# Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

Friday 8th February, 2019

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

**Heskin's Book Bench: Part II**

Our amazing artists have been busy completing our school's book bench this week. The children have done a fantastic job and have impressed everyone with their creativity and artistic skills. We will varnish the bench before sending it off to Chorley Council. Please look out for our amazing book bench which will be on display from 20th March in Chorley Town Centre. *Heskin's Artists: Mrs Sharrock, Addison, Meg, Shaun, Lilian, Matthew, Phoebe, Thelia, Olivia and Ashton.*

**Animal Care**

On Thursday we were visited by Michael Jones from the charity, Animal Care. Michael and his wonderful assistant, Buddy, visited each class, teaching the children the importance of looking after all of God's creatures. We had a fantastic time and we were able to learn a lot about a variety of different animals. Michael and Buddy would like to pass on their thanks for the very generous donations made. The food, toys, bedding and money will make a big difference to lots of unwanted and abandoned animals. Thank you, Heskin.

**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 continued our work on space by looking at fantasy stories about Aliens. After reading 'Bob's Best Ever Friend', we created our own alien pets from clay. Then we wrote a care passport for them, thinking carefully about what they needed to be happy and healthy. In Maths, we read 'Aliens Love Underpants' and then created our own pants with a repeating colour pattern. What other ways could we create repeating patterns using shapes, objects or numbers?

**Class 2 –**In English, we have been completing our stories from the story maps we created last week. Our innovative versions of Goldilocks & The Three Bears have impressed all of the teachers in school. In Maths, our Year 1 children further developed their understanding of doubling and halving and our Year 2 children really stretched themselves with some very tricky division work. We all became Three Little Pigs in Science, making houses out of different materials. Mrs Tasker and her hairdryer played the part of the Big Bad Wolf and tried to blow our houses down!

**Class 3 –** This week in Maths, we have been learning about fractions. We have explored unit and non-unit fractions of shapes or sets and we have been counting in steps of 1/2, 1/4 and 1/5. In English, we have been continuing our work on non-chronological reports. We have been planning and researching all about Rome so we can produce our own report next week. In Topic, we have been talking about what the Romans brought to Britain, and how we still use some of these things today.

**Class 4 –** In Maths this week, the children have been revising methods for division. They have also been exploring different ways to write their remainders, including as fractions and decimals. They then applied their understanding to word problems. During English, the children have finished writing their Jungle Book chapters. In addition, they have also been exploring past perfect and past progressive participles as part of their Grammar work. In Art, Class 4 have been exploring how to mix colours and made a colour chart to help them.

**Congratulations to Moses W and Meg R winners of the Chinese New Year Colouring Competition.**

## St. James the Great Family Service

This month's Family Service will take place on **Sunday 10th February** at 10:30am. You are guaranteed a very warm welcome at this short family service with child friendly songs, a relaxed environment and an activity/colouring area for the children. If you know the actions to 'My God is a Great Big God' then please come along and help to teach them to our congregation.

## PTFA Valentine's Disco

Heskin's world famous Valentine's Disco will take place on Thursday 14th February. The Infant Disco, Classes 1 & 2, will start at 5:30pm and finish at 6:30pm. Our Junior Disco, Classes 3 & 4, will start at 6:45pm and will finish at 7:45pm. Tickets are £2 each and are being sold at playtimes by our Year 6 pupils.

## 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.

## 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, so please sign your child into school at Mrs Carrier's office if you do arrive after 9:00am. Thank you.

## Puppies

We will be visited by Lillian, Addison and Alma's puppies on the afternoon of **Monday 11th February**. This will be a great follow up to the work completed with Michael from Animal Care. Every child will have the opportunity to meet the puppies if they would like to do so. Please let individual class teachers know of any specific allergies or phobias on Monday morning.

## 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:

***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.***
***20.03.19: Heskin Book Bench on Display in Chorley.***
***29.03.19: PTFA Mothers' Day Tea Party.***
***30.03.19: St James the Great Presents Parkside Colliery's Male Voice Choir.***
***10.04.19: School Closes for Easter at 2:00pm.***

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: **Logan M**

Y1: **Arthur B**

Y2: **Isabel L**

Y3: **Alana M**

Y4: **Harry T**

Y5: **Thomas L**

Y6: **Eve T**

## Joke of the Week:

This week's joke comes from Sam B in Class 2.

**Q: What do you call an evil insect?**

**A: A baddy long legs!**

What a great joke, Sam. I love it!

Please keep sending in your funny jokes for our newsletter.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**
Headteacher