



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

*A school family
built on love, strengthened by faith & enriched by joy*

Friday 11th February, 2022



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Parking: Withington Lane

For the safety of our children, please ensure that you adhere to the road markings when parking on Withington Lane. Please remember that the zigzag lines, outside school, indicate that **stopping, waiting or parking is strictly prohibited.**

Yarrow Teaching School Alliance (YTSA)

As part of our role in the Yarrow Teaching School Alliance, Heskin Pemberton's helps to train the next generation of teachers. If you are considering a career in teaching then please contact Rob Horne via his email: r.horne@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk for more information regarding this year's Initial Teacher Training applications.



PTFA: Lucky Numbers

I've got mine, have you got yours? If anyone would like to enter our **PTFA's Lucky Numbers Monthly Draw** then please complete the attached form and transfer **£12** into the PTFA bank account. You will then be allocated a number and automatically entered into our monthly prize draw with a chance of winning **£25!** Good luck, everyone.

PTFA Hot Chocolate

Our PTFA will be selling hot chocolate drinks for £1 on **Friday 25th February**. Thank you to everyone in the PTFA who will be giving up their time to make and sell these delicious, warming drinks.

What has happened in school this week...?

CLASS 1 - Our focus has been the Chinese New Year. We talked about how this celebration was similar and different to things which we celebrated. As it is the Year of the Tiger, we chose a tiger photo and used our sounds to write about what it was doing. We had lots of fun at our party making lanterns, performing dragon dances and enjoying a Chinese feast. During Maths, we read the 'Zodiac Animal' story, looking at how we use ordinal language to describe things in the order they happened. We used these words throughout the week to describe who had come 1st, 2nd, 3rd...10th. Finally, we ended our RE topic by learning about the Bible story of 'Jonah and the Whale'. What happened to Jonah? What had God asked him to do?

CLASS 2 - This week, we have been exploring instructions and their language features. We have used what we have learned to write our own instructions to help people care for pet dragons and unicorns. In Maths, Y2 have been finding number bonds to 100 using 3 numbers. Y1 have been comparing numbers and ordering groups of objects. In RE, we completed our Bible libraries. We have been working in groups to show that the Bible isn't just one book but that it is a library of 66 books. We have also learned about the shepherd boy who discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls. In Computing, we learned about safe Internet use as part of Internet Safety Day and also searched the dragon and unicorn database to answer simple questions. As part of Children's Mental Health Week we have read and discussed the fantastic story Ruby's Worry and took part in some relaxing meditation.

CLASS 3- In Maths, we used place value and rapid recall skills to answer arithmetic questions and then put our skills and knowledge into action by unpicking Maths problems. In English, we have revised all of the reading skills we have studied so far this term. We have also looked at some more discussion texts and talked about whether we should have to wear school uniforms. On Tuesday, we had our first swimming lesson which was a huge adventure. Our swimming instructors are really nice and it's definitely going to be fun learning with them. We also, completed our first Commando Joe mission to cross the Colorado River. We had to work together as a team to make sure that we avoided rocks and waterfalls and rapids to get safely to the other side. Mission accomplished - bring on the next one!

CLASS 4 - In English we have been exploring modal verbs for certainty and uncertainty. Then, we applied this to our writing by creating diary excerpts. In Maths, Y5 have been practising subtracting decimals from whole integers. We talked about the importance of using zero place holders in our column methods. Y6 have continued to explore algebra and have thought about finding pairs of values to satisfy an equation. In Science, we have been using our understanding of classification to create our own vertebrates or invertebrates. The children then had to work scientifically by writing a conclusion for where they would classify their creature using their understanding of key characteristics. As part of our work for Mental Health Week, the children have also been talking about how they have changed and grown this year. They created butterflies to show all that they have learnt since September and then thought about the wonderful individuals in their lives who help them.

Wonderful World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in style at Heskin Pemberton's but, as always, we will be doing things slightly differently here! We will be dressing up as our favourite book characters on **Friday 4th March**, rather than the Thursday. As well as our usual dressing up shenanigans we are also running a '**Design A Reading Poster**' competition,

Nut Allergies: Packed Lunches & Snacks

Please can I remind everyone that Heskin endeavours, as far as possible, to be a **nut free school**. We have a number of children in school who suffer severe reactions to nuts. I would therefore request that parents be extra vigilant about packed lunches. Please try to ensure that no food products brought into school contain nuts, sesame seeds or traces of nuts. Thank you for your understanding and support with this very important matter. Please see the link below if you would like any further information about food allergies: www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/

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 **25th March, 2022**, which includes our special World Book Day Lunch on **4th March**. **Please remember to send your child with packed lunches for the week beginning 21st February, if you were unable to order by Wednesday's deadline.** Thank you.

The Scary Bikers (Part II)

After completing their balance bike training in January, a selection of our Class 1 bikers took part in a competition involving primary schools from all over the Chorley area. The children were amazing, demonstrating fearless skills and excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition, finishing in fourth place overall. I'd like to say a big thank you to Mrs Tasker for organising this event and a massive well done to our brilliant balance bikers. **Squad: Jacob, Katie, Hazel, Evelyn & Brodie.**



Well done Waring, Pemberton & Nelson!

For the first time ever, **Waring House, Pemberton House and Nelson House** have all been crowned this half-term's winning Houses. As a reward for all their hard work and effort they can have a special non-uniform day on **Friday 25th February**. Well done to all of our children.

Important Dates:

- 11.02.22:** School Closes for Half Term
- 21.02.22:** School Opens
- 25.02.22:** PTFA Hot Chocolate Sale
- 28.02.22:** Zumba Day
- 04.03.22:** World Book Day
- 18.03.22:** Red Nose Day & Ninja warriors Day
- 25.03.22:** Easter Service at St. James the Great Church
- 25.03.22:** PTFA's Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Brodie McD

Y1: Anya K

Y2: Scarlett H

Y3: Summer B

Y4: Daniel D

Y5: Thomas O

Y6: Martha K

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

With the Super Bowl taking place this Sunday, this week's joke of the week has a distinctive NFL flavour and it comes from, **Harry in Class 4.**

Q: Why did the American Football coach go to the bank?

A: To get his quarterback!

That's a great way to kick off the half term, Harry. Well done.

Keep sending in your best jokes for our newsletter. I need lots to choose from.

Hope you have a wonderful week. Best wishes,



Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher