



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 8th November, 2019



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Marie Curie Daffodils

I'd like to pass on a massive THANK YOU to everyone who made a donation to our daffodil appeal for the Marie Curie Charity. I'd also like to thank our School Council, Mrs Hugo, Mrs Morgan and Matthew, who volunteered to help with this project. Your kindness and generosity has raised £72.00 for this worthwhile charity and your hard work and gardening skills will help to make our school path a bright and colourful place in the spring. Thank you.



Remembrance

This week, we have been selling poppies and Remembrance wristbands in school. I'd like to pass on my thanks to all the children who have given up their lunchtimes and playtimes to raise money for people who have been affected by conflict or war. I'd also like to say a big thank you to everyone who has made a donation this year.

On **Sunday 10th November**, we will be participating in the Remembrance Service at St. James the Great Church, Wrightington. Our children will be laying a wreath, in honour of the men and women of our village who lost their lives in war. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service which will start at 10:30am.

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. You will have already received 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 drinks hamper. Please can you return all money, unsold tickets and ticket stubs to school by **Wednesday 20th November**?

PTFA Hot Chocolate

This month, our PTFA will be selling hot chocolate drinks for £1 on **Friday 15th November** and **Friday 29th November**. Thank you everyone in the PTFA who give up their time to make and sell these delicious, warming drinks.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 - Our focus this week has been Bonfire Night, thinking in particular about how we can stay safe and look after our pets. We listened to firework poems and music and used our bodies to move like fireworks. Then, we created our own firework paintings, exploring blowing and printing techniques. Using the junk model materials, we followed instructions to make a super-rocket. In R.E. we have looked at why and how we celebrate birthdays. During Maths, we have explored how to measure the weight of objects using a spring scale. Have fun with the 'presents' activity at home, whilst helping your child to understand that weight isn't always linked to the size of an object.

Class 2 - In English, we have continued to write questions and use the question mark correctly. We have started to share the book 'Katie In London' and have looked at some famous London landmarks. This has also linked with our Geography topic, as we have looked at the capital city, London, and seas surrounding the UK. In Maths, we have used coins to make various amounts in different ways. In R.E. we learnt about Hanukkah and why Jews celebrate this festival of lights.

Class 3 - In Science, we started our new topic all about sound. We had lots of fun exploring how sounds are made and observing vibrations. In Maths, we have been learning about division. We have looked at grouping and sharing and how to use our multiplication facts to help us calculate division facts quickly. In English, we have continued reading Beowulf and exploring the setting and characters. We have developed our own monster, and described how it travels through our new setting.

Class 4 - This week in English, the class have been exploring the life of Sir Robert Peel and his impact on the justice system. They have learnt how to take notes using bullet points and the importance of using a dictionary to check new words. In Maths, we have been learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. We've had lots of discussions about common misconceptions too, such as how a larger denominator actually means a smaller amount. In Art, this week we have been practising our mark making techniques using pencil, charcoal and chalk.

Children in Need

You are always extremely generous, and I know that we will be having lots of special events in school leading up to Christmas. Therefore, we will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 15th November** in order to simply raise awareness of the BBC's Children in Need charity. **There is no expectation for you to send a monetary contribution for this event.** However, if you were planning on making a donation anyway, and sending money to school would be the easiest way of doing this, then we will collect any donations and pass them on to the Children in Need charity on your behalf.

PTFA Non-Uniform Day

We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 29th November** in order to gather donations for the PTFA's Breakfast With Santa event. We would, therefore, like the children to bring in items for our chocolate tombola.

Bag2School

Please fill any Bags2School bags with any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties or soft toys and return them 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.

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 for distribution.

Aldi: Kit For Schools

The Aldi Kit for Schools stickers are no longer being distributed by stores but we are still a few stickers short of our target. Please bring in any Aldi stickers that may still have hidden away at home on Monday. Thank you.

Blackburn Hawks Ice Hockey Team

On Thursday we were visited by Chris Riley and Harvey the Hawk from Blackburn Hawks Ice Hockey team. Chris spoke to everyone in school about the sport of ice hockey and he even let Sartaj and Rosie have a little game. Chris and Harvey enjoyed their visit so much that they have left us with a special offer for their upcoming fixture on **Saturday 8th December** against The Nottingham Lions. You can watch this match and go ice skating afterwards for just £1. Leaflets about this offer have gone home this week.



Important Dates:

- 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: Ella M
- Y1: Eloise T
- Y2: India R
- Y3: Sophie S
- Y4: Darcie L
- Y5: Amelie B
- Y6: Declan R

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

Our joke of the week comes from my godson, **Toby**. He doesn't go to this school but his joke made me chuckle!

Q: What's big, grey and doesn't matter?

A: Don't worry if you don't know the answer. It's irrelephant!

Thank you, Toby. Your jokes are definitely better than your godfather's jokes!

Please keep the funny stuff coming in.

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher