



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

*A school family*

*built on love, strengthened by faith & enriched by joy*

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

### **THANK YOU!!!!**

Many thanks for all of the bags of clothes you donated last week. As well as providing clothes for the needy we have also raised over **£80** for our school PTFA. Well done, everybody.

Also, thank you for the gargantuan amount of chocolate we received in school today for our **PTFA Chocolate Tombola** which will take place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** during the **PTFA's Breakfast With Santa**. I will look after the chocolate until then!!!

### **PTFA Hot Chocolate**

Our PTFA will be selling hot chocolate drinks for **£1** after school today. Thank you everyone in the PTFA who will be giving up their time to make and sell these delicious, warming drinks.

### **PTFA Movie Night**

On **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be hosting a movie night for our children. During the movies, the staff will serve popcorn, drinks and pizzas. Hopefully, this will give parents a little time to relax or catch up on some Christmas shopping. Please see Mrs Carrier if you would like to purchase a ticket for your child. The tickets are **£5** per child.

### **PTFA Breakfast With Santa**

Our annual PTFA Breakfast With Santa event will take place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** in the school hall. There are many stalls, a tombola, Christmas crafts, refreshments and a very special visitor. Tickets are **£5** per child.

### **2022 Primary 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 date for applications is **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**.

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 to contact me to arrange a visit.

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

**CLASS 1** - Our focus this week has been Oak Trees. We shared the story 'Little Acorn', and learnt how an acorn is a seed from which the oak tree grows. Looking carefully at the shape of its leaves, we went on an Oak Tree leaf hunt. We used these leaves later in the week to create our own Autumn tree artwork. After looking at how the tree changes during each season, we also discovered the 4 stages of its life cycle, acorn, shoot, sapling and adult tree. During Maths, we met NumberBlocks 9, discovering how he was a square number, just like 4. To check, we used the other NumberBlocks to see if we could make them into square numbers or not. In our RE, we began our new topic by sharing a story about a birthday. When was our birthday? What special things did we do on that day?

**CLASS 2** - This week we have been learning our Nativity songs and practising our words. We have made such a great start that we are sure this year's performance will be one of the best. In English, we have been reading a story about Toby and the Great Fire of London. In Maths, Year 1 have been understanding systematic number bonds and using this to help us learn our number bonds to ten. Year 2 have been using fact families to help us find addition and subtraction related facts. We have been busy creating Christmas goodies for our Christmas displays. In Art, we made some beautiful Christmas stars and in Computing, we created a stamp to produce a sheet of wrapping paper. We have also watched a clip from 101 Dalmatians and then we worked in partners to search for images of the London landmarks from the clip, using the child safe search engine 'Kiddle'.

**CLASS 3** - We've had a lovely week back together again. We have done lots of addition and subtraction in Maths, and we have used our reading skills to identify the language and features that we need to include in a diary recount. In Science, we have started learning about forces and magnets and enjoyed exploring lots of different ways to make objects move. We further explored the metaphor of Jesus as The Light of the world in RE. As well as all this amazing work, we even squeezed in a wonderful trip to meet the Vikings. We looked amazing in our Viking outfits and travelled all the way to Lancaster to meet two Vikings in their longhouse. We learnt about the work that we younglings would be expected to do in a Viking village and about the weapons the younglings would use to train, hunt and battle once they were 12! A great day was had by all.

**CLASS 4** - In Maths, Year 5 have re-explored addition of 3 or more fractions. In Year 6, we have been exploring how to multiply and divide fractions and how to use our multiples to simplify these where appropriate. In English, we have been thinking about King George's men in our poem and how they might behave upon entering the inn to find Bess. We also looked at the simple past and the past perfect and practised applying these tenses to our writing. In History, we thought about the crimes of The Highwayman and discussed whether Dick Turpin was a hero or villain. We also thoroughly enjoyed our RE this week, as we imagined how Jesus' birth would be announced in a modern society. The whole class produced some fabulous pieces of work in a variety of styles, from text messages to social media style posts!

### Cards for Kindness

This year, every child in school is making an extra Christmas card. These cards 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 think that one of your neighbours would benefit from receiving a Heskin Christmas card.

### School Eco Council: Christmas Re-Gifting

Our School Eco Council have written the following message:  
Please can each child bring in EITHER 1 book OR 1 boardgame to re-gift to another family in school. All items are to be brought into each class by **Friday 3rd December**. They will be collected, wrapped and re-gifted by the Eco-councillors **W/C 13th December**.

### Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks for all the wonderful gifts you have donated for this year's Samaritan's Shoebox Appeal. Your kindness and generosity will help to make this Christmas very special for lots of children around the world. Thank you.



### School Dinner Orders & Christmas Lunch

Please ensure that all lunch orders are made online, using Parent Pay, by Wednesday for the following week. Please note, you are able to order lunches up to **14<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**. If your child would like to partake in our World famous Christmas lunch, which is being served on **9<sup>th</sup> December**, their order will need to be placed by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** at the very latest.

### Tunley Christmas Fair

Tunley Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November** at Tunley Church Hall between 11:00am and 1:00pm. There will be lots of festive stalls, raffles, tombolas, Santa's grotto and a light lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome.

### Yoga at Heskin!

On Monday, we were visited by Danielle from The Yogi Group who worked with each class in turn. The children explored different breathing techniques, yoga poses, relaxation methods, healthy habits and resilience activities.



### Important Dates:

- 30.11.21:** PTFA Film & Pizza Night
- 04.12.21:** PTFA Breakfast with Santa
- 09.12.21:** Christmas Lunch
- 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



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

- R: Max B
- Y1: Florence T
- Y2: Phoebe T
- Y3: Lilia McE
- Y4: Oscar B
- Y5: Ruby C
- Y6: Darcy C

Well done to you all.

## **Joke of the Week:**

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

**Q: Why do seagulls fly over the sea?**

**A: because if they flew over the bay they'd be called bagels!**

Thanks, Ruby. That really made me giggle.

Please keep sending your funny jokes for our newsletter.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher