



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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

Friday 13th March, 2020



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Easter Service.

Just a quick reminder that our school Easter Service will take place on **Friday 27th March** at St. James the Great Church at 2:45pm. The children will be singing, reading and leading prayers so please join us for this special service. Transport to the church has been arranged, but please collect your children at 3:30pm from church rather than school. Any child in Stay & Play Club will be transported back to school but **please ensure that they have an appropriate car seat for this journey if they legally require one.**

Messy Church

Following our Easter Service on **Friday 27th March**, St James the Great Church will be hosting its very first Messy Church in the Church Hall. Crafts, refreshments, new songs, new friends and lots of fun are all guaranteed so please join us if you can. You can get more information about this exciting event by contacting Rev Stef on **01257 451332** or vicar@stjamesthegreat.net

Parents' Evenings.

It was great to see so many of you on Parents' Evening on Thursday and it was lovely to see so many proud, smiling faces as you looked through your child's work. We hope you find these meetings useful and we look forward to seeing more of you next Tuesday. Members of our school Governing Board will also be present at next week's Parents' Evening so please feel free to stop for a chat, pass on any helpful ideas or ask questions. Please remember that we are here to help throughout the year not just during our Parents Evenings.

We will be in touch with the Class 4 parents next week to rearrange your appointments.

The Compassion Experience

The Compassion Experience is visiting Chorley on 18th & 19th March. An email went out last week with details of this special event and further information can be found on www.compassionuk.org

What has happened in school this week...?

CLASS 1 - We have focused this week on Octopuses. Using the computers and information books, we discovered lots of interesting facts about what their body parts are called, what they eat, what eats them and what happens when a mummy lays her eggs. Using craft resources, we made our own dangling octopuses, thinking carefully about the number of tentacles it needed. We shared poems from Commotion in the Ocean, danced like sea creatures and began to construct our own sentences using a given image. In our Maths work, we have used a tens frame and chosen objects to explore how to create an amount in different ways. How many ways could we create 6,7....? How could we record this as an addition number sentence? During RE, we wrote our own special message of love for someone in our family.

CLASS 2 – This week we have completed our shared reading text 'Ocean Meets Sky' which we have all loved. We now know the story 'Owl Babies' inside out. Year 2 have made photostories, reading in groups from the text. They were working on using punctuation to inform their reading out loud. Year 1 have made photostories in groups re-telling the story in their own words and they have also done drama work taking on the role of different characters. In Maths, Year 1 have been developing their understanding of halves and quarters and Year 2 have been learning about other unit fractions and what the denominator means. In RE, we have been singing an Easter song and re-telling the main events of the Easter story. In History, we have been asking questions we would like to know the answer to about Christopher Columbus.

CLASS 3 – In English, we have started a brand new unit all about discussion texts. Our first topic for discussion was zoos and whether it is OK to keep animals in them. We all shared lots of different opinions for and against. We had to remember that we weren't trying to persuade anyone to change their mind but think about different points of view! In Maths lessons, we have been learning how to calculate fractions of amounts. It didn't take us long to realise that we can use our division facts to help us do this. It's a good job that we are all learning our times tables because they definitely helped us with the division calculations. In Topic, we learnt how to read four figure grid references and find features on an ordnance survey map. We also looked at the symbols on the maps and discussed features such as gradient lines.

CLASS 4 – In Maths this week, we have been improving our understanding of geometry by exploring angles. As well as measuring and drawing angles, we also looked at how we can use known facts to calculate missing angles. Pythagoras would've been proud of us. In English, we have been using various techniques in order to improve our persuasive writing. Mr B particularly enjoyed reading about the benefit of KFC! We have continued to explore the work of Vincent van Gogh in Art, and our ability to mix colours accurately has improved tremendously this week.

Sports Relief: Swimathon

Yesterday, Class 3 took part in a Sports Relief Swimathon at Tarleton High School. They swam continuously for the middle section of their swimming lesson and managed to clock up an amazing 10.8 miles. I'm not sure if it is a World Record but it certainly is impressive! Well done Class 3 for your amazing swimming skills.

World Kidney Day & Sports Relief

The children looked amazing today in their bright, sporty clothes. Thank you so much for the extra time and effort it must've taken to get your children ready this morning and thank you also to the amazing bakers who donated lots of yummy cakes for our morning cake sale. In total we raised £188.40 for Kidney Charities Together Group and for Sports Relief. Well done, everyone. 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.

Unfortunately, in light of recent advice relating to the containment and delay of the Coronavirus, we have decided to postpone our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party which was due to take place on **Friday 20th March**. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause but we will ensure that this event takes part later in the year.

PTFA Easter Bingo

The world famous Heskin PTFA Easter Bingo will take place on **Thursday 2nd April**, in the school hall, at 6:00pm. £2 a ticket. Come along for an evening full of family fun. You'll not regret it!

Spring Market

Tunley United Reform Church will be holding their Spring Market between 11:00am and 1:00pm on **Saturday 28th March, 2020**. There will be many stalls including home-made cakes and pies, crafts, toys & gifts, a tombola, raffle, plants, bric-a-brac, jewellery, scarves & handbags.

Amazing Athletes

This morning, Class 1 took part in an Easter Multiskills Competition organized by the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership. Every child demonstrated great skill, speed, agility and sportsmanship, earning points for our school team. What a talented bunch of athletes we have in Class 1! Well done, Heskin.



World Book Day Competition!

Please remember that there is still time enter our 'reading in an unusual place' competition. Just take your photograph and get it back to school by **Monday 16th March** to be in with a chance of winning a certificate, and a book voucher.

Important Dates:

17.03.20: Parents' Evening. 5:15pm-7:00pm.

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

27.03.20: Messy Church at St. James the Great Church Hall.

02.04.20: PTFA Easter Bingo.

03.04.20: School Closes at 2:00pm.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Jasmine K

Y1: Lilia M

Y2: Joshua A

Y3: Addison A

Y4: Freya McE

Y5: Robert S

Y6: Phoebe T

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

Our joke of the week comes from **Rory in Class 4**.

Q: How do you make an octopus laugh?

A: Give it ten tickles!

You really Kraken me up, Rory!
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