



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

### Get Well Soon

Mrs Carrier will undergo an operation on her foot today and she will be resting and recuperating over the next few weeks. I'm sure you'll agree that Mrs Carrier does an amazing job for our school and we will all miss her. Get well soon!

### Christmas Jumper Day

At Heskin, we like to do things slightly differently. Therefore, we will be having our Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, a day early! Christmas jumpers can be worn over the top of school uniform, in place of school jumpers/cardigans. This is so we can get into the festive spirit for our Christmas Lunch and so we can easily spot our children in their uniforms when we see the Panto.

### School Nativity & Christmas Production

Thank you for all your help with props, costumes and rehearsals at home. The children will be amazing when they perform next week. The PTFA will also attend our 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings' production, selling raffle tickets and refreshments.

### Rock FM's Mission Christmas

We are once again supporting Rock FM's Mission Christmas by becoming a local drop off point for their gift appeal. Their mission is to ensure that every child has a happy Christmas and they are asking people to buy 1 extra gift for disadvantaged children in our local community. If you feel like you would like to contribute then simply bring your unwrapped gift to school and pop it in Santa's Box in the office. Thank you.

### Learn This Term

What a wonderful turn out we had for our KS2 Learn This Term afternoon. The children have worked their socks off and it was great to give them the opportunity to show off their many achievements. Thank you to the Class 3 & 4 teaching teams, the pupils and the many parents who visited school yesterday afternoon. I can't wait for the KS1 Learn This Term in the new year.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that next week will be the last week for our extra-curricular clubs. **Also, our Yoga Club will not take place next Monday due to the Production**

### What has happened in school this week...?

**Class 1-** Following on from our woodland animal work, we have been looking at a variety of nocturnal animals. Where did they live? What did they eat? After sharing 'Owl Babies' we talked about how the chicks would be feeling at different points of the story. Then, we used the puppets to retell events using character voices. We also continued practising our Itchy Bear story map and actions, giving a wonderful performance to Class 2 at the end of the week. The nursery children from Nature Trails also enjoyed watching the very first dress rehearsal of our nativity story. During Maths, we have been learning about various 2 & 3D shapes and their properties. Please play the matching cards game with your child as we will be using this information in our shape work over the next few weeks.

**Class 2-** This week we have been writing stories, putting into practise everything we have learnt in English this term. It has been brilliant to read such interesting stories and seeing the progress the children have made. In Maths we have practised doubling and multiplying by 2. We have completed a tally chart to record Class 2's favourite weather too and learnt that most of us like sunshine! In PE this week, we have been practising our gymnastic, travelling moves and putting them into a routine. We have begun to make some special Christmas works of art and will be finishing those off next week. In RE, we have been learning all about the Good News that the Angel Gabriel brought to Mary and why this is still Good News today.

**Class 3-** We have done a MASSIVE Big Write this week in our English. Using everything we have learnt about myths and legends, we have written our very own local legends based on How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Keep an eye on your decorations because the Christmas-hating creature may well be in your village. In Maths, we have started to look more closely at addition and subtraction. We have learnt some mental strategies to add and subtract efficiently. Science turned out to be fun and noisy as we had a lesson all about volume. We were all excellent at putting more "oomph" into our vibrations! We also enjoyed our first 'Learn this Term' this week, where we have been sharing our work with parents/guardians. We hope you enjoyed it too!

**Class 4 -** This week, Class 4 have been practising applying this term's understanding to arithmetic questions in Maths. From formal ways of tackling multiplication and division, to finding percentages and fractions of amounts. They did a fantastic job recalling information and working with their peers! In English, the children have been continuing to explore performance poetry by Ian Bland and the impact that reciting a poem can have on an audience. This week we have also been creating our prototypes for Design Technology, and I know the children loved having help from their parents in making them!

### Breakfast With Santa

Our PTFA Breakfast with Santa event will take place this **Saturday** in the school hall. There are many stalls, a tombola, Christmas crafts, refreshments and a very special visitor. Tickets are priced at £6 per child which includes a visit to Santa, a present & letter, reindeer dust and a bacon or sausage barm.

### Celebration Worship & Christmas Cracker

Please note that, due to our visit to watch the pantomime at Southport, **there will not be a Celebration Worship next Friday**. The next Celebration Worship will be **Heskin's Christmas Cracker on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Doors will open at 1:00pm for a 1:15pm start. We will celebrate birthdays up to and including **24<sup>th</sup> December**, we will find out who the Stars of the Term are, 100% attendance will be rewarded, we will unveil our winning House for this half term and we will be singing a variety of Christmas songs to get everyone in the festive spirit. We hope you can join us for this very special worship.

### Tunley Church Christmas Concert

Coppull & Standish Brass Band will be performing at Tunley Church Hall on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, at 7:30pm. Please contact 01257 463407/425330/426252 for tickets which are priced at £8.00.

### Champions League Trophy

Thank you Mr Turner, Addison's dad, for organising our Class 4 trip to see the Champion's League Trophy at Chorley Nissan in Preston. As well as getting to see the world famous trophy, the children took part in a series of football challenges and then got a chance to use the latest 3 dimensional software to design their own cars.



### School Advent Service

Our School Advent Service will take place at 2:45pm on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at St. James the Great Church, Wrightington. The children will be singing, reading and leading prayers. 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 by a member of staff but please ensure that they have an appropriate car seat for this journey if they legally require one.

### Important Dates:

- 07.12.19: Breakfast With Santa.
- 09.12.19: School Nativity Production. 2:00pm & 6:00pm.
- 10.12.19: School Nativity Production. 6:00pm.
- 12.12.19: Christmas Lunch.
- 12.12.19: Christmas Jumper Day.
- 13.12.19: Panto Trip.
- 17.12.19: Advent Service at St. James the Great.
- 19.12.19: Christmas Party Day.
- 20.12.19: Christmas Cracker 1:15pm.
- 20.12.19: School Closes at 2:00pm.
- 06.01.20: School Reopens.



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Eve D

Y1: Logan M

Y2: Charlie T

Y3: Sam O'R

Y4: Danielle P

Y5: Harry T

Y6: Issy T

Well done to you all.

## **Joke of the Week:**

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

**Q: What do ducks pull at Christmas?**

**A: Quistmas Quackers!**

Thank you, Thomas. That really quacked me up! Let's have some more festive funnies for next week's newsletter.

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher

