



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 29th March, 2019



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

What's Your Story, Chorley?

Chorley's annual festival of words will take place on **Saturday 30th March** between 11:00am and 4:00pm. Heskin Pemberton's book bench will be on display along with the book benches created by other schools in Chorley. The festival is filled with amazing activities, challenges, a book bench quiz, live performances and opportunities to meet real authors, including Phil Walker, the writer and star of the pantomime we watch every Christmas at Preston Guild Hall. This is a great day out for all the family and it would be wonderful to see our school's enthusiastic young readers in Chorley this Saturday. Please click on the links below to access the book bench quiz or to find out more information about this year's event.

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Cross Country

On Tuesday we participated in the Cluster Cross Country Competition at Bishop Rawstone Academy. The children ran a distance of 1400m and demonstrated great resilience and determination throughout the two races. Our boys team finished 6th with a score of 98 and our girls finished 4th with a score of 72. Well done everyone who ran! **HESKIN SQUAD:** Olivia O'R, Grace, Amelie, Mia, Phoebe T, Phoebe L-G, Olivia W, Roddy, Joseph, Jacob, Leo and Addison.



PTFA Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party.

I'd like to pass on my thanks to our PTFA for all the time and effort they have put into organising our Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Party. This event takes a lot of preparation and a lot of hard work but seeing our children, mothers and grandmothers having such a good time, makes it all worthwhile. Thank you!

PTFA Easter Bingo

The world famous Heskin PTFA Easter Bingo will take place on **Thursday 4th April**, in the school hall, at 6:00pm. The evening is always full of family fun.

Easter Lunch

We will be having our special Easter Lunch on **Thursday 4th April**.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 – Our focus this week has been whales. We shared 'My Friend Whale', which taught us about friendship, migration and preserving whales. Could we write our own story endings to explain what might have happened? We also read 'The Snail and the Whale.' What different lands did they travel to? How were they similar or different? Which country might it be? We also created a special 'Under the Sea' card for 'you know who!' In Maths, we have been practising our rote counting back from 20, identifying one less and writing our numerals from 0-20.

Class 2 – This week in Class 2 we have been working on counting and sequences. Year 2 have been adding larger numbers and solving problems through reasoning. In English we have been writing about the characters in Charlotte's Web and writing persuasive letters to Mr Zuckerman. In R.E. we talked about the Last Supper and the symbolism of the bread and wine. We have been busy making cards in art, but we can't tell you why?

Class 3 – In Maths this week we have been looking at different strategies to help us with addition and subtraction. We have also been working really hard on practising our times tables. In English we have been writing our own stories inspired by the Firework Maker's Daughter. We have been trying really hard to include fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and inverted commas. In R.E. we have been looking at the brightly coloured crosses from El Salvador. We have then designed our own crosses to show what's important in our own lives.

Class 4 – In English this week, the class have been writing explanation texts about their own dragons using subordinating conjunctions and rhetorical questions. In Maths, they have been exploring statistics. Year 5 have looked at interpreting transport time tables, whilst Year 6 have practised reading and drawing pie charts. During our topic work, the class have been researching volcanoes and have produced some fantastic information booklets showcasing their understanding for Big Write. They even produced some fabulous writing in R.E. with their resurrection and crucifixion newspaper reports.

Parent Pay

Please ensure all outstanding balances on Parent Pay are cleared before the Easter Break. Parent Pay accounts should remain in credit at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Celebration Worship & Star of the Term

School will close at 2:00pm on **Wednesday 10th April** therefore our final Celebration Worship this term will take place on **Friday 5th April**. The worship will celebrate birthdays up to and including 5th April, Stars of the Term, 100% attendance and we will also unveil our winning House for this term. **Please could last term's winners return their Star trophies before next Friday?**

Bikeability

On Monday and Tuesday our Year 5 children will be completing their Bikeability training. Please ensure that bikes, helmets and suitable clothing are brought to school on these days.

Easter Service.

Just a quick reminder that our school's Easter Service will take place on **Tuesday 9th April** at St. James the Great Church at 2:45pm. The children will be singing, reading and leading prayers so please join us for this special service. Transport to the church has been arranged but please collect your children at 3:30pm from church rather than school. Any child in Stay & Play Club will be transported back to school but please ensure that they have an appropriate car seat for this journey if they legally require one.

Fantastic Fencing

Yesterday, we were joined by Wayne who provided us with a very exciting fencing demonstration, in preparation for our fencing club which will start after the Easter Holidays. Well done to Phoebe in Year 5 and Shaun in Year 6 who both successfully made it through the elimination rounds, to the final duel.



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. The remaining Lent Reflections will take place on **8th April** and **15th April**.

Trim Trail

Just a quick reminder that children should refrain from using the school trim trail during the morning drop off and the afternoon pick up times. In order to avoid accidents, we closely monitor our pupils during school hours but I have seen an increasing number of younger children using this equipment before and after school. Sorry to be a grumpy nag but the safety of everyone associated with our school is really important to me. Thank you.

School Driveway & Staff Car Park

Nag number 2! Please take care on the driveway leading up to school. This road is used by taxis and vehicles visiting school and visiting the house at the end of the road. I have noticed a few near misses over the last few weeks, with pupils walking through the staff car park. **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.** Please remember the staff carpark is for staff parking and taxi use only. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Important Dates:

30.03.19: St James the Great Presents Parkside Colliery's Male Voice Choir.

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09.04.19: School Easter Service at St. James the Great Church.

10.04.19: Easter Egg Rolling Competition.

10.04.19: School Closes for Easter at 2:00pm.

23.04.19: School Opens for the Summer Term.

30.04.19-07.05.19: Travelling Book Fair.

05.05.19: St. James the Great Family Fun Day.

06.05.19: Bank Holiday.

24.05.19: School Closes for Half Term.

10.06.19: School Opens.

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke is also a riddle and it comes from Freya in Class 3.

Q: The Bigger family has Mr Bigger, Mrs Bigger and their son, Master Bigger but who was the biggest in the family?

A: Answer below.

What a great riddle, Freya! You really made me think!

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 great week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

The son because he was a
little bigger!