Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 18th January, 2019

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Scary Bikers!!!

On Wednesday and Thursday, our hall and playground looked like the start of the Isle of Man TT Races. Class 1 completed their balance bike training, learning lots of important safety information as well as taking part in a variety of fun competitions. The children were excellent throughout both afternoons, demonstrating brilliant biking skills.

Well done, Class 1. I am very proud of you.

PTFA Events

Our amazing PTFA had a very productive meeting last night and have discussed a range of exciting events for the remainder of this academic year. These events not only make a lot of money for our school but are a great opportunity to enjoy time with our friends and families. Here are some dates for your social diaries:

- **Valentine's Disco:** Thursday 14th February.
- **The Spring Fling:** Friday 8th March.
- **Mothers' Day Tea Party:** Friday 29th March.
- **Easter Bingo:** Thursday 4th April.

Rugbytots & Grassroots Tennis

There are still places available in our Rugbytots Club (Tuesday mornings) and Tennis Club (Wednesday mornings). Please contact Ian Mehta at ian@rugbytots.co.uk for information about our rugby club or Stuart Grice at rootstennis@hotmail.co.uk for information about our tennis club.

What has happened in school this week…?

Class 1 – We have continued to look at Dinosaurs this week. Using non-fiction books, we learnt about possible reasons for their different features. Were they built for speed and attacking or defence? We looked at features on our walk through school too. Using them, we drew and labelled a school map. Had we seen similar features (trees, ponds, toilets etc.) elsewhere? Next, we roleplayed characters from 'Tyrannosaurus Drip'. In speech bubbles, we wrote what they might be saying to each other. In Maths, we have begun to look at money. What coins are there? How do they look different from each other? Can we describe their features? (size, colour, shape.)

Class 2 – This week in Year 2, we have been learning how to read a thermometer and have found out that temperature can be recorded in degrees Celsius. Year 1 have been measuring objects using non-standard units and have also compared them. In English, we have been reading and discussing different versions of Goldilocks. We have also been painting various scenes from the story to make a giant storyboard. In PE, we played games that required us to listen carefully and work as a team.

Class 3 – In English we have explored settings and characters. We created a new character for our story and wrote a character description about them. In our Maths lessons we have been learning about the relationship between multiplication and division. If we know one fact we get three free! We learnt about prayer in R.E. and explored why we pray and the different ways that people like to pray. In our Roman Topic we have researched mosaics and have started to make our own design.

Class 4 – During Maths this week, the children have been exploring translation and reflection across quadrants. The Year 5 children have also revised Roman Numerals. In English, the class are innovating the 'Jungle Book' opening and have created new characters to replace Shere Khan. When doing so, the children have practised using noun phrases and showing a character's personality traits through their action. We have also started to explore Materials in Science.

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 home times, 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.

Chinese New Year Lunch

We will be having our Chinese New Year Lunch on **Tuesday 5th February**. Thank you, Miss Jones for organising this special lunch. You can order this delicious meal online using ParentPay.

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.

Mrs Pitt's Bootcamp

Mrs Pitt will be running her Bootcamp/Fitness Circuit Class in the school hall every Monday between 6:30pm and 7:15pm. All fitness levels will be catered for so please join Mrs Pitt if you fancy burning off those extra Christmas pounds.

Preston North End Half Term Holiday Camps

PNE will be running a holiday camp between Monday 18th February and Friday 22nd February at their Community Training Centre at Tag Lane. The camp will start at 9:00am and finish at 4:00pm. Activities will include a variety of sports and various arts & crafts. The price for individual days is £12 or you can book the full five days for £50. Please contact PNE Community & Education Trust on 01772 693309 or community@pne.com for further details.

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:

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- An informal do with live music, a DJ, food and drink. £10 per person.
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:	**Alma A**
Y1:	**Elijah T**
Y2:	**Sam B**
Y3:	**Freya M**
Y4:	**Evan LG**
Y5	**Olivia G**
Y6:	**Robert W**

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke comes from Matthew in Class 4.

PATIENT: Doctor, doctor, I feel like a bridge!

DOCTOR: My word, that's unusual! What's come over you?

PATIENT: Two cars, a large truck and a motorcycle!

Now that's a joke, Matthew! Absolutely beltin'!

Please keep sending in your funny jokes for our newsletter.

Hope you have a wonderful week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher