



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 19th October, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Class 4's Worship

The children and staff in Class 4 led a fantastic worship last Friday. I was so proud of all the hard work they completed, leading up to the Worship. The artwork, writing and singing presented by the children, helped Class 4 to deliver an extremely valuable lesson about Perseverance and Joy. Well done, everyone.



Celebrate The Season Party

Wow! What a wonderful time we had last night! The pumpkins, the costumes, the games, the crafts, the food, the disco and the competitions were all absolutely amazing. I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the members of the PTFA, the staff and the children for making last night such a memorable experience. THANK YOU!

St James The Great Grand Christmas Draw, 2018

In order to raise funds for the Church, St. James The Great's PCC have organised a Grand Christmas Draw. I have sent home a book of tickets earlier this week and hopefully, you, your friends or your family will buy a ticket or two and win one of the various prizes, which include £200 and a drinks hamper. Please can you return all money, unsold tickets and ticket stubs to school by **Wednesday 14th November**.

2019 School Admissions

Please can parents, who require a faith reference for their child's admissions application for September 2019, ensure that they fill in the register every time they attend a Sunday Service at St. James the Great. Please note that this register will also be applicable to pupils applying to a High School requiring a faith reference.

Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj

Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj will be officially inducted as our new vicar at St. James the Great Church on **Wednesday 31st October at 7:30pm**. You are cordially invited to attend this special service which will be attended by The Bishop of Blackburn, Arch Deacon Grant Ashton and Father David Arnold.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- Our focus this week has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' Using picture cards, we created our own story maps to help us retell the events in the story – the giant left his boot in our classroom! Looking at the boot, and giant images on the internet, could we use words to describe what he looked, sounded and smelt like? We then drew our own giants thinking about these descriptions. We have continued to look at 2D shapes in our Maths. Ask me to describe a shape to you. Does it have straight or curved sides? How many vertex (corners) does it have? Can you guess which shape it is from my description?

Class 2 – This week we have finished our Katie Morag stories and we have even written our very own story today from start to finish. We really showed off our new skills. In Maths we have completed our measuring unit with problems that needed practical measuring. This was a lot of fun and really developed our understanding. In R.E. we completed our creation topic by comparing the Christian creation story from the Bible with the Islamic creation story from the Quran. We were surprised by how similar they were and really enjoyed learning about the Islamic Faith. In P.E. we completed our dances using Music from different decades by the famous UK artists The Beatles, Queen and Ed Sheeran.

Class 3 – We have continued to work on our mental maths skills this week learning and practising more strategies for addition and subtraction and solving problems with recognition skills. In English we have been listening to, writing and performing poetry. It has been wonderful to see everyone using actions and facial expressions. In R.E. we thought about the prophets and the messages their stories give us. We wondered what messages a prophet would bring us today. In topic we wrote directions for others to follow using an 8 point compass and we looked at the different land uses in Heskin and Chorley centre. We have taken time to use our skills to solve different types of problems. In P.E. we completed our Great British Class Dance to The Beatles and Queen and performed our own dances to each other. To finish our dance unit we had fun improvising to two Ed Sheeran tracks! **WATCH OUT STRICTLY!**

Class 4 – This week Class 4 have been writing their end of Unit chapter for our historical narrative. They've self-assessed their work using rainbow writing and have produced some fabulous work. In Maths, the children have been exploring shape and have amazed me with their ability to use a protractor to measure and draw angles. As part of their Remembrance work, the class have been finding poetry linked to poppies online. Using word, they then edited the writing in a variety of ways to use on their mixed media poppy art. In our Stone Age Topic we have been learning all about Skara Brae, a Neolithic Settlement in Orkney. We used all our knowledge to produce a TV report based on the discovery of this site. The children were amazing!

Dance Club

Our Dance Club performed their final routine for a packed audience on Tuesday. I'd like to say a big thank you to the children, who were amazing, and also to Miss Sinnott, from CSSP, for helping to choreograph such a great performance.



Parent Pay

Please ensure all Parent Pay accounts remain in credit and please endeavour to clear any outstanding Stay & Play and Breakfast Club balances by the end of today. Thank you.

Bonfire Lunch

We will be having a special Bonfire lunch on **Monday 5th November**. Thank you, Miss Jones for organising this special lunch and thank you for the additional time and effort you put into our school lunches at Heskin. We have a wider selection of meals here compared to other primary schools and all food is prepared fresh, on site.

School Driveway & Staff Car Park

Please take care on the driveway leading up to school. This road is used by vehicles visiting school and visiting the house at the end of the road. I have noticed a few near misses over the last few weeks, especially with pupils on scooters or pupils collecting conkers. **Please encourage the children to use the path at all times when coming to or leaving school, rather than walking down the middle of the road or through the staff car park.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

NSPCC & School Council

Our School Council have decided that they would like to help to raise money for the NSPCC and Childline by organising a Danceathon on **Tuesday 30th October**. The School Council have sent home letters and sponsorship forms this week. Every penny will be appreciated so please help your child to collect whatever amount they can for this worthwhile cause. Thank you.

Important Dates:

- 29.10.18: INSET Day.**
- 30.10.18: School Reopens 8:50am.**
- 30.10.18: NSPCC Danceathon Day.**
- 31.10.18: Church Service for Stefan Dnistrianskyj. 7:30pm.**
- 02.11.18: Miss Jones' Big Broth event after Celebration Worship.**
- 04.11.18: Revd Stefan's first service at St. James the Great Church.**
- 05.11.18: Bonfire Themed lunch – book via Parent Pay.**
- 05.11.18: St. James the Great Bonfire & Firework Display.**
- 08.11.18: PTFA Meeting. 7:00pm. White Lion.**
- 17.11.18: St. James the Great Christmas Fair.**
- 27.11.18: Lancashire themed lunch – book via Parent Pay**
- 27.11.18: PTFA Film Night.**
- 08.12.18: Breakfast With Santa!**
- 13.12.18: A Cracker of a Christmas Lunch –Please book via Parent Pay.**



STARS OF THE WEEK!

- YR: **Olivia R**
- Y1: **Joseph R**
- Y2: **Ruby C**
- Y3: **Gemma F**
- Y4: **Mia A**
- Y5: **Robert M**
- Y6: **Shaun C**

Joke of the Week:

This week's fantastic joke comes from Leo in Class 4:

Q: What did the hat say to the scarf?

A: You hang around here and I'll go on ahead!

Very clever, Leo. I love it!

Please keep sending your amazing jokes to me.

Hope you have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher