



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 23rd November, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Ofsted Inspection

I cannot even begin to tell you how proud I am of this wonderful school and all of the people that make up our Heskin family. As you are no doubt aware, yesterday, we had a visit from Mrs D'Arcy, an inspector from Ofsted. Mrs D'Arcy could give Hercule Poirot, Sherlock Holmes and Inspector Morse a run for their money! She left no stone unturned. I am unable to disclose the outcome of the inspection until it has been officially verified. However, the governors, the staff, the parents and the children have been amazing. You have left Mrs D'Arcy in no doubt about how special our school is. Well done, everyone!

Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for all the Christmas Shoebox gifts we've received this week. Members of our Ethos Team helped to load the van which will deliver the gifts to needy children all over the country.

Chorley Magistrates

On Thursday, a representative from Chorley Magistrates Court visited our Year 5 children. Despite my initial concerns, you will be pleased to hear that they were all acquitted!! Phew! Our law-abiding children took part in an interactive workshop in which they developed their understanding of Justice, the Law and the Magistrate System. As usual, the pupils were amazing, demonstrating good knowledge and learning lots of new facts and concepts.

Class 1 Multiskills Competition

This morning, our children in Class 1 took part in a Christmas themed Multiskills competition organised by CSSP. They competed in four different events, including a Reindeer Dash and an Elf Jump. The children were excellent and made me feel very proud. Well done, Class 1.

St James The Great Christmas Fair

Thank you to our excellent singers who opened this year's Church Christmas Fair last Saturday. Your singing was amazing and put everyone in the festive spirit. Well done, Heskin.



Panto Trip

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

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 - Our focus this week has been the 'Tree's Life Cycle'. After discovering that acorns were actually seeds which grew into oak trees. We sequenced the stages on a diagram and explained what was happening at each point. We also created lots of leaf art, looking carefully at size, shape and colour. We learnt what a composter was and what types of objects should be put in there to decay. In our R.E. we shared the Nativity Story in preparation for practising our songs. During Maths we began splitting a 'whole' amount into '2 parts' e.g. 7 into 5 and 2. How many ways would it be done?

Class 2 - In English we have started our new unit learning about information writing. This week Year 1 have been distinguishing between fact and fiction and writing question sentences. Year 2 have been writing exclamation question sentences. Our writing will be about British woodland animals and the inspiration comes from the John Lewis advert 'Buster The Boxer'. In Maths we have been learning our number bonds to 10 and Year 2 have been applying this to number bonds to 20 and 100. There are some super games on www.ictgames.co.uk that can help your child practise these further. In D.T. we have been making savoury dips and dippers.

Class 3 - In our Maths this week we have been looking at how to carry out written subtraction calculations. We have used place value skills to exchange when we have needed to. We have designed our own bedroom tidies in English and written an explanation of exactly how they work. In Science we have started a new topic on electricity. We know about batteries and mains and electricity and have looked at what common everyday electrical objects off. (The hairbrush was the odd one out!) In computing and topic, the children have begun to create power points that show a river from source to mouth.

Class 4 - This week in English, Class 4 have been composing their own narrative war poetry using everything they have learnt from 'Charge of the Light Brigade'. They have done a fantastic job and have shown a great understanding of the need to draft and redraft their work. In Maths, the children have been learning about statistics. All of the class have been able to produce line graphs and are beginning to be able to interpret data too. The Year 6 children even managed to interpret pie charts using their knowledge of fractions!

Rock FM's Mission Christmas

This year we are supporting Rock FM's Mission Christmas by becoming a local drop off point for their gift appeal. Rock FM's mission is to ensure that every child has a happy Christmas this year and are asking people to buy 1 extra gift to help disadvantaged children in our local community. If you feel like you would like to contribute then simply bring your unwrapped gift to school and pop it in Santa's Box outside Mrs Carrier's office. Thank you.

Non-Uniform Day

We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 30th November**. The non-uniform day will be used to collect items for our Breakfast With Santa stalls. So, the PTFA would like you to bring in some chocolate and/or a 'brac-a-brac' item for the gift wrapping stall.

THANK YOU!!!!

I'd like to say a massive thank you to Christopher's daddy, Mr Baron, for clearing the leaves away from the path leading to school. You've done a wonderful job and I'm extremely grateful for your kindness in offering to do this for us.

St. James the Great Church: Wednesday Services

The mid-week Services at St. James the Great Church, Wrightington, are starting again and will be held every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Rev Stef will be leading these services. Attendance to these mid-week services will also count towards admission applications requiring a Faith Reference.

Class 2's Worship

Wow! What a wonderful worship our Class 2 children led on Friday. It was great hearing about all the different topics they have covered already this year. The children spoke with amazing maturity and confidence. Their musical performances and poetry recitals were amazing. Well done, Class 2.



Fabulous Indian Curry Night

A great night was had by all last Friday. The School Council would like to send a big thank you to all that supported the event and Prags for a delicious meal. We managed to raise £175.00 which will go towards playground equipment.

Breakfast With Santa

On **Saturday 8th December** we will be having our annual PTFA Breakfast With Santa event in the school hall. There are many stalls, a tombola, Christmas, crafts, refreshments and a very special visitor. Tickets are priced at £5 per child and £10 for two or more children. These are available from Mrs Carrier in the school office.

Tunley Church Events

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Saturday 24th November, 11:00am-1:00pm in Tunley Church Hall. Stalls, raffles, tombolas, Santa's grotto and home-made cakes. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Friday 7th December, 7:30pm in Tunley Church Hall. Entertainment by Coppull & Standish Brass Band. Tickets are £7.50 which includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Please contact 01257 463407/425330/426252.

Important Dates:

27.11.18: PTFA Film Night.

29.11.18: Nasal Flu Vaccinations.

07.12.18: Heskin Village Stores Xmas light switch on Friday 7th December 4pm

08.12.18: Breakfast With Santa!

10.12.18: Christmas Production and Nativity. 2:00pm

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13.12.18: Christmas Lunch.

14.12.18: Panto Trip.

17.12.18: Carol Singing at the Spar 2:30pm



STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: **Ben G**
Y1: **Charlie T**
Y2: **Thomas O**
Y3: **Martha K**
Y4: **Oliver S**
Y5: **Phoebe T**
Y6: **Phoebe LG**

Joke of the Week:

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

Q: Why did the football team's trophy keep spinning around?

A: Because it was the Whirled Cup!

I love football jokes... I suppose that's why I support Bolton Wanderers!

Thanks, Phoebe.

Please keep sending your funny jokes for our newsletter.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher