



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

## **Football & Maths Day.**

What a fabulous day we had on Monday! Every child in Key Stage 2 took part in a football training session run by ex-professional footballer, Matt Walsh, before solving football related mathematical problems. Matt was blown away by the behaviour, enthusiasm, and positive attitude demonstrated by all the children in Classes 3 and 4, making me feel very proud. Well done, Heskin.



## **Bag 2 School**

We will once again be participating in the Bag 2 School project. Bags should be filled with any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties or soft toys. The bags will be collected on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9:00am** and details of the collection procedures will be issued nearer the time. All items collected will be used to support families in need and our PTFA will also receive a donation for the items collected.

## **March & April's PTFA Lucky Numbers Winner**

Thank you to everybody who has entered this year's lucky Numbers Draw. Your kind generosity is very much appreciated. We've got quite a few draws to catch up with so we will announce two winners each week until we have caught up. March's winning number is **23** and April's winning number is **32**. Well done to our lucky winners, **Howard Brown** and **David Green** who both win £25. Congratulations to our winners and good luck to everyone in next month's draw.

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

**CLASS 1** - Our focus this week has been 'The 3 Little Pigs'. We shared different versions of this well-known traditional tale and looked at their differences and similarities. Next, we looked at the different materials the pigs had chosen to build their houses. Which was the best and why? Then we made our own houses with the Duplo bricks. What features did it need? Why? In our Maths, we have been meeting NumberBlocks character 1. What did we have 1 of on our bodies? How many ways could we represent 1 using objects or drawings? What happens if we find 'another one'? We have also been busy practising our Harvest Time poem and creating our artwork for the Harvest Festival celebrations.

**CLASS 2** - This week, we have been reading Katie Morag & the Two Grandmothers, pondering over the question, 'Why did Grannie Island never frown at Grandma Mainland's fancy ways ever again?' In Maths, Year 1 have looked at different ways to represent numbers. They have also completed autumnal counting challenges. Year 2 have learned about place value charts. In RE, we have thought about how God would have felt after he created the world and retold the story through dance. Ask your child about their COOL time challenges this week and the tartan we have designed using an online tartan designing simulator. Please check your child's reading packet for important information regarding their new SeeSaw online journal and their Maths Shed account. Thank you.

**CLASS 3**- In Maths, we have been investigating numbers by looking at patterns that occur when adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100. We have been using different equipment to help us understand this. We listened to the beginning of 'The Golden Feather' by the brothers Grimm in English. The children made predictions about the rest of the story by drawing pictures of the next scene. We then moved onto Little Red Riding Hood, talking about the different versions of that tale. We then used this story to check our sequencing skills. In Topic, the children made their very own PowerPoints about the United Kingdom, Lancashire and their own towns or villages. They are really amazing and we look forward to adding sound to them next week. On Thursday, each child chose an autumn leaf and sketched it using pencil to draw and shade. They look incredibly professional.

**CLASS 4** - This week in Maths we have been thinking about multiplication and finding factor pairs for a range of numbers. We even learnt what a prime number was and what the term 'squared' meant. Then, in English, we have been mapping the entire historical narrative 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe'. The class had great fun using charcoal to produce Stone Age recreations of the story and practised using a thesaurus to improve their vocabulary! In RE, we looked at the significant role of Ruth and practised finding key information to help us read scripture from The Bible. We then turned our ideas into illustrations too, so that we could visualise what happened in the story of Naomi and Ruth.

### Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for the wonderful Harvest Gifts which were donated this week. Rev Stef and members of St. James' the Great congregation were blown away by your kind generosity. All donations will help to provide food for our local community. Thank you.

### Harvest Service

Although we have not been able to visit St. James' the Great Church for our Harvest Festival, the teachers and children have been working extremely hard in preparation for this special festival. It was great to see such a creative and thoughtful service this afternoon. Well done, everyone.



### St. James' the Great Harvest Service

On Sunday, there will be a family friendly Harvest Service at St. James' the Great Church, Wrightington. The service will start at 10:00am.

### Parents' Evenings

We look forward to seeing you, via Zoom, on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** and **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** for the first of this year's Parents' Evenings. This Parents' Evening will be an opportunity for you to discuss with the teachers how well the children are settling in to their new classes, new year groups and new routines. We hope you find the meeting informative and useful.

### Breakfast Club and Stay & Play.

If you would like to make any additional bookings for our Breakfast Club and our Stay & Play, please contact Mrs Carrier on **01257 451365** or Miss Jones on **07519190760** between 9:00am and 5:30pm, Monday to Friday. In order to make provision as safe as possible, numbers are limited, so please book in advance and notify Miss Jones or Mrs Carrier as soon as possible if your child will not be attending. Please ensure your ParentPay account has enough money to cover any Breakfast Club or Stay & Play sessions you have booked, prior to them attending.

### Breakfast Club Prices:

£4 per session & £3 for siblings

### Stay & Play Prices:

£5 per session (over 1 hour) & £4.50 for siblings

£3 per session (up to 1 hour)

### 2021 Primary & Secondary School Admissions

You can now apply for school places for next September via [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) Supplementary Faith Forms are available on our school website. The closing dates for admission applications are:

**Primary: 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 & Secondary: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2020.**

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions regarding admissions, and please encourage anyone who is interested in their child joining our fantastic school next year to contact me to arrange a visit.

### Important Dates:

**07.10.20: Virtual Parents' Evening.**

**13.10.20: Virtual Parents' Evening.**

**23.10.20: School Closes for Half term.**

**02.11.20: INSET DAY.**

**03.11.20: School Reopens.**



### **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Beaux P

Y1: Anjali K

Y2: Ben G

Y3: Pennie J

Y4: Joe T

Y5: Harry W

Y6: Emily S

Well done to you all.

### Joke of the Week:

Our joke of the week comes from **Anastasia** in Class 3.

**Q: What did the sea monster have for its dinner?**

**A: Fish & Ships!!!**

Well done, Anastasia. What a great joke!

If you've got a funny joke that you think would make me giggle then please pass it on. It might make it into next week's newsletter!

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher