Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 31st January, 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

PTFA Valentine's Disco

Heskin's world famous Valentine's Disco will take place on **Thursday 13th February**. The Infant Disco, Classes 1 & 2, will start at 5:30pm and finish at 6:25pm. Our Junior Disco, Classes 3 & 4, will start at 6:30pm and will finish at 7:30pm. Please send in £2 per child, in a named envelope, and tickets will be sent out in school bags.

Rock FM

Yesterday, three member of our Ethos Group visited the Rock FM Studios in Preston in order to participate in this year's Mission Christmas Thank You Event. The event celebrates the hard work, kindness and generosity of everyone who helped with the gift collections in November and December. Thelia, Grace and Joseph represented our school extremely well. They met a Rock FM producer, had a tour of the studios and found out about the impact our donations have made to families all over Lancashire.

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 before **Monday 10th February**. Thank you.

What has happened in school this week…?

CLASS 1 - We have continued our work on space, looking at the astronauts who work there. After reading 'The Man on the Moon', we looked in detail at the illustrations. Could we find the aliens who were hiding on each page? Next, we chose an illustration and wrote about what we could see Bob the astronaut doing. We also watched a real astronaut, Tim Peake, talk about what he does in space. We followed picture instructions to make our own rocket from junk model materials. Could we add our own design feature? In our Maths, we have been working with Numberblocks 0-5 to help us identify our numberbonds to 5. Recognising that 2 and 2 made 4 or 4 and 1 made 5, but also, 3 and 1 made 4 or 3 and 2 made 5.

CLASS 2 - We have started our new English topic of instructions this week. We have looked at lots of different types of instructions and decided on the layout features for a good set of instructions. We are learning about bossy verbs to help us write command sentences. Our shared reading text this week was 'The Clockwork Dragon'. In Maths, Year 1 are developing their understanding of place value and using hundred squares to solve problems. Year 2 have been learning about pictograms with different scales and collecting data using a tally chart. We have been acting out stories from the New Testament in RE and in computing we have added colour to our Dragon and Unicorn Land map outlines that we drew last week.

CLASS 3 – In Maths, we have used our understanding of subtraction to solve real life problems and unpick puzzles. We have also been solving problems involving time and Year 4 have learnt about 24 hour clocks. In English, we have used a story about The Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster to plot and plan our own story. We have decided on our own characters, treasure and monsters, ready to start writing our own story. Science involved dancing raisins and lemonade – definitely something you could try ay home! In art, we have been looking at reflections and sketching a variety of objects and their reflection across a line. As part of our topic work, we have made leaflets, using information gathered in computing lessons, to entice people to visit Yellowstone National Park.

CLASS 4 – We have continued to look at the works of Shakespeare in English this week, focusing on the events and characters in Macbeth. We have also investigated how authors use different writing features and techniques in order to create tension and suspense, which we have then applied to our own writing. In Maths, we have been strengthening our understanding of proper and improper fractions by making calculations and then simplifying our answers. We have also started to explore the individual features of a range of biomes in our Geography work.

Little Voices

Little Voices offer drama and singing lessons in the Preston, Chorley and Leyland areas. They are currently offering a free trial lesson for anyone who may be interested in joining Little Voices. The offer is available until the start of February half term and you can get more details by contacting Rachel Bradshaw on **07480 064828** or **Rachel@littlevoices.org.uk**

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

On **Saturday 8th 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 5th 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.**

Congratulations!

I would like to say a massive well done to Freddie W in Class 3 and Harry R in Class 4. Freddie has been accepted into the prestigious Chorley Schools Choir and will be performing at a number of important events around the Chorley area. Harry has been recognised as one of the best sporting talents in his age group in Chorley and will be further developing his skills in a series of training camps over the next few months. Well done, boys, we are all very proud of you.

Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday 6th February**, our school will be participating in The Safer Internet Day. Online safety is a big part of our Computing Curriculum and we, along with hundreds of other schools, will be strengthening our understanding of this important topic during Safer Internet Day. If you would like any more information about keeping your child safe online you can follow these useful links:

https://www.childnet.com/
https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/
https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/

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.
27.03.20: School Easter Service at St. James the Great Church.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Xanthe B
Y1: Ben G
Y2: Jack M
Y3: Kinsley M-B
Y4: Martha K
Y5: Robert S
Y6: Harry R

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

Our joke of the week, for this week is a joint effort from **Grace** and **Emily** in **Class 4**.

Q: What do you call a bear without any teeth?

A: A gummy bear!!!

Excellent, girls! Well done. Keep sending in your funny jokes. I need lots to choose from.

Hope you have a great week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher