



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 1st February, 2019



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Heskin's Book Bench

This week, we've been busy designing and researching ideas for our school's book bench. The project, which has been organised by Chorley Council and Edge Hill University, will see a selection of local schools design and paint their own book benches which will help to promote a love of reading. Our finished bench will be displayed in Chorley Town Centre before returning to school.



PTFA: The Spring Fling

The PTFA's Spring Fling will take place on **Friday 8th March** at St. James the Great Church Hall. This informal night out for parents and friends will include a DJ; the wonderful singer, Luke Betts; a hot pot supper and a fully licensed bar. Tickets can be purchased from Mrs Carrier in the school office for the bargain price of £10pp.

PTFA: Lucky Numbers

I've got mine, have you got yours? If anyone would like to enter our PTFA's Lucky Numbers Draw then please send £12 into school, set up a standing order using online banking or complete the standing order form which has already been sent home. You will then be entered into our monthly prize draw with a chance of winning £25! Good luck, everyone.

Class 4 Residential trip: Hothersall Lodge

Many thanks for the deposits we have received for Class 4's annual residential trip to Hothersall Lodge. Please be reminded that the interim payment of £28 is due by **Friday 11th February**. Thank you.

Chinese New Year Lunch

We will be having our Chinese New Year Lunch on **Tuesday 5th February**. The children will also be able to participate in a lunch time colouring competition with prizes for the best Infant & Junior.

Parent Pay

Please endeavour to ensure that your child's Parent Pay accounts remain in credit at all times. Please be advised that **you can now book lunches up to the end of March.**

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 – We have continued our work on space, looking at the astronauts who work there. After reading 'The Man on the Moon', we looked at the illustrations. Next, we chose an illustration and wrote about what we could see Bob doing. We also watched a real astronaut, Tim Peake talk about what he does in Space. We followed picture instructions to make our own rockets from junk model materials. Could we add our own design features? What did it do? In our Maths we have continued working on numeral recognition, 'more than' and 'in between' with our numbers from 0-20 and beyond. Please practise these skills using the activity suggestions I have sent home in their packs this week.

Class 2 – We have been creating our own story maps this week. We have drawn a class map called 'Goldilocks & the Three Cats' and the children have been busy innovating their own story maps too. In Maths, we have been working on halving, doubling, multiplying and dividing. We have been practising counting in in steps of 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4. In RE, we have been listening to the story about Jesus calming the storm. We have started to create moving pictures in Art and DT to show the boat rocking on the stormy sea. In PE, we focussed on being a good member of a team when playing games.

Class 3 – We've started a new unit in English all about information texts. We have been reading information books about Ancient Rome and modern day Rome and have watched an advertisement recommending the top ten things to do in Rome. We all think that a class trip to Italy would be a good idea! In our Maths work, we have carried on learning about time. This week, we have solved problems about time. Science was all about reflection. We used a torch to find out what materials are the most reflective.

Class 4 – This week in Maths we have been exploring fractions. We have practised our reasoning skills by solving word problems and have revised how to convert mixed numbers and use them in calculations. During English, we have planned our chapter for The Jungle Book which is about when Mowgli is captured by the Monkey Tribe. The children are particularly enjoying PSHE at the moment, as we are exploring our emotions and how we communicate them positively to others.

School Driveway & Staff Car Park

Please take care on the driveway leading up to school. This road is used by vehicles visiting school and visiting the house at the end of the road. Although there has been a big improvement in road safety at hometimes, I have noticed a few near misses over the last few weeks. **Please encourage the children to use the path at all times when coming to or leaving school, rather than walking down the middle of the road or through the staff car park.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

The Blizzard of 2019!

Our local area was hit with a colossal 1.5cm of snow this week but, in true Hesklin style, we carried on regardless! Thank you for getting your children to school safely on Wednesday. As you can see, we made the most of the snow while it lasted.



Prompt Starts

Just a quick reminder that our school opens at **8:50am** ready for a prompt start for the children at 9:00am. I have noticed that a growing number of children are beginning to arrive a little late which means that they are missing the start of their morning lessons. The initial input into any lesson is vitally important. With this in mind, please can I ask everyone to try their very best to arrive in plenty of time so that our children are in class and ready to learn at 9 o'clock every morning? I do realise that there will be rare occasions when late arrivals are unavoidable (Wednesday was a prime example) so please sign your child into school at Mrs Carrier's office if you do arrive after 9:00am. Thank you.

Tunley United Reform Church: Hurtigruten

On **Saturday 9th February**, Colin and Rhona Balls will be presenting Hurtigruten in Tunley United Reform Church Hall. The presentation, described as being 'the world's most beautiful voyage' along the coast of Norway, will start at 7:30pm and tickets are priced at £7.00 (refreshments included). Tel: **01257 463407, 01257 425330** or **01257 426252**.

Important Dates:

05.02.19: Chinese New Year Lunch.

14.02.19: PTFA Valentine's Disco.

15.02.19: School Closes for Half Term.

25.02.19: School Opens.

07.03.19: World Book Day.

08.03.19: PTFA Spring Fling.

16.03.19: St James the Great Dance- Music from the 60's and 70's.

29.03.19: PTFA Mothers' Day Tea Party.

30.03.19: St James the Great Presents Parkside Colliery's Male Voice Choir.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: Beau W

Y1: India R

Y2: Lloyd E-J

Y3: Drew T

Y4: Charlie B

Y5: Issy T

Y6: Matthew D

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke, once again, comes from that well known Year 6 comedy duo, Alice and Phoebe.

Q: What does Adele say when she meets a cow?

Q: Hello from the udder side!

That's very *a-mooooo-zing*, girls. I'd never *herd* that one before! Well done.

Please keep sending in your funny jokes for our newsletter.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher