



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 7th December, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Nut Allergies: Packed Lunches & Snacks

Please can I remind you that Heskin Pemberton's endeavours, as far as possible, to be a nut free school. We have a number of children in school who suffer severe reactions to nuts. I would therefore request that parents be extra vigilant about packed lunches and playtime snacks. Please try to ensure that no food products brought into school contain nuts, sesame seeds or traces of nuts. Thank you for your understanding and support with this very important matter. Please see the link below if you would like any further information about food allergies: www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/

School Nativity & Christmas Production

Thank you for all the extra props and costumes you've sent in with your children. They will look and sound amazing next week. Dates and times of our shows can be found in the 'Important Dates' section of this newsletter. The PTFA will also attend our Nearly No Nativity Production, selling raffle tickets and refreshments.

Singing On The Radio

Stand aside, Dalton Harris and Nick Knowles because Heskin Pemberton's are rocking it this Christmas! Our Class 3 & 4 children took part in a live recording for Chorley FM, singing Here Comes Santa Claus, Joy to the World and Little Drummer Boy. Our songs will be broadcast on Chorley FM at **2:00pm** on **16th & 24th December**. Not only will we be on the radio but on Wednesday night a small number of our singers participated in a concert, organised by Chorley FM, at the Town Hall. They were FANTASTIC! Definitely the best singers there. What a talented school we've got!!! Well done singers and thank you to our singing coach and conductor, Mrs Prance.



St. James the Great Church

Mid-week Services: Mid-week services at St. James the Great Church, Wrightington, are starting again and will be led by Rev Stef every Wednesday at 7:30pm. **Toy Service:** On **Sunday 9th December** there will be a special Toy Service at St. James, starting at 10:30am. **Family Service & Sunday School Nativity:** On **Sunday 16th December** there will be a special family service (no communion) at St. James', followed by our Sunday School's Nativity.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 - We have continued our work on woodland animals by looking at those which are nocturnal. We discussed a variety of animals that come out at night, including owls. We read Owl Babies, linking the story to feelings. Then, we retold the story in the puppet theatre. Could we remember the events? Could we think of a different ending? Following instructions, we made our own egg box owls. Thinking of the other birds in our gardens, we made fat balls to hang in the trees. We also continued our work on capacity, ordering three bottles from fullest to least full. We explored how we can measure capacity using cups. How many would fill a container? Were we right?

Class 2 - This week, we have been busy putting the finishing touches to our Nativity play. The singing and acting is superb but any extra practicing of lines and solos at home this week would be much appreciated. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of what a fraction is and that it is equal parts of a whole. Year 1 have been applying this to quarters and halves and Year 2 have also been using thirds, fifths and tenths. In English, we have been learning about information writing and reading digital texts about badgers and foxes in order to research facts. In RE, we have been thinking about gifts that money can't buy.

Class 3 - We have started looking at multiplication in our Maths lessons and have used partitioning skills to double larger numbers. We have also been checking all the maths skills we have learnt this term, getting ready for our next steps in the Spring. In PE, we have started to put everything we have learnt in gymnastics into a sequence. We are including rolls, jumps, balances, counter balances and counter tension balances! In MFL, we are continuing to learn simple sentences and finding out which words are feminine and which are masculine. We have also been sketching pictures of the Nativity and drawing Christian children from around the world.

Class 4 - This week in Maths, the children have been exploring areas of compound shapes and the Year 6 children have practised using formulae to calculate the area of triangles and parallelograms. During English, the children have started their new unit on reports. Their theme for this unit is Space and the Class have analysed the key features of the genre by reading about voyager 1 and 2.

Celebration Worship & Christmas Cracker

Please note that, due to our visit to watch the pantomime at Preston Guild Hall, there will not be a Celebration Worship next Friday. The following Celebration Worship will be **Heskin's Christmas Cracker** on **Thursday 20th December**. Doors will open at 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start. We will celebrate birthdays up to and including 24th December, we will find out who the Stars of the Term are, 100% attendance will be rewarded, we will unveil our winning House for this half term and we will be singing a variety of Christmas songs to get everyone in the festive spirit. If that wasn't enough excitement, we will also be wishing Miss Hughes all the very best as she starts her maternity leave. We hope you can join us for this very special worship.

Christmas Jumper day

You may have noticed that at Heskin, we do things slightly differently. Therefore, we will be having our Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 13th December**, a day early! Christmas jumpers can be worn over the top of school uniform, in place of school jumpers or cardigans. This is so we can get into the festive spirit for our Christmas Lunch and so we can easily spot our children in their uniforms when we see the Panto on Friday.

Rock FM's Mission Christmas

We are supporting Rock FM's Mission Christmas by becoming a local drop off point for their gift appeal. Their mission is to ensure that every child has a happy Christmas and they 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 the office. Thank you.

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. Come along and enjoy the fun. Tickets are priced at £5 per child and £10 for two or more children.

Heskin Pemberton's Science Competition, 2018

Many thanks for the amazing entries received for our first ever Science Competition. We have been overwhelmed by the time, effort, creativity and scientific knowledge which the children have demonstrated during this competition. All entries will be displayed in school and the winners will be announced in the new year.

Lancashire SEND Partnership

My colleagues in the Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Department at County Hall have ask me to make the following link available to all parents:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/shaping-send-together/lancashire-send-partnership/>

Maths Challenge

On Wednesday, Miss Dean took Ashton, Leo, Alice and Phoebe to Preston in order to take part in the second round of the Young Mathematicians competition. The team were brilliant and coped amazingly well with the increased difficulty level in this round. I will pass on the results as soon as I get them. Well done, mathematicians!

Important Dates:

- 07.12.18: Tunley Christmas Fair. 7:30pm**
- 08.12.18: Breakfast With Santa!**
- 10.12.18: Christmas Production and Nativity. 2:00pm**
- 11.12.18 & 12.12.18: Christmas Production and Nativity. 6:00pm**
- 13.12.18: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day.**
- 14.12.18: Panto Trip.**
- 17.12.18: Christmas Carols at Heskin Stores. 2:30pm.**
- 18.12.18: Advent Service at St. James the Great Church. 2:45pm.**
- 19.12.18: Christmas Party Day!**
- 20.12.18: Christmas Cracker in the School Hall. 1:15pm.**
- 20.12.18: School Closes at 2:00pm.**
- 03.01.19: School Opens for the Spring Term.**



STARS OF THE WEEK!

- YR: Eloise T**
- Y1: Anna D**
- Y2: Isabel L**
- Y3: Emily R**
- Y4: Emily S**
- Y5: Leo S**
- Y6: Eve T**

Joke of the Week:

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

Q: Why did the puppy sit so close to the fire?

A: Because it wanted to be a hot dog!

Thanks fur that joke, Belle. I didn't get it at first... I think I must've been barking up the wrong tree!

Please keep sending me your funny jokes for our newsletter. I'd like some cracking Christmassy jokes next week, please.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher