



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

*We are a happy Christian school, where everyone is helped to be the best they can.*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2019



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

### Aldi: Kit For Schools

This year, we will be participating in Aldi's Kit For Schools scheme. Every time you spend over £30 in an Aldi store you will receive a sticker for our school. Once we have collected enough stickers we will receive a free sports kit and will have the chance of winning £20,000 for our school. You can support this venture by collecting stickers from any Aldi Supermarket and, as we are only a small school, please encourage your friends and family to collect stickers for our school too. There is a post box in the hall to collect all your stickers.

### Harvest Lunch

Miss Jones is organising a special Harvest Lunch on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. If any child, who usually has a packed lunch on Thursdays, would like to join us for a school dinner then please order using Parent Pay.

### Class 1 Phonics Meeting

There will be a Phonics Workshop for the parents of Class 1 children. This important workshop will take place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** between 6:00pm and 7:00pm.

### 2020 Primary & Secondary School Admissions

You can now apply for school places for next September via [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) Supplementary Faith Forms are available on our school website. Please can parents, who require a faith reference for their child's admissions application, ensure that they fill in a slip every time they attend a Service at St. James the Great. The closing dates for admission applications are:

**Primary- 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.**

**Secondary- 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019.**

Please do not hesitate to pop in and have a chat with me if you have any questions regarding admissions, and please encourage anyone who is interested in their child joining our fantastic school next year to contact me to arrange a visit.

### High School Open Evenings

The following local High Schools have passed on details of their Open Evenings:

**Bishop Rawstorne Academy- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 2019.**

**St. Michael's High- 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2019.**

**Southlands High- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2019.**

**Parklands Academy- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2019.**

**Albany Academy- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2019.**

**Westholme School- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2019**

**Holy Cross High School- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2019.**

What has happened in school this week...?

**Class 1 – We began our Traditional Tales Topic this week. Looking at 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. After sharing the story, we joined in with repeated refrains using our voices to pretend we were different characters. We made our own delicious porridge, following a sequence of instructions and ate it for our snack. In Number Time, we have been practising counting on and back from 0-10 using a variety of counting songs. During R.E. we talked about how we are all unique. Then, using mirrors, we looked at our features. What colour were our eyes, hair, skin? Were we all the same or different? Finally, we drew and painted a self-portrait for our class display using the correct paint colours.**

**Class 2 - We have been talking about our favourite toys and how we would describe them. How would we feel if we lost them? In Maths, we have ordered numbers as well as finding more and less. We discussed what we needed to survive in Science and found that there are 5 essential things that keep us alive. In Art, we have looked at Picasso's portraits and attempted to make our own in his style.**

**Class 3 – In our English lesson, we have been looking more closely at our story 'The Iron Man'. We have plotted all the events on a story map and have found evidence to justify our thoughts and ideas about the story. We had lots of fun in Science exploring how things move differently on different surfaces. We had to work together in our groups to carry out a fair test, using cars on ramps with different surfaces. Watch this space to hear what we found out. We practised dance skills in P.E. and added more moves to our Bollywood dance routine.**

**Class 4 – This week in English, the children have been rewriting the build up to our mystery novel. Using reported and direct speech, they produced newspaper articles about the store opening and the clockwork sparrow itself. In Maths, the class have continued to explore algebra in subtraction and addition number sentences. Then, they applied their understanding to reasoning problems. During our Science work, the class explored adaptation and evolution this week. They had a fabulous time creating their own fossils and learnt about how fossils are used as scientific evidence for evolution in animals such as horses.**

### MacMillan Coffee Mornings

**Tunley United Reformed Church** will be hosting a coffee morning on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** between 10:00am and 12:00 noon in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

**St. James the Great's Play & Praise** will be hosting their MacMillan coffee morning on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** starting at 10:00am in the church hall.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wrightington Rainbows

Our local Rainbows group meet every Wednesday, between 5:00pm and 6:00pm, at St. James the Great Church Hall, Wrightington. There are places available for girls aged between 5 and 7. Please speak to Carla Ainscough in the school playground or text/call on 07592 340849 if your child would like to attend.

### PFTA AGM

On **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** our PTFA will be having their Annual General Meeting. The meeting will take place at the White Lion, Wrightington at 7:00pm and it would be great to see as many people there as possible. Our PTFA do a wonderful job for our school, so please come along and support us in any way you can.

### School Photographer

On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**, our school photographer will be taking pictures of individual children and sibling groups. Information regarding the purchasing of these pictures will be sent home shortly.

### Parents' Evenings

Throughout the year, you will have two formal opportunities to meet with your child's teacher. Our first Parents' Evenings will be on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** and **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. These will be an opportunity for you to meet with the teachers and discuss how well the children are settling into their new class and new year group.

The second will take place in the Spring Term and this meeting will be about your child's attainment and the progress they have been making in school. You will also have an opportunity at this Spring meeting to see the work in your child's books and classroom.

Of course, you are always welcome to contact school to at any time to arrange an informal meeting with the teachers. We really do have an 'open door' policy at Heskin Pemberton's and we will always provide you with any advice or support you may need.

### PTFA Lucky Numbers Winners For July & August

Thank you to everybody who has entered this year's Lucky Numbers Draw. Your kind generosity is very much appreciated. July's winning number is **10** and August's winning number is **7**. Well done to our lucky winners, **Christina Barrow** and **Bev Pollitt** who both win £25. Good luck to everyone in next month's draw.

### Important Dates:

**23.09.19:** Class 1 Phonics meeting. 6:00pm.

**26.09.19:** PTFA's AGM. 7:00pm at The White Lion. *Please come along. Everyone is welcome.*

**27.09.19:** School Photographer. Individual & Family Photographs.

**30.09.19:** Football & Healthy Eating Day.

**01.10.19:** Parents Evening. 5:30pm-7:00pm.

**04.10.19:** School Harvest Service at St James The Great. 2:50pm

**07.10.19:** Parents' Evening. 4:00pm-5:30pm.

**18.10.19:** Class 4's Worship. 3:00pm.

**18.10.19:** School Closes for Half term. 3:30pm

**29.10.19:** School Reopens.



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Xanthe B

Y1: George D

Y2: Sartaj S

Y3: Addison A

Y4: Jacob M

Y5: Joseph S

Y6: Robert M

Well done to you all.

## **Joke of the Week:**

Our joke of the week comes from **Rosie** in Class3.

**Q: Where do footballers stand when they're hot?**

**A: Next to a fan?**

Well done, Rosie F. That really tickled my funny bone.

Please pass on your best jokes to me for our newsletters.

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher