



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 8th June, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Family Fun Day

St James The Great Church will be hosting a Family Fun Day on **Sunday 10th June** from 12:00 noon until 4:00pm. Our children will be singing 2 songs at 1:00pm. There will be a host of attractions including Punch & Judy, Tombola, BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Classic Cars and Ice Cream. There will also be a Fun Dog Show, with lots of prizes, so bring your posh pooches along too!

Rocket Roddy!!!

As many of you will already have heard, Rocket Roddy will be taking part in Bolton IronKids and then The Siberian Ice Race. Roddy will be the first child from outside of Siberia to take part in this race and I'm sure you'll join with me in wishing him the very best of luck. As if taking part in two demanding races wasn't enough, Roddy has also decided to use his running skills to raise money for our school. An amazing gesture from an amazing person! Thank you, Roddy. You are a star! If you would like to make a donation then please follow the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/roddy-crighton2018>

PTFA

Thank you to everyone for the various PTFA activities you have participated in and thank you to our hardworking PTFA for organising these events. Over the last few weeks we have raised £212.24 with our Smartie Appeal, £87.00 from the Flag Raffle, £138.66 from the Family Campover and £48.00 from the Bags2School collection. All the money raised has been added to the kitty and we now have enough money to purchase **15 new iPads** for our children so thank you for your kind generosity.

Chickenpox

I have been informed that a couple of our children have been diagnosed with Chickenpox this week. Although Chickenpox is very common it can be quite an uncomfortable condition for children and is often worse for adults. Please follow the link below to find out more information about the symptoms and treatment of Chickenpox.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Extra-Curricular Clubs

You will have received details of the various extra-curricular clubs taking place this term and additional copies of these letters can be found in the school office. We have already received a lot of replies and places are being filled very quickly so, if you haven't done so already, please can you return your reply slips to Mrs Carrier as soon as possible. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the members of staff who have volunteered to give up their time in order to organise and run these clubs. For a small school we do provide a lot of extra opportunities for our children.

PTFA Lucky Numbers

May's winning number was number **8**. Our congratulations go to **Mrs Jayne Carrier** who wins **£25**. Thank you to everyone who supports this fundraiser for school.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- We started our new Down On The Farm topic, looking at sheep. After reading Marvin Gets Mad, we wrote our own story endings. How did Marvin get out of the hole? We discovered what happens when a sheep get shorn. Its wool is used for all sorts of useful things from houses to firefighters' clothing! We also found out that not all sheep look the same. We used our observational and descriptive skills to say what was the same and what was different about breed types. In our Maths, we have recapped capacity and how to solve problems involving measuring a variety of containers.

Class 2- This week we have written fabulous recounts about all the fun we have had during the half term holiday. What a busy time they all had! In Phonics Year 1 have been revisiting all the sounds they have learned so far this year and they have done a superb job showing this off. In Maths, we have been telling the time and Year 2 have also been learning about fractions. In art we have been outside developing our drawing skills and in PE we have been playing tennis and doing some athletics. In RE we have been thanking God for this wonderful weather and reflecting on our favourite summer creations.

Class 3- We have started a new English unit on explanations. We have explained how a cat-feeding machine works and looked at some of the useful words to use when we are trying to explain something. In Maths, we have been practising our division skills. We have learnt how to divide larger numbers by chunking. At swimming, the children were able to show off their skills to the head coach. She was very impressed that they were only Year 3 & 4! In Art, we have begun to design programme covers for our performance of Hoodwinked. The children have also been focussing on drama and the spoken language.

Class 4 – This week in English, the class have started to explore the science-fiction genre. They have read a variety of extracts, from Star Wars to Apollo 13 and they have analysed the authors' use of language. The children have enjoyed Maths the most this week, as they have been looking at capacity and volume. They made the classroom extremely wet during our investigations, as they practised estimating amounts using different units of measure. In Science, the class are exploring a range of hypotheses and have created their own experiments to test whether they are correct or incorrect.

Class 1 Wish List

Thank you to everyone who has brought in resources for our Class 1 children to use in their outdoor area. A special mention has got to go to **Arthur's mummy & daddy** and **Joseph's mummy & daddy** who have been extremely generous with their donations. I'm surprised you've got anything left in your houses! The children in Class 1 are really benefiting from your kindness but more resources are still needed so please be on the lookout for any spare utensils, pans, baking trays, buckets, paint brushes or anything else the children could use.

Parent Pay: School Dinners and Stay & Play

Many thanks to everyone for your support in using Parent Pay to order your child's school lunches. The new system should make this process more efficient and will allow parents and pupils to know exactly which meals they have selected each day. Please endeavour to clear any invoices you may have received for Stay & Play or Breakfast Club as these payments are also being processed through Parent Pay now.

There will of course be other payments which will need to come directly to school. In order to help with the administration of these, please could I ask you to place money or, even better, cheques into a **separate envelope** for the individual areas being paid for? Each envelope will need the following information written on it: your child's name, what the payment is for and how much money is contained within the envelope. The correct money would be extremely helpful but, if this isn't possible, any change will be sent home at the end of the day in your child's school bag. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

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, 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 14th July. A BBQ breakfast will be provided for all our volunteers.

PFTA Non-uniform Day

In preparation for our Summer Fair, the PTFA have organised a special non-uniform day on Monday 18th June. However, instead of donating money in order to wear their own clothes, the PTFA have asked if each child can bring in a **chocolate donation** into school for our Summer Fair. This sounds like a great idea and I can't wait to 'look after' all the donations!

PTFA Fathers' Day Breakfast

On **Friday 15th June**, our PTFA will be hosting a Fathers' Day Breakfast between 7:45am and 8:50am at school. This will give us the opportunity to treat our dads and grandads before the official Fathers' Day on Sunday. Delicious breakfast barmes, prepared by our hardworking PTFA, can be bought for £3 per adult and £1 per child.

Important Dates:

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.

06.07.18: Waring Treat Day.

09.07.18: Summer Production. 2:00pm.

11.07.18 & 12.07.18: Summer Production. 6:00pm.

Please check our school website for additional diary dates:

<http://heskinpembertons.co.uk/important-dates/>



STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR:	Joseph Ramsay
Y1:	Freddie Waring
Y2:	Emily Robinson
Y3:	Robert Shinkfield
Y4:	Jack Pollitt
Y5:	Daisie Wilkinson
Y6:	Lucy Cunliffe

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke comes from Caitlin in Class 4.

Q: Why are pirates scary?

A: Because they aaaarrggghh!!

Thank you, Caitlin. Very funny. I always thought that a pirate's favourite letter was the letter RRRR but apparently his first love is the C!

I know my jokes are terrible so please send me some of your jokes instead.

Hope you have a lovely week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

