



Heskin Pemberton's CE VA Primary School

# Newsletter

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

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

### **PTFA Non-Uniform Day**

We will be having a non-uniform day at school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. In order to wear their own clothes for the day, we will be asking our children to bring in donations of chocolate for our Sports & Fun Day's Chocolate Tombola.

### **Lily the Trainee Guide Dog**

I'm pleased to welcome Lily into our Heskin family. Lily is the trainee Guide Dog we raised money for, thanks to Zoe's non-uniform day and cake sale. Carole, Lily's trainer, has said that Lily is quick learner who is very loving. It's heart-warming to know that your generosity will enable Lily to make a massive difference to someone who is visually impaired.



### **The Anderton Centre**

This week, our intrepid Year 5 & Year 6 children descended on the Anderton Centre for two days of arduous activities and demanding challenges. I have now been on over 20 residential visits in my teaching career but I have never been more pleased by a class than I was this week. Each and every one of the children pushed themselves, supported each other and represented our school impeccably well. The staff at the Centre commented on numerous occasions that their behaviour, their attitude and their manners were the best they had ever seen from a visiting school, making me extremely proud. Well done, Class 4.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to Mrs Carrier, Mrs King, Miss Dean & Miss Martin for their hard work, professionalism, enthusiasm and for their genuine love for our children.

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

**Class 1-** Our focus this week has been Sheep. After sharing the 'Marvin Gets Mad' story, we talked about why Marvin had got so cross? What other things did he do? Had we ever felt like that? What could we do to calm down? Then, we wrote an alternative ending to the story, imagining a different way that he could escape from the hole. After learning about sheep farming and shearing, we made our own woolly sheep using junk model materials. We also discovered the correct names for the female (ewe), male (ram) and baby (lamb). During Maths, we have been consolidating rote counting. Counting on and back between 0 and 20, identifying the number before, after and between a given number. Finally, on Friday, we went on our first ever school trip. We learnt lots about identification whilst taking part in pond dipping activities and exploring the different habitats.

**Class 2-** This week we started with a show off write which was a message in a bottle from the Jumblies. We have also been learning a performance poem called 'On the Seashore' which has some musical accompaniment. It is a senses poem so we have collected our own ideas about the seaside and our own senses. We have also been writing compound sentences based on the short animation movie, Piper. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about position and direction, making right and left turns and linking them to clockwise and anti-clockwise movements. Year 2 have been learning about length and height. They have learned how to measure accurately in cm and also how to compare and order measures. In History we have been looking at evidence to find out about Grace Darling. Year 1 have researched different pictures of her, drawing their own portrait of what they think she looked like. Year 2 have looked at lots of different evidence, including a virtual museum trip. Miss Hughes hasn't told them anything, they have found it ALL out themselves.

**Class 3-** In our English and Maths lessons this week, we started off by doing some work to check and practise our reading skills and Maths skills. We then had fun in Maths learning more about symmetry and how to draw pictures and patterns around a line of symmetry. In Science, we created a model of a human digestive system using any objects we could find in class before working in groups to present a guided tour of each part of the system. Our Roman visitor on Wednesday was fabulous fun too. Even though we have been finding out about the Romans all term, it was amazing to learn even more facts about them. This topic possibly needs to last all year! We've been lucky with the weather in PE and enjoyed our sessions outside learning net and wall skills.

**Class 4-** In English this week, we have been exploring our key text 'A Visitors' Guide To Greece' as this is written in the same style as many magazines. We have looked at how the author has used humour to engage the audience and created questions that we would like to find out more about. In Maths, we have been recapping both long and short division and how to write our remainders as either fractions or decimals. Then, in our RE, we have been exploring Hinduism and their ideas about God. We found lots of differences, particularly in the amount of deities, but we noticed lots of similarities too, such as with the values that their God's represent. Our highlight this week was of course the residential, the children were an absolute delight!

### COVID-19 Update

I must apologise for including yet another COVID update in this newsletter but the situation in the local area has escalated over the last two weeks. Our local district has now seen **five schools close completely** due to confirmed COVID cases and recently **at least 93 Primary Schools in Lancashire have had 2 or more positive cases**. With this in mind, please be extra vigilant over the next few weeks. Being cautious when it comes to recognising and acting on symptoms could help to avoid any bubble closures at our school. The children have had to contend with so much since March last year and I would hate for them to miss out on the special events and activities we have planned for them in the remainder of the Summer Term.

Remember, that your child should not attend school if:

- they have one or more [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- a member of their household (including someone in their [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone displaying COVID 19 symptoms should immediately self isolate and book a PCR test.

**Please note that LFD tests results are not sufficient to rule out positive COVID-19 cases in symptomatic people and therefore should not be used in these instances.**

Please contact myself ([head@heskinpembertons.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@heskinpembertons.lancs.sch.uk)) as soon as possible if your child is required to self-isolate for any reason.

### Thank you, Miss Martin!

I would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Martin who has been completing her second year teacher training placement in Class 4. Miss Martin has worked tremendously hard over the last few months and has made a big impression on everyone in school, especially Class 4. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing Miss Martin all the very best for her future teaching career and we all hope to see her back at Heskin very soon.

Thank you, Miss Martin. You are a star!



### Roots Tennis Holiday Club & Sports Camp

Stuart Grice's Holiday Club & Sports Camp will be running during the whole of the Summer Holidays, 8:00am until 6:00pm. Please go to [www.rootstennis.com](http://www.rootstennis.com) for more information.

### Reading

Please try to read with your child regularly each week. This really does make a massive difference to all aspects of their school work and is something that is equally applicable to our older children as well as our younger pupils.



### Important Dates:

**02.07.21: Year 6 Breakfast BBQ.**

**05.07.21: PTFA Chocolate Non-uniform day.**

**07.07.21: Year 6 High School Taster Day (Cancelled).**

**09.07.21: Sports & Fun Day.**

**12.06.21: Annual Reports Sent Home.**

**16.07.21: Waring Treat Day.**

**22.07.21: Year 6 Leavers' Service.**

**22.07.21: School Closes for the Summer Holidays. 2:00pm**

### Joke of the Week:

This week's Joke of the Week comes from **Zoe in Class 3.**

**A: Knock! Knock!**

**B: Who's there?**

**A: Toodle.**

**B: Toodle who?**

**A: OK, goodbye!**

That really made me chuckle, Zoe. Well done.

Keep sending in your funny jokes for our newsletters.

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,



**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher