournament. Well done, everyone!

*HESKIN SQUAD: Dylan, Spencer, Leo, Declan, Harry, Roddy and Joseph.*



### **Year 6 SATs Week!**

Our Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATs during the week commencing **14<sup>th</sup> 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 (and water fight) day in order to celebrate all their hard work and effort in the build up to these tests.

### **DIY SOS**

We will be having a DIY SOS day at school on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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, power washing a path, fixing a fence panel or building a new den for our Reception Class. If you would like to share your 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 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. A BBQ breakfast will be provided for all our volunteers.

### **Important Dates:**

- 14.05.18: SATs Week.**
- 17.05.18-18.05.18: Royal Wedding Day Celebrations.**
- 18.05.18: PTFA Family Campover.**
- 23.05.18 Bag2School collection 9am**
- 24.05.18: Governor Morning.**
- 25.05.18: School Closes for Half Term.**
- 04.06.18: School Reopens.**
- 07.06.18: PTFA Meeting. 7:00pm in The White Lion.**
- 10.06.17: Summer fun Day at St. James the Great.**
- 13.06.18-15.06.18: Patterdale Residential trip.**
- 15.06.18: Fathers' Day Breakfast.**
- 22.06.18: Sports Day & Summer Fair.**



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

- YR: Sartaj Singh**
- Y1: Zoe Millar**
- Y2: Alana Makinson**
- Y3: Grace Scovell**
- Y4: Isabelle Ruttle**
- Y5: Phoebe Lewis-Guinness**
- Y6: Everyone**

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

This week's joke comes from Amelie in Class 3.

**Q: What do you call a dinosaur with bananas in its ears?**

**A: Anything you like, it can't hear you!**

Thanks Amelie. Your joke made me laugh and groan all at the same time. Well done.

Keep sending in your funny jokes for our newsletter. Miss Dean has left one on my desk but I know that you can do better!

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher

