



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 14th December, 2018



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Nearly No Nativity

Wow! We were treated to three amazing Christmas Productions this week. The children and staff have worked tremendously hard on this year's Nativity and this was definitely reflected in their performances. I am extremely proud of each and every one of our young actors, readers and singers. You were all fantastic. Well done, Heskin.



School Advent Service

Our School Advent Service will take place at 2:45pm on **Tuesday 18th December** at St. James the Great Church, Wroughtington. The children will be singing, reading and leading prayers. Please join us for this special service. Transport to the church has been arranged but please collect your children at 3:30pm from church rather than school. Any child in Stay & Play Club will be transported back to school by a member of staff but please ensure that they have an appropriate car seat for this journey if they legally require one.

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/>

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/

Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 19th December is Christmas Party Day at Heskin Pemberton's. The children can wear party clothes for this special day. However, they will be very active with the various party games so please ensure that their footwear and their clothing are suitable for all activities.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- Our focus this week has been looking at the celebration of Christmas. We talked about how we prepare for the festivities, decorated our classroom and created some special cards. We wrote a list of food and games we would like for Jesus' birthday party next week. In Maths we have been looking at measuring length, width and height. What vocab could we use to compare objects which were larger, shorter, taller, wider, narrower etc. and of course, we have been busy putting on our own fabulous Nativity with Class 2. Well done everyone!

Class 2 – This week we have had a lot of fun with our Christmas activities. In Art we made some fabulous cards and in R.E. we have been retelling the Christmas story. The Class have been writing impressive information texts in English and in Maths everyone worked really hard learning how tell the time.

Class 3 – This week, we have written persuasive texts in English. In Maths, we have been using arrays to find out multiplication facts. We have been investigating materials that conduct electricity in Science. In R.E. we have listened to and discussed the story of Papa Panov and thought about how we can be God's hands and feet on Earth. In groups, we have investigated the rivers of Lancashire and made our own Top Trumps cards.

Class 4 – This week in English, Class 4 have practised using subordinating conjunctions and rhetorical questions when writing their space reports. They even read the latest Voyager 2 newspaper report and learned that it has reached interstellar space! In Maths, the children have practised their reasoning skills by solving word problems. In Topic we have been researching the Celts and making our own Druid Crowns.

Celebration Worship & Christmas Cracker

Our next Celebration Worship will be **Heskin's Christmas Cracker** which will take place 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.

Breakfast With Santa

I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the members of staff and our PTFA for the time and effort they've put into making this year's Breakfast With Santa the best one yet. A fun-filled, festive time was had by all and, with your support, we raised over £700 for the children at Heskin Pemberton's. Well done, everyone.

Class 3's Educational Visit To UCLAN

On **Monday 17th December, 2018** Class 3 will be going on an Educational visit to UCLAN. They will be departing from school at **9:00am** and will be back at approximately **12:15pm**, in time for lunch at school. **Due to the early start, the school will be open for Class 3 at 8:30am and registration will close at 8:45am.** Please ensure your child arrives in plenty of time to be registered before their departure for Preston. The children will need to wear their school uniform and a warm coat.

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.

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 are now being displayed in school and the winners will be announced in the new year.

Carol Singing

On **Monday 17th December**, Class 4 will be singing Christmas carols at the Heskin Village Spar Store from 2:30pm until 3:15pm. Please ensure that the children are well wrapped up for the journey and please come along and enjoy this festive treat.

Parent Pay

Please can any outstanding Parent Pay balances for Breakfast Club or Stay & Play be cleared before **Thursday 20th December**? It is recommended that your Parent Pay accounts should always remain in credit. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

School Lunches

School lunches can now be ordered right up until February Half Term, 2019. Many parents find it easier to book well in advance in order to avoid missing the weekly Wednesday deadline. **Please note that school lunches for Thursday 3rd January and Friday 4th January must be ordered by Wednesday 19th December.** Thank you.

Important Dates:

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.

24.12.18: Christingle Service at St. James the Great Church. 4:00pm.

03.01.19: School Opens for the Spring Term.

17.01.19: PTFA Meeting in The White Lion. 7:00pm.

St. James the Great Church Services

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

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.

Christingle Service: St. James' Christingle Service will take place at 4 o'clock on **Monday 24th December**. Please come along and enjoy this special family service.

Jokes of the Week:

We have two wonderful Christmassy jokes this week. The first joke comes from Eve, in Class 4 and the second joke is from Daisy who is also in Class 4:

Q: Why is the Turkey never hungry at Christmas?

A: Because it is always stuffed!

Q: Who delivers Christmas presents to baby sharks?

A: Santa Jaws!

Thanks for those fantastic jokes, Eve and Daisy. They made me go, 'Ho, ho, ho!'

There'll be more Christmassy jokes in our next newsletter.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher