



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 25th January, 2019



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Mad Science!

We had an amazing afternoon on Monday when we were visited by Explosive Erica from Mad Science. The children helped to investigate sources of energy by completing a variety of dramatic and exciting experiments. Anyone who would like to further develop their Science skills can join our Mad Science Club which runs every Friday after school until 4:30pm.



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 was sent home last week. 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**. Thank you, Miss Jones for organising this special lunch. You can order this delicious meal online using ParentPay.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 – We began our topic of Space this week, focussing on planets. Using the computers and books, we discovered lots of facts about the planets in our solar system. We learnt about how labels are used to give us information quickly. Then, we labelled our own Star Wars characters. Using our space theme, we listened to music and used our bodies to respond to how it made us feel. In RE, we wrote 'Thank You' cards to special people. We used 1p coins to pay for objects in Maths and began rote counting on from given numbers between 0 and 20.

Class 2 – In English this week, we have been discussing how to change the characters in fairy tales by thinking about how they look and how they behave. In Maths, the children in Year 2 have been using arrays to multiply numbers by 2 and 5. The children Year 1 have been doubling and halving numbers. In RE, we talked about Jesus' special friends, the disciples. We thought about why they wanted to be friends with Jesus. Our Science work focussed on vocabulary and we came up with some super adjectives to describe different materials. In Computing we learned how to make our bowls of porridge larger by highlighting the image and extending the corners.

Class 3 - This week we have been writing our own story called escape from Pompeii. We have created our own character and written the story about them. We have been learning about time in Maths and have practised telling the time on analogue clocks and digital clocks. In science, we all went into a dark den to find out exactly what happens when there is no light at all. We were quite surprised to see nothing at all!

Class 4 – In Maths this week, Class 4 have been exploring statistics. They have revised the differences between discrete and continuous data and have explored how to find averages such as the median and mean. During English, the children have been thinking about how authors convey the personalities of their characters through their actions. They then used this in their writing using parenthetical devices. During Computing the children have started to compare Scratch to Kodu and have created animations and games linked to our PHSE work on the environment.

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.

Fabulous Footballers

On Thursday, our school football team took part in a tournament at Holy Cross High School. The team played against other schools in the Chorley area and performed with great skill, determination and sportsmanship, finishing 5th overall. Well done Team Heskin and thank you to Mr Crighton and Mr Hugo for coaching our footballers. *HESKIN SQUAD: Shaun, Spencer, Addison, Harry R, Leo, Jacob, Roddy, Joseph, Oliver and Harry T.*



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 calories.

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.

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: Summer B

Y1: Oscar B

Y2: Thomas O

Y3: Rosie F

Y4: Rory B

Y5: Isabelle R

Y6: Zara R

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke comes from Alice and Phoebe in Year 6.

Q: What was the smartest dinosaur?

Q: A Thesaurus!

Well done, girls. Most dinosaur jokes are Pterrible but that one was dino-mite!

Please keep sending in your funny jokes for our newsletter.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher