Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

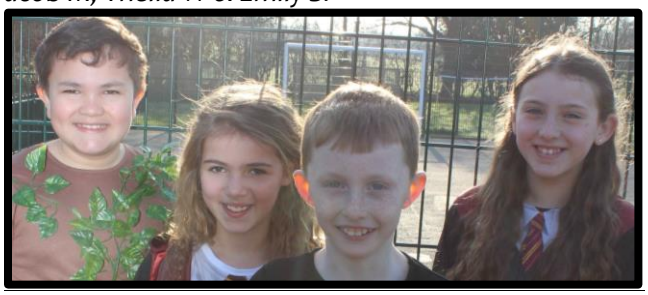
We are a happy Christian school, where everyone is helped to be the best they can.

Friday 6th March, 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Top Class Table Tennis Stars

Last week, our table tennis team participated in a cluster tournament at Bishop Rawstorne. We made it through our group, into the knockout stages, and eventually finished third in the competition. The team played extremely well and got more skilful and competitive as the competition progressed. Congratulations, Team Heskin, and thank you, Miss Dean, for coaching our side. *Heskin Squad: Jacob G, Jacob M, Thelia W & Emily S.*



Parents Evenings.

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, will also be available on both evenings in order to keep the appointments running to schedule and to assist in any way we can. Members of our school governing board will also be present at both evenings, so please stop for a chat and pass on any helpful ideas or ask any questions.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Due to Parents' Evenings, ***Junior Ethos Club*** *and* ***Infant Football Club*** will not take place on **Thursday 12th March.** All other extra-curricular activities will take place as usual.

Year 6 SATs Boosters

Our Breakfast Booster sessions will start next week. Thank you to Mrs King and Miss Dean for running the boosters and well done to all our Year 6 children who work so hard in these sessions.

Worship Theme

In Worship this half term, we will be exploring **Easter**, **Jesus the Teacher** and the Christian Value of **Hope**. I look forward to seeing our Ethos Group deliver their worships on these special themes.

What has happened in school this week…?

CLASS 1 - Our focus this week has been the Coral Reef. We have been finding out about some of the creatures who make this habitat their home. After reading 'The Rainbow Fish' story, we thought about what makes a good friend, and created our own collage Rainbow fish. Following on from our Treasure Hunt story last week, we drew story maps to retell our own version of 'We're Going on a Treasure Hunt'. In our Maths, we have continued to meet NumberBlocks characters 15-20. We have also revisited single digit addition and subtraction, using the part, or part/whole method. Learning how we can reverse a subtraction to create an addition and vice versa. During RE, we shared 'Guess How Much I Love You' and talked about our own experiences of love.

CLASS 2 – This week we have started our new shared reading text entitled 'Ocean Meets Sky' by the Fan Brothers. We have also started to learn the story of the Owl Babies so we can innovate it to enable us write our own stories in the coming weeks. In Maths, we have been learning that fractions are equal parts of a whole. Year 1 have been finding half and quarters and Year 2 have been solving different fraction problems. In RE we have started our new theme all about New Life and Easter. We have looked for signs of spring on a spring walk and read the Easter story in our Class 2 Bible.

CLASS 3 – Bonjour. Comment ca va? We have had lots of fun in our French sessions. We have learnt greetings, numbers and, this week, we have learnt how to say colours. In English, we have been busy turning a favourite fairy tale into a rhyming poem – not as easy as it sounds*! Once upon a time in fairy tale land, a family of bears went out hand in hand. They went for a walk while their porridge cooled down, unaware of a girl who came from the town…..* Do you recognise our story? In Maths, we have been exploring equivalent fractions and trying to find the pattern that helps us match fractions that have the same value. Science was very busy and we found out some interesting "stuff". We learnt how to read thermometers and explored the freezing point of some liquids. Can you think of a liquid in your kitchen cupboards that doesn't freeze in your freezer?

CLASS 4 –In English this week, Class 4 have started their persuasion unit. At present, they are immersing themselves in the genre and have read a variety of texts, including letters, advertisements and news articles. Following this, they have been analysing the features of the genre and the use of emotive language. In Maths, the class have been working on imperial units of measure and conversions between imperial and metric units. In addition, they have practised finding percentages of amounts and decimal, percentages and fraction equivalences. During our afternoon work, the class have been using viewfinders to focus on sections of Van Gogh's Starry Night. Using close observations, they have been exploring brush techniques and layering of paint, beginning with darker tones and hues.

Wonderful World Book Day!

What an amazing day we had today! I was blown away with the wonderful costumes worn by the children, not to mention the staff, for World Book Day. I feel I must say a huge thank you to everyone for your time, effort and hard work in ensuring that the children looked like their favourite book characters. You did a fantastic job- THANK YOU!

Please remember that you can still enter our 'design a story scene' competition. Just complete your designs and get them back to school by **Monday 16th March** to be in with a chance of winning a certificate, and a book voucher.

World Kidney Day & Sports Relief

Next week, we will be raising awareness and raising money for Kidney Charities Together Group and for Sports Relief. We will be having a non-uniform day and a cake sale on **Friday 13th March**. This year, we are asking the children to wear something sporty or dress up as their favourite sports star, for these two important charities, and bring a voluntary donation of around £1. Our school council would also like to ask if any kind bakers would make individual cakes or muffins for our playtime cake sale. The cakes will then be sold for 50p in order to raise even more money for World Kidney Day & Sports Relief. Certain members of the school council have also told me that I'm only allowed a maximum of two cakes!!! I'm not sure what they're trying to insinuate! More information about these charities can be found on their websites: www.sportrelief.com www.worldkidneyday.co.uk

PTFA Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party.

On **Friday 20th March**, our hardworking PTFA will be organising an afternoon tea party for mums, grandmothers and their children. This will be a lovely event so please try to attend if at all possible. Tickets are available, at a cost of £7 per adult, via Parent Pay. **Please note, there will be no Celebration Worship on Friday 20th March.**

Tunley United Reform Church: Beetle Drive

Tunley Church will be holding their Beetle Drive & Supper on **Saturday 7th 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.

The Compassion Experience

I have e-mailed a poster to today which will provide details about the Compassion Experience which is visiting Chorley later this month.

Important Dates:

12.03.20: World Kidney Day.
12.03.20: Parents' Evening. 3:45pm-5:45pm.
13.03.20: Sports Relief Non-Uniform Day.
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: Albert C
Y1: Poppy H
Y2: Sartaj S
Y3: Isabel L
Y4: Florence S
Y5: Amelie B
Y6: Lillian A

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

Our World Book Day joke comes from **me!!**

Mr B: Have you got a book about turtles?

Librarian: Hardback?

Mr B: Yes, with little heads.

Mr B: Can I have a kebab and chips, please?

Librarian: Sir, this is a library!

Mr B: (Whispers) Can I have a kebab and chips, please?

Keep sending in your funny jokes. I know you can do better than me!!

Hope you have a great week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher