



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

### Thank you!

I would like to pass on my thanks to Mr Jon Pitt and Mrs Mary Gibson who have both come to the end of their terms of office as School Governors. Both Jon and Mary have been an important part of our Heskin family for a number of years and their hard work has been invaluable in Heskin's success. Thank you!

### Parent Governor Elections

Before half term, I 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020**. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this vacancy.

### Fire Safety

The children in Years 2, 5 & 6 have now received their safety training from Lancashire Fire Service. Both groups worked hard, gaining lots of important information about staying safe.



### Breakfast Club, Stay & Play and School Dinners

Please can I ask that you ensure any outstanding payments for Breakfast Club, and Stay & Play are cleared as soon as possible. Parent Pay accounts should remain in credit at all times.

You can now book lunches up to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### Tunley United Reform Church: Beetle Drive

Tunley Church will be holding their Beetle Drive & Supper on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. A two course supper of homemade pasties & mushy peas followed by sticky toffee pudding & custard is served at 6:30pm. Tickets are priced at £9 per adult and £4.50 for children under 12. Tel: 01257 425330/463407.

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

**CLASS 1** - We have begun our new 'Under the Sea' topic looking at Pirates. After reading 'We're Going on a Treasure Hunt' we went on our own hunt. Could we read the trail of clues and follow the instructions to find the treasure? Next, we wrote our own clues for our friend to read back, remembering our finger spaces to make it clearer. Using our junk modelling skills, we followed a set of instructions to make and decorate our own pirate. In Maths, we have been introduced to Numberblocks 11-15. We worked with numerals 0-10 to identify one/two more or one/two less than a given number. We also identified numerals of greatest/least value from 2 then 3 given numerals. Could we order them from least to greatest? Greatest to least?

**CLASS 2** - This week we have been writing instructions for completing a perfect fire drill at school and in big write we wrote instructions for being happy and healthy. The children are now all brilliant at writing instructions. In maths, we have been measuring length. Year 2 have been using cm and half cm and Year 1 have been using non-standard uniform units such as paperclips, bottle tops and cubes. In science, we have been observing, comparing and researching different plants. We have used Kiddle as a safe search engine to research new facts that interest them. In music, we have started our new unit all about improvisation called 'Rhythm in the way we walk'. Maybe your child could sing you the song?

**CLASS 3** - We've got straight back into our fraction work in maths. This week we have been looking at fractions on a number line and solving fraction problems. In English, we did our first Big Write of the term. We all wrote a letter to Mr Brindle trying to persuade him to let us take a Class trip to Yellowstone Park in North America. We are keeping fingers crossed that our persuasive skills will work! Also, this week, in English we have been reading, listening to and performing poetry. Our favourite poem so far is called 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen. In topic, we have been using our art skills to sketch and shade an apple, first with pencil only and then using tones of one colour. This was very challenging but fun too. In RE, we are beginning to think about Easter by celebrating Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We had a super swim again this week and focused on our stroke techniques.

**CLASS 4** - This week in Maths, the class have been revising formal written methods for addition and subtraction. They have been applying these to a variety of reasoning problems and have looked at how to use the inverse operation to solve missing number calculations. In English this week, the children have been writing short stories and have been practising editing their description to create atmosphere. This has included using ambitious and powerful adjectives and verbs, as well as metaphors and similes. In our topic work, the class have started their new art unit. They are focusing on the work of Vincent van Gogh and his use of tone in 'The Starry Night'. As such, they have been exploring mixing techniques with paint and the different ways in which they can create tonal contrast.

### Wonderful World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in style at Heskin Pemberton's but, as always, we will be doing things slightly differently here! We will be dressing up as our favourite book characters on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**, rather than the Thursday. With Class 3 swimming on Thursdays we couldn't have them missing out on the fun or having to make changes to their costumes... and I don't think the sight of the Class 3 teaching team dressed up as Pooh, Piglet and Eeyore would've done the people of Tarleton any good! As well as our usual dressing up shenanigans we are also running 'The Most Unusual Place to Read a Book' competition... I really need a catchier title for that one!

### 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 & payment to Mrs Carrier as soon as possible. **Junior Football and Bee Net Ball Club will start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, but all other clubs start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.** 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.

### The Scary Bikers (Part II)

After completing their balance bike training in January, a selection of our Class 1 bikers took part in a competition involving primary schools from all over the Chorley area. The children were amazing, demonstrating fearless skills and excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition. I'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Tasker for organising this event and a massive well done to our brilliant balance bikers.

*Balance Bike Squad: Phoebe, Matilda, Albert, Ella, Sebastian & Eve*



### Interim Reports & Parents Evenings

On Wednesday, your child's interim report was sent home. This report should form part of the discussion you will have with your child's class teacher on Parents' Evening. It will give you a brief update on your child's attendance, attainment levels and effort. We are really looking forward to meeting with you on our Parents' Evenings. Your child's work will be available for you to look at in their classrooms prior to your appointments with the class teacher. I, along with some of our support staff and our school governors, will also be available on both evenings in order to keep the appointments running to schedule and to assist in any way we can.

### Important Dates:

- 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.



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

- R: Scarlett H
- Y1: Olivia R
- Y2: Pennie J
- Y3: Zoe M
- Y4: Darcy C
- Y5: Grace S
- Y6: Addison T

Well done to you all.

## **Joke of the Week:**

Our joke of the week, comes from **Miss Dean**.

**Q: Why was the Teacher cross-eyed?**

**A: Because she couldn't control her pupils!**

Thanks for that Miss Dean!

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