



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

A school family

built on love, strengthened by faith & enriched by joy

Friday 10th December, 2021



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

PTFA Hot Chocolate

Today's Hot Chocolate sale has been postponed until the new year.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that, with the exception of Sportscool's Multisports Club, there will be no extra-curricular clubs next week.

Christmas Lunch

I'd like to say a massive thank you to Miss Jones and Miss Stringfellow for our amazing Christmas lunch yesterday. It was delicious! I'd also like to say another massive thank you to all of the staff who became speedy, careful and attentive waitresses for the afternoon. It was a fantastic meal and I loved seeing all of the Christmas jumpers!



Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 15th December is Party Day at Heskin Pemberton's. The children can wear party clothes for this special day. However, they will be quite active with the various party games so please ensure that their footwear and their clothing are suitable for all activities. Please ensure that they also bring a warm coat for playtimes.

School Council: Name The Teddy

The winner of the School council's **Name The Teddy Competition** will be announced during Heskin's Christmas Cracker on **Friday 17th December**. It's not too late to have a go, so if your child would like to enter they should bring £1 per go into school, select a name and then wait with their fingers crossed to see if they win! The child who guesses the correct name will win the teddy and a bag full of yummy Christmas goodies! Good luck!

What has happened in school this week...?

CLASS 1 - This week, we have been looking at nocturnal animals. Which woodland animals were nocturnal? Why were they nocturnal? Our story of the week, 'Owl Babies', was also about one of these nocturnal animals. Could we retell the story using the Owl Babies soft toys? Next, we looked at the life cycle of an owl from egg to owlet to fledgling to adult owl, and made a zig-zag fact book showing the sequence. In Maths, we have been looking at the names and properties of our 2D shapes. Could we use its properties to describe a shape to our friend? Could they name it correctly? We also copied an owl picture using 2D shapes. During RE, we discovered the story of Simeon & Anna who had waited a very long time for Jesus to arrive. How did they feel when they finally met him? We also had fun taking part in the Festive sports competition!

CLASS 2 - This week, we have completed our Nativity. I'm sure you'll enjoy watching it at home. In Maths, Year 1 have been adding by counting on and Year 2 have been adding and subtracting multiples of 10 to and from two digit numbers. In English, we have been looking at information texts by reading about the City of London. In Computing, we have sent our own messages of good news home to our families on Seesaw and we hoping for a response back please. In RE, we have been thinking about how Mary and the shepherds felt when they were visited by angels. We have looked at different angel artwork and drawn our own representation of an angel. In DT and Art, we have painted our structures white and drawn and painted our own Tudor house designs on them. They really do look amazing and we can't wait to put them all together to re-create Pudding Lane.

CLASS 3 - This week, we have been reading and exploring the songs Shine Jesus Shine & My Lighthouse. They have helped us to understand why Christians consider Jesus to be The Light of the World and how Jesus brings light into their lives. We've looked at how Christians bring light into the lives of others. We've learnt about the importance of Advent and written prayers all about this special time of year. In our Science lesson, we explored making things move on different surfaces. We looked at how textures and surfaces can slow movement down or help things go faster. We performed our routines in our last dance lesson this week. We used our body and our facial expressions to show Vikings at work, Vikings on the march and Vikings in battle!

CLASS 4 - This week in Maths, Year 5 have been practising finding fractions of amounts using their division and multiplication skills. In Year 6, we moved onto Geometry and started to explore shapes and coordinates in four quadrants. In English, we have been writing our final Highwayman pieces from the perspective of Bess. The children used lots of repetition and emotive language, as well as various past tenses, to hook their reader in. We then completed our Highwayman art to accompany these. In RE, we have been thinking about the Church and what the children are hoping for at this time of year, we then wrote ideas for what we hope for in our future and the core gospel values that we will need to accomplish these! Our highlight this week was swimming, as we were surprised with a fun session. There was lots of laughter and playing and we gave our instructors some Christmas chocolate as a thank you for all their hard work.

Cards for Kindness

According to Age UK, there are 200,000 older people who have not had a conversation with their friends or family for over a month and approximately 60% of care home residents receive no visitors at all. In order to try to bring a little happiness to these people, every child in school is making an extra Christmas card which will be distributed to the residents and staff in local care homes. We are also hand delivering a small number of cards to anyone in the local area who may be alone this Christmas. **Please let me know if you can think of someone who would benefit from receiving a Heskin Christmas Card.**

Christmas Services: St. James the Great Church

12th December: 10:30am Nativity.

19th December: 6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols.

24th December: 4:00pm Christingle Service & 11:30pm Midnight Communion.

25th December: 10:00am Christmas Day Communion.

Brilliant Boccia

On Wednesday, we participated in a Boccia & Kurling event at All Seasons Sports Centre. Our team took part in a skills festival against a variety of schools and demonstrated great attitude, enthusiasm, skills and sportsmanship. Well done, everyone. **TEAM HESKIN: Florence, Anya, Lennon, Noah & Indie.**



ParentPay & School Lunches

Please ensure that all outstanding payments are cleared on your child's ParentPay account. ParentPay should always remain in credit. School lunches can now be ordered right up until 14th January, 2022. **Please note that school lunches for the week beginning 4th January, 2022 must be ordered by Wednesday 15th December at the latest.** Thank you.

School Advent Service

Our School Advent Service will take place at 2:45pm on **Tuesday 14th December** at St. James the Great Church, Wrightington. The children will be singing, reading and leading prayers. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents and grandparents to this year's service, but we will be posting the various contributions from the children on Tapestry and Seesaw for you to watch at your leisure. 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 by a member of staff but **please ensure that they have an appropriate car seat for this journey if they legally require one: Children are legally required to use a car seat until they are 12 years old or 135cm (approx. 4'5") tall, whichever comes first.**

Important Dates:

14.12.21: Advent Service at St James The Great Church

15.12.21: Christmas Party Day

17.12.21: School Closes for Christmas at 2:00pm

****Please note, there will be no Stay & Play on the final day of school****

04.01.22: School Opens for the Spring Term



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Louie S

Y1: Olivia K

Y2: Scarlett H

Y3: Olivia R

Y4: Anastasia K

Y5: Kendall McD

Y6: Jack G

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

Our joke of the week this week comes from, **Sam B** in **Class 4**.

Q: What do you call a chicken at the North Pole?

A: Lost!

That's a cracker, Sam. Well done.

Don't forget to pass on your Christmassy jokes for our newsletter, please.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher