



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 14th September, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

House Captains.

On Thursday, our House Captain Candidates addressed the Heskin electorate, delivering thoughtful, persuasive, heartfelt and humorous speeches. I know that any one of our amazing Year 6 pupils would be suitable for the role of House Captain this year. I'd like to say a big thank you to all who took part in this process and I'd also like to congratulate Zara & Shaun (Pemberton's joint Captains), Spencer (Waring's Captain), Isobel (Waring's Vice-Captain), Eve (Nelson's Captain) and Phoebe (Neslon's Vice-Captain). Well done, Year 6!

School Council.

As well as our House Captain elections, we have also been voting for our School Council Representative this week. Well done to Lilia (Rec), Pennie (Y1), Thomas & Sophie (Y2), Thomas (Y3), Amelie (Y4), Thelia (Y5), and James (Y6) who will meet regularly with Mrs Hugo and Mrs Keane to help improve our school.

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 or go to our just giving page:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/heskin?utm_term=4vMxVVAwm

Football & Numeracy Day.

On Monday, we will be visited by The Football Development Team who will work with all our children, from Reception to Year 6. The team will be looking at developing our football skills and improving our ability to solve Maths problems. School PE kits will be needed for the practical sessions. Football tops and trainers may also be worn, but are not compulsory. **Please can I ask that you only send trainers with your child if they are able to tie their own laces or if the trainers have Velcro fasteners.**

Tying 111 pairs of trainers does get a little time consuming!

I would like to say a massive thank you to our PTFA for funding this event. Your support is very much appreciated.

PTFA AGM

On **Thursday 20th September** our PTFA will be having their Annual General Meeting. The meeting will take place at the White Lion, Wroughtington 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.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1-Well, we have all made it to the end of our first full week and what a busy week it's been! Our focus this week has been looking at 'jobs people do'. We explored a range of jobs from firefighters to doctors, vets to police officers. Did we know the name of the job and what sort of things they did? In our Number Time session we have been singing lots of number rhymes and using our fingers to represent numbers. In our first P.E. lesson we practised changing into our kits and throwing skills with a variety of equipment.

Class 2 - This week we have started our topic all about the United Kingdom. In English we have started to learn about the character Katie Morag and all about her Island home. We have read the story about her two Grandmothers and had fun acting it out. We have started our phonics this week in year 1 and year 2 have been spelling number words to one hundred. In Maths we are learning about place value. In P.E. we have started to learn about the Beatles and dancing to 'Twist and Shout'. In R.E. we have started to develop our understanding of Creation and Creativity.

Class 3 - We have been learning more about place value in Maths. We have partitioned numbers in lots of different ways and we have used place value to place numbers on a numberline. In English, we have been looking at expanded noun Phrases. We have used these to write about the characters and settings in fairy tales. We have begun to plan a new fairy tale using story maps. In Art this week we have used paint, collage and pencil to create pictures for our 'Jonah & the Whale' display. In P.E. we practised running techniques in athletics. We are learning a new song in R.E. from the musical 'Jonah Man Jazz'.

Class 4 - This week in English, Class 4 have been practising using a Thesaurus to improve their choice of vocabulary. They then used their synonyms to describe our main character Jimmy with relative clauses. In Maths, children have been working on addition and expanding their use of mental strategies. They have been getting creative with their word problem work too and have been using pictures and equipment to show me how they solved a problem. In Science, as we are waiting for our caterpillars to arrive, we wrote some newspaper reports in the style of David Attenborough.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs letter went home earlier this week and we've already been inundated with lots of reply slips. There are still places available so please continue to send in your slips if your child would like to attend any of the clubs or activities on offer this half term. I'd like to say a big thank you to all the staff who run these clubs, providing wonderful opportunities for our children. All clubs will start next week.

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.

School Photographer

On **Friday 28th September**, our school photographer will be taking pictures of each individual child and sibling groups. Information regarding the purchasing of these pictures will be sent home shortly.

Harvest

Our school Harvest Service will take place on **Friday 28th September** at St. James The Great Church at 2:45pm. Transportation to the church has been arranged but please join us for the service or collect your child at 3:30pm from St. James'. Children in Stay & Play Club will be transported back to school by staff but please ensure that they bring their own booster seats if they require them. Please bring any tinned or packaged food items for our Harvest collection to school on that morning.

Parents Evenings.

Throughout the year, you will have two formal opportunities to meet with your child's teacher. Our first Parents Evenings will be on **Tuesday 2nd October** and **Wednesday 3rd October**. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with the teachers and discuss how well the children are settling in to their new class and new year group.

The second will take place in the Spring Term and this meeting will be about your child's attainment and the progress they have been making in school. You will also have an opportunity at this Spring meeting to see the work in your child's books and classroom.

Of course, you are always welcome to contact school at any time to arrange an informal meeting with the teachers. We really do have an 'open door' policy at Heskin Pemberton's and we will always provide you with any advice or support you may need.

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 for any outstanding Parent Pay balances? Thanks.

Important Dates:

- 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.
- 02.10.18: Parents' Evening. 4:00pm-5:30pm.
- 03.10.18: Parents' Evening. 5:30pm-7:00pm.
- 03.10.18: No Pens Wednesday.
- 04.10.18: Harvest Lunch
- 19.10.18: School Closes for Half Term. 3:30pm.
- 29.10.18: INSET Day.
- 30.10.18: School Reopens.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

- YR: **Class 1**
- Y1: **India Reid**
- Y2: **Zoe Millar**
- Y3: **Thomas Boyer**
- Y4: **Charlie Burton**
- Y5: **Harry Rigby**
- Y6: **Amelie Taylor-Bamford**

Joke of the Week:

A cracker of a joke this week comes from Leo in Class 4:

Q: Why did the man fall into a well?

A: Because he couldn't see that well.

Thank you, Leo. What a great joke!

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