Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 4th October, 2019

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Football & Healthy Eating Day

What a great day we had on Monday! Every child in school took part in a football training session run by ex-professional footballers, before learning all about the importance of nutrition and healthy eating. Matt, one of the coaches, commented on the behaviour, enthusiasm, knowledge and positive attitude demonstrated by all the children in school. I know our pupils are amazing, but it made me feel very proud to hear a visitor commenting on how wonderful they are. Well done, Heskin!

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.

Parents' Evenings.

It was great to see so many parents on Tuesday and it was lovely to have a chance to chat to so many of you about your wonderful children. I'm sorry if I didn't manage to catch you on the night but please remember that you are always welcome to see me any time. Also, the teachers are more than happy to discuss your child with you throughout the year, not just at these formal Parents' Evenings.

Please note that there will not be a French Club on Monday 7th October due to our final Autumn Parents' Evening.

Lunches

You can now order lunches up to **8th Nov**. Please ensure that all lunch orders are made online by Wednesday for the following week. We pre-order our supplies for lunches to save on waste and cost. If you haven't already booked lunches for next week, please remember to bring a packed lunch. Thanks.

What has happened in school this week…?

Class 1 – Our focus this week has been 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. After making our own goat headbands, we acted out our own story with our friends using a story map. During our Healthy Eating Day, we talked about which foods are good for us and why. In our Maths, we have begun to explore repeating patterns and how they can be made up of colour, shape, size or objects. Could we recognise a repeating pattern? What would come next? Why? Finally we have been busy practising our song for today's Church Service. We hope you enjoyed it!

Class 2 - In Maths, we have practised partitioning numbers finding the parts that make the whole. We have continued to enjoy listening to George's Marvellous Medicine and answering questions on the text. In PSHE we talked about our emotions and how we feel and what makes us happy and sad. In Art we completed our Harvest collage ready for display. As always a very busy week!

Class 3 – In Maths, we have been looking closely at numbers. We have rounded numbers to 10 and 100 and Year 4 have rounded numbers to the nearest 1000. In English, the children have been using the story of The Iron Man to help them write their own innovated version. They have been using all the grammar taught in our session to help them make their writing more interesting and exciting. In Science, we learnt about the poles of a magnet and when they attract and repel each other. We also sorted magnetic and non-magnetic materials into groups.

Class 4 – This week in Maths, the children have been practising formal written methods for division. They've been using their understanding of multiplication to help them tackle tricky calculations quickly and accurately. In English, the class have been writing flashbacks from the perspective of our suspects. They have done a fantastic job applying their SPAG knowledge to their writing, and can all now use the past perfect and past progressive tenses! In History, the children have been exploring Victorian crime and punishment and we're very lucky to receive a visit from a Barrister and a Police Officer!

Milk

Class 2 Milk payments up to Christmas are due. Please send cash or cheques made payable to LCC in a named envelope.

Harvest Service

Thank you so much for the wonderful Harvest Gifts which were donated today. The teachers and children have been working really hard in preparation for this special festival, and it was great to see so many families joining us for this afternoon's service.

Class 4's Worship

On **Friday 18th October**, the pupils in Class 4 will be leading their own worship. Parents, family and friends are warmly invited to join us for, what I'm certain will be, a truly wonderful worship. Doors will open at 2:45pm for a 3:00pm start. **Please note that there will not be a Celebration Worship that day.**

2020 Primary & Secondary School Admissions

You can now apply for school places for next September via 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 Church, Wrightington. The closing dates for admission applications are:

15th January, 2020 (Primary) & 31st October, 2019 (Secondary).

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.

PC Paul & Barrister Dave

No, this isn't the name of a new X-Factor act. PC Paul & Barrister Dave have been in school today to speak to the children in Class 1 and Class 4. PC Paul is also an intelligence officer for GM Police. Barrister Dave is a criminal defence barrister for Forbes. Both visitors helped our children develop a unique understanding of law, order, crime, punishment and the British justice System.

September's PTFA Lucky Numbers Winner

Thank you to everybody who has entered this year's lucky Numbers Draw. Your kind generosity is very much appreciated. September's winning number is **2**. Well done to our lucky winner, **Howard Brown**. Congratulations, Howard and good luck to everyone in next month's draw.

Celebrate The Season Party

Our World famous Celebrate The Season Party will take place on **Wednesday 30th October**, between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at a price of £5 for one child or £10 for 2 or more children in the same family. This price includes a hot dog, a drink, a cake, spooky crafts, games, Gingerbread Decorating (thank you, Mrs Marshall for baking the gingerbread people) and a disco. **Please put all money and ticket requests in a labelled envelope for our PTFA to process.**

Remember that there will also be a prize for the best costume and our pumpkin carving competition! Make sure all pumpkins are brought to school on the Wednesday morning ready for the judges. I'd like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our PTFA for organising this great event.

Important Dates:

04.10.19: School Harvest Service at St James The Great. 2:45pm

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.

28.10.19: INSET Day.

29.10.19: School Reopens.

30.10.19: PTFA's Celebrate the Season Disco Party.

31.10.19- 07.11.19: School Book Fair.

05.11.19: Bonfire Lunch.

Joke of the Week:

Our joke of the week comes from **Phoebe** in Class 4.

A prisoner managed to escape from his cell by digging a massive tunnel.

He had to dig for days and days and when he finally emerged from the tunnel he said, "I'm free! I'm free! At last, I'm free!"

A little boy who was walking by said, "So what? I'm four!"

I love jokes like this one! Well done, Phoebe.

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

Hope you have a great week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher