



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

## PTFA Events

Our amazing PTFA had a very productive meeting last night, discussing a range of exciting events for the remainder of this academic year. These events not only make a lot of money for our school, but are a great opportunity to enjoy time with our friends and families. Here are some dates for your social diaries:

- **Valentine's Disco:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.
- **Mothers' Day Tea Party:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Easter Bingo:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.
- **Family Campover:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- **Fathers' Day Breakfast:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Summer Fair:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

## Amazing Athletes Part II

Last week, our Year 5 & 6 athletics team competed in the CSSP Indoor Championships. This week was the turn of our Year 3 & 4 team. The team demonstrated excellent ability, sportsmanship and determination throughout the competition, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. A great achievement! We are currently lying in first place for the small schools and we are awaiting the results of next week's heat to see if we will progress through to the County Finals later this year. Well done everyone and thank you, Mrs Marshall, for all your help with the athletics squad.

TEAM HESKIN: Rosie, Drew, Florence, Ruby, Alana, Danielle, Rosa, Ava, Kendall, Martha, Jacob, Tom, Sam, Harry, Jack & Thomas.



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

**CLASS 1** - We began our topic of Space this week, focusing on planets. Using the computer and books, we discovered facts about the 8 planets in our solar system and how they orbit the Sun. Looking carefully at the planets, we drew and painted our own selection. Could our friends work out which ones they were? How did they know? We also learnt how labels are used to give us information quickly and labelled our own Star Wars characters. In our Maths, we have continued our work with the Numberblocks, learning the 3 Rules of Counting. We also explored how the arrangement of blocks can change but the amount doesn't and how numbers 2,3,4,5 can be split and arranged into 2 parts to create the whole eg 3+1 make 4.

**CLASS 2** - Class 2 have been creating their own myths this week and have really shown what a group of budding young authors they are. They have been conjuring up vivid images of their dragon and unicorn lands using adjectives and adverbs. In Maths, we have continued with our sharing and division. Year 2 have been looking at mathematical language in problems in order to give reasons for their answers. Year 1 have been answering word problems using pictorial representations to find the answer. In Geography, with Mrs Keane, we made incredible 3D maps of our dragon and unicorn lands and in PE we started to create our class dance entitled 'The First Dragon'.

**CLASS 3** - In maths, we have been using our subtraction skills to solve some very complicated real life problems. We had lots of (messy) fun investigating cornflour slime in science and decided that it was like a liquid and a solid at the same time! We then worked together to explore lots of different household materials and sort them into groups of solid, liquid and gas. In English we have been reading a variety of books and watching film clips in order to write settings. We have particularly enjoyed starting a story about the Loch Ness Monster. In topic and computing, we have researched leisure attractions in Yellowstone Park and made leaflets for tourists.

**CLASS 4** - This week in Maths, Class 4 have been exploring averages of discrete and continuous data. As such, they are now able to calculate the mode, median, mean and range. Linking our Maths to our English, the children have researched Shakespeare's use of punctuation and its impact on his writing. They presented their results in a bar chart, complete with their averages! They have been acting scenes from Macbeth and have turned Act 1 into a descriptive story opening using their incredible vocabulary. We have also started our Science unit this week, for which we are exploring circuits. We also enjoyed acting as part of the Electrical Crime Division to explore how voltage affects bulbs.

### Fantastic Footballers

Last Friday, our school football team represented Chorley in the Lancashire Finals. The team were unbeaten in the group matches, topping their league, and progressed through to the knockout stages of the competition. Unfortunately, we lost in the quarter finals but the whole team played magnificently and made me very proud. A big thank you to all the parents who braved the cold weather to support the Chorley Champions and an even bigger thank you to our coach, Mr Crighton. TEAM HESKIN: *Oliver, Jacob, Roddy, Addison, Joseph, Tom, Harry W, Emily, Harry T & Leo.*



### Class 4 Residential Trip: Patterdale Hall

Class 4's annual residential trip will take place in the Summer Term, between Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 before **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. Thank you.

### Tunley United Reform Church: Kamchatka & The Ring Of Fire!

On **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February**, Colin and Rhona Balls will be presenting Kamchatka in Tunley United Reform Church Hall. The presentation will look at the area in the far east of Russia known as the Ring of Fire and will start at 7:30pm and tickets are priced at £8.00 (refreshments included). Tel: **01257 463407, 01257 425330 or 01257 426252.**

### Pingawings Jumble Sale

On **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, Pingawings will be holding a jumble sale at the OAP's Hall, Wrightington. Clothes, bags, toys, books and bric-a-brac will be on sale from 6:30pm. Tel: **07951834455.**

### School Lunches

Please be advised that you can now order your child's lunches up to **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. As we endeavour to use fresh ingredients as much as possible, it is imperative that lunches are booked by the previous Wednesday at the very latest so that sufficient supplies and fresh ingredients can be ordered and delivered.

### Important Dates:

- 11.02.20: Safer Internet Day.
- 13.02.20: PTFA's Valentine's Disco.
- 14.02.20: School Closes for Half Term.
- 24.02.20: School Opens.
- 06.03.20: World Book Day.
- 12.03.20: World Kidney Day.
- 12.03.20: Parents' Evening. 3:45pm-5:45pm.
- 17.03.20: Parents' Evening. 5:15pm-7:00pm.
- 20.03.20: PTFA's Mothers' Day Tea Party.



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

- R: Matilda T
- Y1: Alma A
- Y2: Oscar B
- Y3: Freddie W
- Y4: Drew T
- Y5: Evan L-G
- Y6: Thomas L

Well done to you all.

## **Joke of the Week:**

Our joke of the week, for this week is a joint effort from **Amelie in Class 3** and **Phoebe in Class 1**.

**Q: What did the policeman say to his belly button?**

**A: You're under a vest!**

What a great joke, girls! Well done. Keep sending in your funny jokes. I need lots to choose from.

Hope you have a great week.  
Best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Mr Alan Brindle.

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher