



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

## **St James The Great Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who has already let me know about tomorrow's Christmas Fair at St. James' Church Hall, Wrightington. We will open the fair with two songs at 1:30pm so please join us if you can. Our children are amazing singers and Saturday will be a great opportunity for them to do something special for the people of our community.

## **School Council: Indian Cookery Night**

I'd like to say a massive thank you to our School Council for organising tonight's Indian Cookery Evening. I am very partial to a good Ruby Murray so I can't wait to get stuck in. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school council with this event.

## **Class 2 Snack Money**

Please can you endeavour to clear any outstanding payments for Class 2's daily snack as soon as possible. Payments of £5 can be given directly to Miss Hughes or to Mrs Carrier in the school office.

## **100% Attendance Pays Off!**

Treetop Nets have kindly donated a voucher for a 2 hour session at their Manchester site. The donation was for someone who demonstrates a positive attitude towards school, so on Wednesday all the names of the children in who so far had 100% attendance were put into a box and a winner was drawn out. That winner was Harry in Class 4. Well done, Harry, for being one of our 100%ers and congratulations on winning the prize. All children who have achieved 100% attendance by the end of this term will be presented with a certificate and an attendance badge.



## **Maths Challenge**

Well done to our magnificent mathematicians who took part in the Young Mathematicians competition last week. We have been informed that Ashton, Leo, Alice and Phoebe have made it through to the regional finals.

## **Panto Trip**

Please can you endeavour to clear any outstanding payments for this year's panto before Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## **What has happened in school this week...?**

**Class 1-** Our focus this week has been understanding the seasons. We began with an autumn walk where we collected signs of the season. These objects were then used to create a map which plotted our route. Using both non-fiction books and the computer, we discussed how each season on is different. We talked about our favourite things at each point in the year and chose a season to paint using the computer. During the year, we will take apart and map other seasonal walks to help us compare how nature changes. In our Maths, we have begun to count groups of objects, identifying the whole amount, using estimation and then checking by counting.

**Class 2 –** This week we have been busy preparing for our special Class 2 Worship. We have also started to learn our songs for the Nativity. In English we have invented our own poems using our chosen feelings/emotions. Year 1 have been working on letter formation of the 'Curly Caterpillar' letter. Year 2 have been learning to spell contraction words. In Maths we have been continuing to consolidate our addition and subtraction strategies. Year 2 have been working on one step and two step word problems. In art we have been weaving our own tartan. It is spectacular.

**Class 3 –** In Science this week we became fossil experts. First we learnt how fossils are formed and then prepared and wrote a detailed explanation in our English lesson. In Maths, we have been solving problems and learning how to estimate to check if our answers are reasonable. We have used new numbers and rounding to help us to make sensible estimates. In Topic we are learning about the names of the different parts of the River Severn from source to mouth. In R.E. we are thinking about what the shepherds must have felt when they entered the stable in Bethlehem.

**Class 4 –** This week Class 4 have continued to explore fractions. They have looked at adding and subtracting fractions with differing denominators and mixed numbers. Year 6 have also practised multiplying and dividing fractions too. During English, the children have been using Chorley Pals research to produce their own poem about World War 1. These have demonstrated the children's ability to use a range of poetic devices, such as repetition and metaphors. In P.E. this week, the children have started their dance unit and are beginning to explore the Haka.

### Remembrance Service

I'd like to say a big thank you to *Isobel, Olivia, Jack, Lillian, Thelia* and *Belle* who all represented our school with great maturity and understanding whilst participating in this year's Remembrance Service in church. Thanks also to the many other members of our school family who joined us for this very special service.

### Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We will once again be participating in the Samaritans 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 **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 .

### Amazing Athletes!

On Thursday, Mrs Usain Hugo's and Mrs Linford William's Athletics Team took part in an indoor meeting at Holy High School. This week it was the turn of the children in Years 3 & 4 to compete against other schools in Chorley. Well done to all the athletes and thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped with lifts. TEAM HESKIN: *Harry, Evan, Roddy, Tom, Joseph, Jacob, Jack, Oliver, Rory, Florence, Rosa, Drew, Emily, Rosie, Danielle, Darcie, Mia and Olivia.*



### October's PTFA Lucky Numbers Winner

Thank you to everybody who has entered this year's lucky Numbers Draw. Your kind generosity is very much appreciated. October's winning number is **25**. Well done to our lucky winner, **Kate Moss**. Congratulations, Kate, and good luck to everyone in next November's draw.

### Important Dates:

- 16.11.18: *Class 2's Worship.*
- 16.11.18: *Indian Cookery Night.*
- 17.11.18: *St. James the Great Christmas Fair.*
- 24.11.18 *Tunley Church Christmas Fair 11am – 1pm*
- 27.11.18: *PTFA Film Night.*
- 29.11.18: *Nasal Flu Vaccinations.*
- 08.12.18: *Breakfast With Santa!*
- 10.12.18: *Christmas Production and Nativity. 2:00pm*
- 11.12.18: *Christmas Production and Nativity. 6:00pm*
- 12.12.18: *Christmas Production and Nativity. 6:00pm*
- 13.12.18: *Christmas Lunch.*
- 14.12.18: *Panto Trip.*



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

- YR: **Bridget E**
- Y1: **Jack M**
- Y2: **Lloyd E**
- Y3: **Harry W**
- Y4: **Roddy C**
- Y5: **Lillian A**
- Y6: **Olivia W**

### Joke of the Week:

This week's funny joke comes from Mr Williams, our Chair of Governors:

**A weasel walks into a bar.**

**The bartender says, "Wow, I've never served a weasel before. What can I get you?"**

**"Pop!" goes the weasel.**

A very clever joke, Mr Williams, but I know that our children can do better!!

Please keep sending your funny jokes to me so that I'm not forced to use another joke from one of the adults in school.

Hope you have a wonderful week.  
Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher