



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 7th September, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Welcome Back!

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a wonderful, relaxing summer break. The children have already settled in brilliantly and I'm sure we'll have another fantastic year. On behalf of everyone at school, I would like to pass on our heartfelt THANKS for all the lovely gifts, thoughtful cards, kind comments and best wishes we received before the holidays. Your generosity and support really means a lot to us. Thank you.

Welcome To The Heskin Family.

As well as catching up with lots of familiar faces this week, it's been great to see lots of new children who have now become members of our Heskin family. I would like to wish a very warm welcome to **Alma, Christopher, Summer, Honor, George, Bridget, Ben, Poppy, Sofia, Luca, Logan, Lilia, Olivia, Eloise, Matthew and Beau** who have joined Class 1 this week. I am also delighted to welcome **Martha** and **Darcy** who have joined Class 3.

School Fundraising Walk

Mr Jonathan Pitt, one of our hard working governors, has organised a sponsored walk in order to raise funds for our school. The walk will take place on **Saturday 29th September** and will be part of the '2018 Pennine Journey in a Day Challenge', covering a total of 247 miles! Our school's section of the challenge will be 13 miles long and will take us from Dent to Ingleton.

If you would like to join us on the walk or sponsor the challenge then please check out the posts on our school Facebook page.

Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj

I am very pleased to announce that Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj is to become our new vicar at St. James the Great Church. Rev Stef is joining us from Anchorsholme, Cleveleys and we look forward to welcoming him into our Heskin family.

Rocket Roddy

During the summer holidays, Roddy and his family travelled all the way to Bolton... and Siberia to take part in two races. Roddy managed to raise almost £600 for school funds. That's amazing, Roddy! Well done.



What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- What a wonderful start Reception have had to their life at Heskin Pemberton's. We have been busy learning class routines, school expectations and explaining the indoor and outdoor provision area. It has been lovely getting to know each other using the 'All About Me' books. The children have really enjoyed sharing photos and memories with each other and staff. Thank you for the time you have put into them.

Class 2 – What a fabulous (but tiring) week we have had! This is such a super class and we are really looking forward to having lots of fun whilst learning all we can. This week we have been settling into our new year groups and routines. Year 2 have kick-started their reading with getting back into guided reading and Year 1 have been learning about handwriting and letter formation. We have been learning lots about each other and creating some beautiful new Class 2 displays. Thank you for such a super start to the year Class 2.

Class 3 – This week in Maths we have been looking at all aspects of place value. We have used Base 10, arrow cards and counters. In English we have been revising word classes. We have been working on nouns and using exciting, adventurous adjectives to describe them. In P.E. we spent a lot of time balancing on different parts of our body. We will be learning how to put these into routines. Our topic this term is 'Brilliant Britain'. We used maps to locate our country, county and town. In R.E. we read the story of Jonah and are learning a song all about his experience with a whale.

Class 4 – We have been settling well into their new classroom routines this week and have worked hard to show off their skills! In Maths, we have been exploring place value and have practised rounding using a song and actions. Then in English, the children have been exploring the genre of Historical Narrative. Our main text is about the Titanic this term, but the class have also explored an extract from a Viking book. During our computing, the class have started the year by exploring e-safety and how to be smart online.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Next week, you will receive a letter containing details of our extra-curricular clubs for this half term. All clubs will start in the week commencing **17th September**. I would like to say a big thank you to all members of staff for their hard work, time and effort in organising and running these activities.

Class 1 Phonics Meeting

There will be a Phonics Workshop for the parents of Class 1 children. This important workshop will take place on **Tuesday 18th September** between 6:00pm and 7:00pm.

Class 1 Snack Money

Please be reminded that the cost for snacks in Class 1 is £5. Many thanks for all the payments received so far. Please could any outstanding balances be settled as soon as possible.

PFTA AGM

On **Thursday 20th September** our PTFA will be having their Annual General Meeting. The meeting will take place at The White Lion, Wrightington at 7:00pm and it would be great to see as many people there as possible. Our PTFA do a wonderful job for our school so please come along and support us in any way you can.

St James the Great Family Service

On **Sunday 9th September** there will be a special Family Service at St. James the Great Church, Wrightington. This service will:

- Be short & Sweet. Approximately 30 minutes long
- Be aimed at the family
- Be perfect for children of all ages
- Contain child friendly hymns, just like the ones at school
- Be a great chance to see some friendly faces and be a part of our community

Please remember that children are always welcome at church. They are free to get up from the pews and make use of the church's quiet play area.

School Dinner Orders.

Please ensure that all lunch orders are made online by Wednesday for the following week. Please can I also ask you to check your accounts and clear any outstanding Parent Pay balances. Thanks.

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. Please can you also read, sign and return the registration forms for our Stay & Play and Breakfast Clubs as soon as possible.

Important Dates:

- 09.09.18: St. James the Great Family Service. 10:30am.**
- 18.09.18: Class 1 Phonics Workshop. 6:00pm.**
- 19.09.18: Chorley Guardian Reception Photograph.**
- 20.09.18: PTFA AGM. 7:00pm.**
- 28.09.18: School Photographer. Individual & Family Photographs.**
- 28.09.18: School Harvest Service at St. James the Great. 2:45pm.**
- 29.09.18: School Fundraising Walk.**
- 30.09.18: St. James the Great Harvest Service. 10:30am.**
- 03.10.18: No Pens Wednesday.**
- 18.10.18: PTFA Celebrate the Season Party**
- 19.10.18: School Closes for Half Term. 3:30pm.**
- 29.10.18: INSET Day.**
- 30.10.18: School Reopens 8:50am.**



STARS OF THE WEEK!

- Y1: Oscar Bragg**
- Y2: Joe Tasker**
- Y3: Jacob Morris**
- Y4: Robert Shinkfield**
- Y5: Joshua Hindle**
- Y6: Hayley Higham**

Joke of the Week:

It's always nice to start a new school year with a smile and a giggle so I'd like to thank Mrs Prance in Class 3 for providing me with this Joke:

Q: What did the ghost teacher say to the class?

A: Look at the board and I'll go through it again.

Thank you, Mrs P!

If you've got a joke that you think would tickle my funny bone then please pass it onto me. You never know, your joke might make it into next week's newsletter.

Hope you have a great week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher