Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd November, 2018

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

NSPCC & School Council: Danceathon

This week, our children have been participating in a Danceathon in order to raise money for the NSPCC. The School Council, Mrs Hugo and Mrs Keane have been very busy coordinating this event and hopefully we will have raised a lot of money which will help children all over our country. Please bring in any remaining sponsor forms and donations as soon as possible. I'd like to pass on my thanks for your kindness and your generosity with this project and I'd also like to say a massive well done to every child who took part in our Danceathon this week.

School Council: Indian Cookery Night

Our School Council, with the help of the PTFA, have organised an Indian Cookery Night which will be hosted in the school hall on Friday 16th November at 7:00pm. Tickets are priced at £15 per person which can be paid for by cash or cheque, via the school office. Cheques should be made payable to Heskin Pemberton's Primary School. Each ticket entitles the bearer to a professional cookery demonstration, a tasty Indian meal and a free raffle. All proceeds raised by this event will go to our School Council who will be purchasing new playground equipment. This is the first time the School Council have organised an event like this so please support it if you can.

Worship

Our worship themes for this half term are **Remembrance**, **Christian Heroes** and **Advent**. As part of this, the wonderful children in Class 2 will be leading their own worship on **Friday 16th November** at 3:00pm and everyone is invited to attend this special event.

Remembrance

To commemorate the centenary anniversary of the end of WWI, our school Ethos Club will be selling Poppies and Remembrance wristbands next week in honour of anyone who has been affected by war or conflict.

What has happened in school this week…?

Class 1 –We have begun our new topic this week of seasons and celebrations. After talking about our own experiences of Bonfire Night, we watched how other families celebrate. Then, we created firework paintings by straw blowing and paint splattering techniques. Thinking about the season of Autumn, we discovered what was happening in our veg patch. Next, we cleared all the decaying plants and put them in the compost bin in preparation for winter. What does the composter do? How? In our Maths we have looked at 3D Shapes and their names. Ask me if I can spot a sphere, cube, cuboid, cylinder or cone around the house.

Class 2 - This week we have started our addition and subtraction work. Year 2 have been adding two two-digit numbers together using mental strategies. Year 1 have been developing their understanding of what addition means by combining two groups of objects and writing the number sentences to record this. In English we have been reading and learning a poem by Michael Rosen called 'I Am Angry'. We have planned and innovated our own poem entitled 'I Am Hungry'. In Science we have created menus linked to our own sense of taste. In R.E. we have written our own lyrics in groups so we can perform our own version of the song 'Great Big God'.

Class 3 –In English we have started a new unit about explanation texts. We have read about how a dishwasher works. Perhaps you could ask your child exactly how it does work. In our Maths lessons, we have been completing addition calculations with greater numbers. We have practised setting our calculations into a more formal column addition. In topic we have begun to look at Rivers and The Water Cycle. We are learning some tricky vocabulary and labelling diagrams. In R.E. we are starting to learn about how God is present in all our lives.

Class 4 –This week in English, Class 4 have started their new unit on Classical Narrative Poetry. They have been reading around the genre & have practised strategies to deduce meaning when they don't recognise words. The children even explored the use of portmanteau in The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll. In Maths, the class have been looking at Mathematical Reasoning & have practised explaining solutions to word problems. On Thursday, the entire class took part in their sports leader training and now understand how to lead and engage their peers. In R.E. we are continuing to study Jesus' parables and discuss how they should affect our behaviour, not only as an individual, but in the wider world.

Rocket Roddy

As you are no doubt aware, Roddy and his family travelled all the way to Bolton… and Siberia to take part in two races over the summer holidays. Today, Roddy presented school with a cheque for £635. That's an amazing, achievement! Well done to Roddy and his family and thank you to everyone who sponsored Roddy's races.

Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj

Rev Stefan Dnistrianskyj was officially inducted as our new vicar at St. James the Great Church on Wednesday in a service conducted by the Bishop of Blackburn. Rev Stef has already been into school to meet the children and we are all looking forward to him and his wife, Ann, becoming important members of our Heskin family.

Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We will once again be participating in the Samaritan's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal by filling shoeboxes with Christmas gifts for children who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will be collecting all boxes on **Friday 16th November** and then passing them on to the Samaritan's for distribution. We still have many leaflets available in the school office if you would like to find out more information on how to make this Christmas a time to remember for a child in need .

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.

St James The Great Bonfire & Firework Display

St. James the Great are having their annual Church Bonfire and BBQ event on **Monday 5th November**. The bonfire is lit at 5:45pm, the gates open to the public at 6:00pm and the fantastic firework display will start at 7:00pm. Tickets are priced at £3 per adult and accompanied children are free. Food is also available so please come along and enjoy the fun.

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 before half term. 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.

Important Dates:

05.11.18: St. James the Great Bonfire & Firework Display.
08.11.18: PTFA Meeting. 7:00pm. White Lion.
16.11.18: Indian Cookery Night.
17.11.18: St. James the Great Christmas Fair.
27.11.18: PTFA Film Night.
29.11.18: Nasal Flu Vaccinations.
08.12.18: Breakfast With Santa!

STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR:	**Honor B**
Y1:	**Sartaj S**
Y2:	**Will D**
Y3:	**Jack G**
Y4:	**Olivia O'R**
Y5	**Addison T**
Y6:	**Ashton L**

Joke of the Week:

This week's funny joke comes from Matthew in Class 4:

Q: Why did the child eat his homework?

A: The teacher told him that it was a piece of cake!

That made me giggle, Matthew. Well done!

Please keep sending your amazing jokes to me.

Hope you have a wonderful week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher