



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 1st November, 2019



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Pentathletes

Just before half term, the children in Classes 3 and 4 took part in a Pentathlon Competition, organised by CSSP. The children competed in 5 disciplines ranging from the long jump to a distance throw. Every child performed extremely well, demonstrating great skill. Our team score will be compared to schools all over Chorley but our individual winners were: **Tom, Martha, Meg & Phoebe.**



Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We will once again be participating in the Samaritan's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal by filling shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for children who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will be collecting all boxes on **Friday 15th November**, and then passing them on to the Samaritan's.

Aldi: Kit For Schools

Please keep sending in your Aldi Kit for Schools stickers. 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. Thank you.

Remembrance

Our school Ethos Club will be selling Poppies and remembrance wristbands next week in honour of anyone who has been affected by war or conflict.

Bonfire Lunch

We will be having a special Bonfire lunch on **Tuesday 5th November**. Thank you, Miss Jones for organising this special lunch and thank you for the additional time and effort you put into our school lunches at Heskin.

St James The Great Grand Christmas Draw, 2019

In order to raise funds for the Church, St. James the Great's PCC have organised a Grand Christmas Draw. I have sent home a book of tickets. Hopefully, you, your friends or your family will buy a ticket or two and win one of the various prizes, which include £200 and a food and drinks hamper. Please can you return all money, unsold tickets and ticket stubs to school by **Wednesday 20th November**.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 – We have begun our new topic of Seasons and Celebrations this week looking at the festival of Diwali which is celebrated by Hindu and Sikh families. We discovered how they prepare for this special occasion with decorations, gifts and food. Using the clay, we made Diya lamps, we also made colourful Rangoli patterns. Then, using the puppet theatre, we retold the story of Ranna and Sita. Are there similarities between Diwali and other celebrations? In Maths, we have been exploring capacity, using objects and water. How could we measure which had the greatest or least capacity? Have fun exploring the 'presents' activity linked to this at home.

Class 2 - A great start to Autumn 2, the children have returned with a superb attitude to learning. We have started our English topic looking at non-fiction texts and identifying features. This will help us with our History investigations as we find out about the Gunpowder Plot and The Great Fire Of London. We also started to look at the U.K. and identify the four countries that are part of it. All in all, a busy start.

Class 3 – This week we have started our new unit in English. We have listened to the legend Beowulf and started to explore the ingredients that are needed to re-tell a good legend. In Maths, we have been working on our multiplication and division skills. We have started to practise our times tables and have learnt how to draw arrays to help us. In R.E. we have learnt about Shabbat and the importance of this day to people of the Jewish faith.

Class 4 – This week in English we have started our new unit exploring biographies. We've read all about J.K Rowling and Usain Bolt to identify features of the genre and discussed the importance of using chronological order. In Maths, we have been exploring fraction, decimal and percentage equivalences. The children did a fabulous job linking their place value to fractions! In R.E. we have started to write about our family traditions for our new unit Christmas Around The World.

Worship

Our worship themes for this half term are **Remembrance, Gospel Values and Advent**. As part of this, the wonderful children in Class 3 will be leading their own worship on **Friday 22nd November** at 3:00pm and everyone is invited to attend this special event.

St James The Great Bonfire & Firework Display

St. James the Great are having their annual Church Bonfire and BBQ event on **Tuesday 5th November**. The bonfire will be lit at 5:45pm, the gates open to the public at 6:00pm and the fantastic firework display will start at 7:00pm. Tickets are priced at £3 per adult and accompanied children are free. Food is also available, so please come along and enjoy the fun. If anybody is available to help with the fireworks, please contact Sue on 01257 473941.

Celebrate The Season Party

Wow! What a wonderful time we had on Wednesday! The pumpkins, the costumes, the games, the crafts, the food, the disco and the competitions were all absolutely amazing. I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the members of the PTFA, the staff and the children for making the night such a memorable experience. **THANK YOU!**



Bag2School

We will once again be participating in the Bag2School project. Bags have been distributed and should be filled with any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties or soft toys. They should be returned to school on **Wednesday 27th November** at **9:00am**. These items will be used to support families in need, and our PTFA will also receive a donation for items collected.

PFTA Meeting

On **Thursday 7th November** our PTFA will be holding a meeting which will take place at the White Lion, Wrightington at 7:00pm. Our PTFA do a wonderful job for our school, so please come along and support us in any way you can.

October'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. October's winning number is **1**. Well done to our lucky winner, **Marilyn Gardiner**. Congratulations, Marilyn and good luck to everyone in next month's draw.

Important Dates:

- 01.11.19- 06.11.19: School Book Fair.**
- 05.11.19: Bonfire Lunch & St. James' Bonfire Party.**
- 07.11.19: PTFA Meeting. White Lion. 7:00pm.**
- 11.11.19: Sean Perkins. Author Visit.**
- 12.11.19: Flu Vaccinations.**
- 13.11.19: No Pen Wednesday.**
- 15.11.19: Christmas Shoebox Appeal Deadline.**
- 20.11.19: Class 3's Education Visit. Lancaster.**
- 23.11.19: St. James' Christmas Fair.**
- 27.11.19: Bags2School Collection Day.**
- 28.11.19: PTFA Film Night.**
- 29.11.19: PTFA Non-uniform Day.**



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to this week's **SUPERSTARS!**

- R: Phoebe T**
- Y1: Sofia K**
- Y2: Ezra T-B**
- Y3: Lloyd E**
- Y4: Rosa D**
- Y5: Isabella C**
- Y6: Olivia G**

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

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

Q: What's white and can't climb a tree?

A: A fridge!

Well done, Isabella. Jokes about fridges are so cool!!!

Keep the funny stuff coming in, please.

Hope you have a great week.
Best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Mr Alan Brindle.

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher