Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 15th March, 2019

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Wonderful World Book Day Winners

Well done to everyone who entered our Design A Story Scene Competition. We had some amazing entries and we'll be displaying these around school shortly. We have now decided on our winners and these will be announced in next week's Celebration Worship. Each winner will receive a certificate and a book voucher. Certificates will also be presented next week for the best costume in each Class.

World Kidney Day & Red Nose Day

The children looked amazing today. Lots of bright, colourful clothes, bobbles, bows and noses!! Thank you so much for the extra time and effort it must've taken to get your children ready this morning and thank you also to Mrs Ramsay for volunteering her time to paint dozens of extra red noses raising £54.75 which helped us raise a whopping £202.20 in total. The money will be split between Kidney Charities Together Group and Comic Relief. More information about these charities can be found on their websites: www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday www.worldkidneyday.co.uk

Amazing Athletes

On Wednesday, Class 2 participated in a Pentathlon Competition organized by the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership. Every child took part in five events, earning points for our school team. The children were amazing and made me feel very proud. Well done, Heskin.

Parents Evenings.

It was great to see so many of you on Parents' Evening on Tuesday and it was lovely to see so many proud, smiling faces as you looked through your child's work. We hope you find these meetings useful and we look forward to seeing more of you next Tuesday. Members of our school Governing Board will also be present at next week's Parents' Evening so please feel free to stop for a chat, pass on any helpful ideas or ask questions.

What has happened in school this week…?

Class 1 – We have focused this week on Octopuses. Using information books and computers, we discovered lots of interesting facts about what their body parts are called, what they eat, what eats them and what happens when a mummy lays her eggs. Using a paper plate and craft resources, we made our own dangling octopuses, thinking carefully about the number of tentacles it needed, we shared poems from 'Commotion in the Ocean' danced like sea creatures, and begun constructing simple stories from chosen images. In our Maths work, we have been learning how to share a number of objects between groups of 3 or 4. Could we always equally share the amount? We also experimented with the best strategies to halve a single object ensuring it was fair for both people.

Class 2 – This week we have produced some excellent pieces of persuasive writing all about our wonderful school. Also in English, we have innovated the story of the Enormous Turnip. In Maths we have been working on fractions and finding halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. Year 2 have started to find equivalent fractions too. In R.E. we looked at the symbols on a paschal candle and designed a candle of our own. We took part in an inter-school P.E. competition this week. Our scores will be measured against those from other local schools. On Wednesday afternoon, we painted our fairy tale castles. It was messy but fun! Thank you Mrs O'Rourke and Ms Bamford for all your help.

Class 3 – In English this week we have started looking at a new novel, The Firework Maker's Daughter. We have been exploring the characters thoughts and feelings and predicting what we think will happen next. In Maths, we have been looking at decimal numbers and understanding their place value. We have used this to help us divide and multiply by 10. We used the ipads, computers and books to research names of the bones in our skeletons in our science lesson. We also thought about why our skeleton is so important.

Class 4 – This week in Maths, Class 4 have been exploring shape and angles. They've revised how to calculate missing angles in triangles and quadrilaterals, and have revisited how to measure and draw with a protractor. During English, the children have analysed an explanation text and have looked at how to use subordinating conjunctions effectively. In French, the children enjoyed another interactive session learning the names of different family members.

Holiday Amendment

You will receive an up-to-date holiday list for 2019-20 with this newsletter. Please note, that there will now be an INSET day on **Monday 2nd September**.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Due to our Parents' Evening, the **CSSP gymnastics club and our Ethos Club will not take place on Tuesday 19th March**. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. All other extra-curricular activities will take place as usual.

Chickenpox

I have been informed that a child in school has been diagnosed with Chickenpox. Although Chickenpox is very common it can be quite an uncomfortable condition for children and is often worse for adults. Please follow the link below to find out more information about the symptoms and treatment of Chickenpox. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/

PTFA Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party.

On **Friday 29th March**, our hardworking PTFA will be organising an afternoon tea party for mums, grandmothers and their children. This will be lovely event so please try to attend if at all possible. Tickets are available, at a cost of £7 pp, from Mrs Carrier in the office. **Due to the tea party taking place in the hall there will be no Celebration Worship on Friday 29th March.**

PTFA Easter Bingo

The world famous Heskin PTFA Easter Bingo will take place on **Thursday 4th April**, in the school hall, at 6:00pm. £2 a ticket. Come along for an evening full of family fun. You'll not regret it!

PTFA Bags2School

Please remember to fill your Bags2School bags with any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties or soft toys and return them to school on **Thursday 21st March** at **9:00am**. These items will be used to support families in need and our school PTFA. If each child could bring at least one bag into school we could smash our 100 bag target. Thanks for your support.

Spring Market

Tunley United Reform Church will be holding their Spring Market between 11:00am and 1:00pm on **Saturday 23rd March, 2019**. There will be many stalls including home-made cakes and pies, crafts, toys & gifts, a tombola, raffle, plants, bric-a-brac, jewellery, scarves & handbags. There will also be a guess the name of Tunley's Easter Bunny competition.

St. James the Great: Lent Reflections

The Lent Reflections uptake has been extremely popular at St. James so Revd Stef has decided to run the sessions at two different times on the Monday's leading up to Easter. There will be an earlier session, starting at **2:30pm**, and a later session, starting at **7:30pm**. Please sign up to your preferred sessions using the sheet in church. Lent Reflections will take place on **18th March, 25th March, 8th April** and **15th April**.

St. James the Great Dance

St. James the Great's Spring Dance will take place this Saturday in the church hall. Tickets, including supper, are priced at £10 pp and are available from church or by calling 01257 424105. There will be live entertainment from Jeff Hilton and a hot pot & apple pie supper. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Important Dates:

16.03.19: St James the Great Dance- Music from the 60's and 70's.
19.03.19: Parents' Evening. 5:15pm.
20.03.19: Heskin Book Bench on Display in Chorley.
21.03.19: PTFA Bags2School.
29.03.19: PTFA Mothers' Day Tea Party.
30.03.19: St James the Great Presents Parkside Colliery's Male Voice Choir.
04.04.19: PTFA Easter Bingo.
10.04.19: School Closes for Easter at 2:00pm.
23.04.19: School Opens for the Summer Term.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

YR: **Ben G**

Y1: **Jack M**

Y2: **Thomas O**

Y3: **Darcy C**

Y4: **Emily S**

Y5: **Thelia W**

Y6: **Ashton L**

Joke of the Week:

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

Q: What's did the llama say when he got kicked out of the zoo?

A: Alpaca my bags!

What a great joke! Well done, Daisie.

Please keep sending in your funny jokes for our newsletter. I'm looking for some eggcellent Easter jokes so please put your thinking caps on.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher