



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 10th January, 2020



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,
Happy New Year!

Welcome back. I hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and I'd like to wish you all the best for 2020. On behalf of myself and the staff, I'd also like to say a massive Christmassy **THANK YOU** for the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts we received. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

Primary School Admissions

Please note that the deadline for any parent wishing to apply for a September 2020 Reception Class place is **Wednesday 15th January, 2020**. Details of how to apply can be found on our website using the following link:

www.heskinpembertons.co.uk/admissions/

Extra-Curricular Clubs

You will have received details of the various extra-curricular clubs taking place this term and additional copies of these letters can be found in the school office. We have already received a lot of replies and places are being filled very quickly so, if you haven't done so already, please can you return your reply slips to the office as soon as possible. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the members of staff and parents who have volunteered to give up their time in order to organise and run these clubs.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

The Immunisation Team will be hosting the following catch up clinics for children who have missed their nasal flu immunization in school:

Thursday, 23rd January (15:00 – 17:00)

Highfield Wellbeing Services, Chorley. PR6 0SL

Friday, 24th January (15:00 – 17:00)

Kingsfold Wellbeing Services, Penwortham. PR1 9HJ

Tuesday, 28th January (15:00 – 17:00)

Grove Community Centre, Burscough. L40 0RZ

Please contact the Immunisation Team on **0333 3583397 (Option 6)** to book an appointment.

Worship Theme

In Worship this half term, we will be exploring the Christian Values of **Peace** and **Care**. We will be having many visitors leading worship, including Rev Stef, and our amazing Ethos Group will deliver a series of worships looking at inspirational women.

What has happened in school this week...?

CLASS 1 - We have begun our new Topic by looking at dinosaurs. What were they? When did they live on Earth? Then, using non-fiction books, we discovered how there were many different types of dinosaurs, some of them were carnivores and only ate meat, some were herbivores and only ate plants. After reading 'Tyrannosaurus Drip', we learnt that he was a herbivore but the T-Rexes were trying to feed him meat!! Using our known sounds, we wrote a menu for him, with food that a herbivore would like. In Maths, we have begun to meet Numberblocks 1-5 learning how many each number is worth, what other Numberblocks could create that number, how the numeral is formed etc. Over the next few weeks, we will continue to work with numbers 6-20. Spring Term's Show & Tell and PE sessions will take place on Tuesdays.

CLASS 2 - This week we have been getting to know Miss Hughes and she has been getting to know us. We have started this term's topic 'Dragons and Unicorns' and started to read our class novel 'The Dragon Sitter' by Josh Lacey. In English, we have learned about descriptive writing inspired by the John Lewis Christmas advert about Edgar the dragon. In Maths, we have been doing general number skills, including place value and counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. In RE, we have been thinking about our special books and in art we have been developing our observational drawing skills by drawing feathers.

CLASS 3 - We have had a VERY busy start to 2020. We have worked hard on mental maths skills for adding and subtracting. We have used place value, partitioning and number lines to help us calculate in our heads with some jottings. Year 4 have used their skills to solve some tricky problems too. English lessons have introduced us to our new unit all about stories from another culture. We started by watching a short film of an Apache myth before predicting and acting out what we thought the solution might be. Whilst studying North America, we compared The Lake District National Park with Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. In music, we have been listening to a variety of American music from Bernstein to Miley Cyrus.

CLASS 4 - This week, Class 4 have started their Older Literature unit in English. The focus this half term is Shakespeare! The children have read all about his life and have started to read extracts from a variety of his plays, such as Hamlet and Romeo and Juliet. The children thoroughly enjoyed making predictions about what might happen using their extracts and prologues, and were rather shocked at how quickly Romeo and Juliet fell in love. In Maths, the children have been exploring linear sequences. The Year 5 children have been focusing on decimal sequences, whilst the children in Year 6 have been exploring the nth term and how to apply a formula to a sequence. The children have also been working on their French skills this week and have been revising basic conversation skills.

Class 4 Residential Trip: Patterdale Hall

Class 4's annual residential trip will take place in the Summer Term, between Wednesday 15th July and Friday 17th July. I would like to thank all parents who have returned the permission slips and have paid the initial deposit of £25. Please be reminded that an interim payment of £31 is due by **Monday 10th February**. Thank you.

St. James the Great Family Service

St. James' Family Service will take place on **Sunday 12th January** at 10:30am. You are guaranteed a very warm welcome at the family service, with child friendly songs, a relaxed environment and an activity area for the children.

Scary Bikers!!!

On Thursday, our hall and playground looked like the start of the Tour de France. Class 1 participated in their balance bike training, learning lots of important safety information as well as taking part in a variety of fun competitions. The children were excellent throughout the afternoon, demonstrating brilliant biking skills. Well done, Class 1. I am very proud of you. Chorley School Sports Partnership have also scheduled some new community cycle training opportunities, details of which can be found on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BuzzAboutBikes>



Lancashire SEND Partnership

My colleagues in the Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Department at County Hall have asked me to make the following link available to all parents:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/shaping-send-together/lancashire-send-partnership/>

Mrs Pitt's Bootcamp

Mrs Pitt will be running her Bootcamp/Fitness Class in our school hall every Monday between 6:30pm and 7:15pm. All fitness levels will be catered for so please join Mrs Pitt if you fancy burning off those extra Christmas pounds.

Hypnobirthing

From January 2020, KG Hypnobirthing classes will be run by Jo Taylor, DipHB (KGH), from our school hall. These sessions are available to all pregnant women and their birth partners. You can visit Jo's website www.wonderwombshypnobirthing.com to learn about hypnobirthing, or contact her on 07884494304.

Upcoming dates are: **Sat 25th Jan - Sun 26th Jan and Sat 7th Mar - Sun 8th Mar**

Important Dates:

15.01.20: Primary Admissions Deadline.

16.01.20: Jump into January Lunch.

23.01.20: PTFA Meeting in the White Lion. 7:00pm.

14.02.20: School Closes for Half Term.

24.02.20: School Opens.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Sebastian M

Y1: Christopher B

Y2: Anastasia K

Y3: Thomas O

Y4: Harry W

Y5: Emily S

Y6: Harry R

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

Our very first joke of the week, for this new decade, comes from **Thomas** in Class 4.

Q: Why do French people eat snails?

A: Because they don't like fast food!

What a great joke, Thomas. Very funny. It reminds me of my pet racing snail, Trevor. I decided to take his shell off to see if it would make him quicker. If anything, it only made him more sluggish!

Hope you have a great week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher