



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.

Parent Governor Elections

Today, I have sent home a nomination form and an information sheet relating to a vacancy for a Parent Governor at our school. Please look at these documents carefully and consider if you would like to join our Governing Board and make a positive contribution to Heskin Pemberton's. Nominations for this position close at 12:00 noon on **Monday 2nd March, 2020**. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this vacancy.

Yarrow Teaching School Alliance (YTSA)

As part of our role in the Yarrow Teaching School Alliance, Heskin Pemberton's helps to train the next generation of teachers. If you are considering a career in teaching then please come along to our open event on **Thursday 13th February**, between 7:00pm and 8:00pm, at St. George's CE Primary School, Chorley.

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.

Breakfast Club, Stay & Play and School Dinners

Please can I also ask you ensure that any outstanding payments for Breakfast Club, Stay & Play and School Dinners are cleared on your Parent Pay accounts before half term.

Please note that school lunches for the week beginning 24th February must be ordered by Wednesday 12th February at the latest. Thank you.

What has happened in school this week...?

CLASS 1 - We have continued our work on space, looking at fantasy stories about aliens. After reading 'Bobs' Best Ever Friend', creating our own alien pets from clay. We wrote a passport for them, describing what they looked like and where they were from, including a photo we had taken and printed out using an iPad. Remembering what we knew about repeating patterns, we used colours and objects to create our own pattern on 'Alien Underpants'. In our Maths, we have continued to work with NumberBlocks 1-10, learning how doubling means adding the same number to itself. Using objects, could we work out what double 2,3,4 or 5 was? During RE, we listened to how Jesus fed the 5000 to discover why He was so special.

CLASS 2 - We have had a fantastic time in English, reading the story of the Clockwork Dragon. Ask your child about Max's plan and they will be able to tell you all about the story. We have created and learned some instructions for Jasper the cat so he can improve his gardening and grow a beanstalk without trying to mow it! In Maths, Year 1 have been using hundred squares, bead strings and blank number lines to develop their place value understanding. Year 2 have been making and interpreting block graphs with questions such as 'How many more...' and 'What is the difference between...?' In science, we have been learning about the parts of plants and the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees. In RE, we have learned about the fascinating discovery of The Dead Sea Scrolls.

CLASS 3 Maths this week has been all about fractions. We have counted them, sorted them and found equivalent fractions too. In English, we are writing our own stories from another culture using all the knowledge we have so far about North America. In Topic this week, we have been focusing on our sketching skills to bring a mountainous landscape to life. We listened to and discussed Psalm 23 'The Lord is my Shepherd in R.E. and through this, we learned more about the life of King David and why he was so important. We spent our computing lesson on Thursday learning from each other, as the subject was computer and online gaming safety. Next Tuesday, we will share the posters that we have made with rest of the school.

CLASS 4 - In Maths, we have been focusing on division, leaving remainders as fractions and decimals. This progressed to money as we made sure we all knew how to split the bill - a very important life skill! In English, we listened to a lively song about parenthesis and wrote sentences adding extra information, punctuated by the three different types of parenthesis devices. We combined the rapping skills we have learnt in music with computing and came up with verses for an e-safety rap which we will perform for the whole school on Safer Internet Day next week. In PE, our matador and flamenco themed dance was further improved with the addition of fans and capes.

St. James the Great Family Service

This month's Family Service will take place on **Sunday 9th February** 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.

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**.

Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday 11th 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/>

Hypnobirthing

From March 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 14th Mar - Sun 15th Mar (FREE) & Sat 28th Mar - Sun 29th Mar (HALF PRICE)**

Les Mills Dance Club

Unfortunately, Mr Murphy **will not** be available to deliver the final Les Mills Dance Club on **Tuesday 11th February**. Therefore, the final session will take place after half term on **Tuesday 25th February**. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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.

03.04.20: School Closes at 2:00pm.

20.04.20: School Reopens.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Ella M

Y1: Bridget E

Y2: Arthur B

Y3: Sam B

Y4: Rosie F

Y5: Olivia O'R

Y6: Leo S

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

Our joke of the week, is from **Issy** in **Class 4**.

Q: Why did the teddy bear refuse to eat anything at the picnic?

A: Because it was stuffed!

Well done, Issy. That really made me chuckle. Keep sending in your funny jokes. I need lots to choose from.

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher