



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 11th January, 2019



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back. I hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and I'd like to wish you all the best for 2019. On behalf of myself and the staff, I'd also like to say a massive Christmassy **THANK YOU** for the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts we received. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Heskin Pemberton's Science Competition, 2018

Many thanks for the amazing entries received for our first ever Science Competition. We have been blown away by the response from our wonderful children. The photographs, reports, models and posters have made a fantastic display in our corridor and I have learnt many interesting facts from the experiments completed by our children. Mrs Hugo has spent a tremendous amount of time looking at every piece of work and consulting with her scientific colleagues from other schools. After a great deal of deliberation, I am delighted to announce that this year's winners are **Poppy H, Daniel D** and **Grace S**. Well done everyone who entered and thank you, Mrs Hugo, for organising this great competition.



Primary School Admissions

Please note that the deadline for any parent wishing to apply for a September 2019 Reception Class place is **Tuesday 15th January, 2019**. Details of how to apply can be found on our website using the following link:

www.heskinpembertons.co.uk/admissions/

Extra-Curricular Clubs

You will have received details of the various extra-curricular clubs taking place this term and additional copies of these letters can be found in the school office. We have already received a lot of replies and places are being filled very quickly so, if you haven't done so already, please can you return your reply slips to Mrs Carrier as soon as possible. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the members of staff and parents who have volunteered to give up their time in order to organise and run these clubs.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 - We have begun our new Topic by looking at dinosaurs. Using non-fiction books and the internet, we discovered lots of facts, such as, how large they were and whether they were herbivores or carnivores. After reading 'Tyrannosaurus Drip', we created and wrote a menu for him and his plant-eating family. We used the painting resources to create a dinosaur scene and added dried food items, such as rice, to create different textures. In Maths, we have been learning vocab to describe weight and using the balance scales to find things which are heavier, lighter or equal in weight to a given object.

Class 2 - On Monday, we had a messy intruder in Class 2! We have been busy detectives and have found out that it was Goldilocks. In English this week, we have been listening to the story of Goldilocks and writing questions that we would like to ask her. In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock and also how to draw the minute and hour hands. In RE, we made friendship profiles that show everyone what super friends we all are. On Thursday, we had a great dance lesson with Miss Dean which starts our new PE unit.

Class 3 - We have been practising our multiplication skills in Maths this week. We have learnt a few different ways to quickly work out multiplication facts if we didn't already know them off by heart. We have started a new unit in English all about story writing. We have read a story about Pompeii and have enjoyed exploring the characters' feelings and emotions when Vesuvius erupted. In Topic, we have started looking at the Romans and how they influenced and changed Britain. We have really enjoyed learning about Boudicca and how she tried to defeat the Roman army.

Class 4 - This week in Maths, the children have been exploring linear sequences and the meaning of the word 'term'. The Year 6 children have even practised using formulae to find the n^{th} term. In English, the class have started their new classic fiction unit, for which they are reading Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book. So far, the class have story mapped the novel and recapped the difference between coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

SATs Information Evening

Thank you to all our Year 6 parents who were able to attend our SATs' information evening earlier this week. We have also posted additional SATs' preparation material on the Class 4 page on our school website and have sent home details of the booster clubs we will be delivering in the run up to SATs week.

Class 4 Residential trip: Hothersall Lodge

Class 4's annual residential trip will take place in the Summer Term, between Wednesday 10th July and Friday 12th July. Please be reminded that an initial deposit of £30 is due by **Friday 11th January**. Thank you.

Worship Theme

In Worship this half term, we will be exploring the Christian Values of **Forgiveness** and **Friendship**. We will be having many visitors leading worship, including Rev Stef, and our amazing Ethos Group will deliver a series of worships covering the Biblical hero, Moses.

Rock FM's Mission Christmas

Thank you very much for the kind gifts you donated for Rock FM's Mission Christmas Appeal. Your thoughtfulness and generosity undoubtedly helped many disadvantaged children have a very happy Christmas. I'd also like to say a special thank you to Steph, Kendall's mummy, for registering our school as a collection point. Well done, everyone.

Rugbytots

On Monday, Class 1 and Class 2 became rough, raucous, resilient, and rugged rugby players! Try saying that quickly!! Every pupil performed a number of rugby drills, played games and developed their rugby skills in a coaching session delivered by Ian Mehta from Rugbytots. The children were amazing and had a wonderful time. Ian will be running a breakfast club, every Tuesday morning, for anyone from Classes 1 and 2 who are interested in playing rugby and having fun.



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/>

Important Dates:

- 15.01.19: Primary Admissions Deadline.**
- 15.01.19: Reception & Y6 NHS Weights and Heights Data Collection.**
- 17.01.19: PTFA Meeting in The White Lion. 7:00pm.**
- 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.**



STARS OF THE WEEK!

- YR: George D**
- Y1: Daniel D**
- Y2: Freddie W**
- Y3: Danielle P**
- Y4: Isabella C**
- Y5: Meg R**
- Y6: Isobel D**

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke comes from my Uncle Bill in Bolton. He reckons that the joke is better if you say the punchline in an Italian accent. I don't think it sounds funny in any accent but I promised that I would use it so here it is:

I went into the Baker's Shop and asked him, "Why are all your cakes 50p but that one costs £1?"

The Baker replied, "That's because it's Madeira cake!"

Thanks, Uncle Bill!!!

Please, please, please send me some better jokes for next week's newsletter!

Hope you have a wonderful week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher