



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

*A school family*

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

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

### School Uniform

Attached to today's newsletter is our school uniform list. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the appropriate uniform, including school shoes, **and please endeavour to name all items of clothing.**

### School Council

We voted for our School Councilors this week. Well done to **Ellie C** (Rec), **Ella W** (Y1), **Louie S** (Y2), **Lucia T** (Y3), **Ivy D** (Y4), **Poppy H** (Y5), and **Oscar B** (Y6) who will meet regularly with Mrs Turner to help improve our school.

### School Eco Council

Our School Eco- Council Representative were also elected this week. Our congratulations go to **Emilia S** (Rec), **Molly W** (Y1), **Jacob McE** (Y2), **Maddie T** (Y3), **Phoebe T** (Y4), **Christopher B** (Y5), and **Daniel D** (Y6) who will meet with Mr B to help to make our world a little greener.

### House Captains

Finally, our House Captain Candidates addressed the Heskin electorate, delivering thoughtful, persuasive, heartfelt and humorous speeches. I know that any one of our amazing Year 6 pupils would have been suitable for the role of House Captain this year and I was so pleased with everyone who put themselves forward as a candidate this year. I'd like to congratulate **Anastasia K** & **Dan D** (Pemberton's Captains), **Jack M** & **Arthur B** (Waring's Captains) and **Josh A** & **Joseph R** (Nelson's Captains). Well done, Year 6!

### Breakfast Club And Stay & Play.

I've attached our booking forms to this email for our Breakfast and our Stay & Play Clubs. Please complete the forms and return them to the school office at your earliest convenience. If you would like to make any additional, last minute bookings, please contact Mrs Carrier on **01257 451365** or Miss Jones on **07519190760** between 9:00am & 5:30pm, Monday to Friday. For any bookings outside of the usual working hours, please email Mrs Carrier: [bursar@heskinpembertons.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@heskinpembertons.lancs.sch.uk). Please notify school as soon as possible if your child will not be attending a pre-booked session. Thank you.

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

**CLASS 1** - We have had an incredible first week of full days in Class 1! We finished our exploration of school by having a lovely visit to Class 2, where Mrs Turner read the story 'Don't want to go!' by Shirley Hughes. We then put our wellies on and went to explore the school field and Heskin Hideaway; we were having so much fun that Mrs Marshall couldn't find us! We then looked at a book called 'Sylvia and Bird' by Catherine Rayner and talked about all the wonderful friends we have made so far. We then decided to have our first 'Cooking Thursday' and learnt how to use a knife to cut soft fruit to make our friends' faces! Our highlight of the week was definitely PE, as the children were fabulous at getting dressed and tried so hard when balancing and jumping.

**CLASS 2** - In English, we have read and enjoyed Mini Grey's book, 'Traction Man is Here' and we are now looking at the sequel 'Traction Man Meets Turbo Dog' in more detail. We celebrated Road Dahl Day by watching a masterclass in storytelling by Rik Mayall. He read the next chapter of our class novel George's Marvellous Medicine during a very old episode of 'Jackanory', which Mrs Turner remembers excitingly watching as a child! In Maths, Y1 have been sorting things in different ways and counting the objects and Y2 have been reading, writing and representing numbers up to 100 in words and numerals. In Music, we listened to and discussed 'I Just Called To Say I Love You' by Stevie Wonder, who is our inspirational person for this half term. We developed our understanding of the pulse and used claves to keep the beat and copied different rhythms.

**CLASS 3** - In English, we have investigated the genre of Myths & Legends, by reading and discussing Beowulf. As it was Roald Dahl Day on Wednesday, we read part of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, focusing on descriptive language. We read an extract from Chapter 6 describing Augustus Gloop. The children worked hard and managed to identify the character's key features from the description. In Maths, we have started to look at place value, with the Y3 focusing on numbers up to 100 and the Y4 on numbers to 1000. In Science, we carried out experiments to see how sound is made. It was great to see the children's faces when I hit the drum and the rice jumped everywhere and when the vibrations from the elastic band made it look like it had split in half! In RE, we read the story of when Jesus walked on water, discussing how this was possible. We also talked about other stories that provide evidence that Jesus is the Son of God.

**CLASS 4** - This week, Class 4 have loved exploring the wonders that are Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's short stories. Together, we read 'The Crooked Man' and made predictions as to who the murderer could be. We used retrieval and inference skills to support our answers and deepen our thinking. In Maths, both year groups have explored powers of 10, rounding and working with numbers up to 1,000,000. In Science, we worked in groups to design our own investigations to answer a scientific enquiry question. It's safe to say that initially, our investigation ideas were... questionable. However, we pooled resources, shared ideas and before long each group had designed an excellent investigation using scientific skills and vocabulary, leading to some super conclusions. In PE, we loved our OAA lesson out on the field. It didn't only test our fitness, but our geographical knowledge too. A great week with lots of new skills and information learned. Well done, Class 4. Keep up the great work!

### Harvest

On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, our school Harvest Service will take place at St. James the Great Church, starting at **9:10am**. The children will be singing, reading and leading prayers, so please join us for this special service if you are able to do so. Transport from the church back to school has been arranged but **please drop your children off at the usual time, 8:50am-9:00am, at church rather than school**. Any child in Breakfast Club will be transported to church but **please ensure that you supply an appropriate car seat for this journey if your child legally requires one**.

All donations of food should be taken directly to church when you drop your child off in that morning. These items will then be distributed to people in need in the local area. Please bring any tinned or packaged food items you are able to spare. Thank you.

### School Dinner Orders

You can book lunches up to **3rd November 2023**, including our special harvest celebration lunch, **Hello Autumn**, on the **5th October** and **Bonfire Lunch on 2nd November**. It would be great to see as many children as possible joining us for these special lunches as it also coincides with our School Census, so **the number of lunches ordered on these days helps our school funding which, in turn, helps each and every child in school**.

We suggest you make your bookings by Tuesday for the following week. Cut off is Wednesday evening, but just in case you cannot access the site, it's good to book early. Most Parents find it easier to book several weeks at once.

Lunches for the week we return from half term holiday need to be booked before **Wednesday 18th October**.

Any problems, please do not hesitate to contact the office on [bursar@heskinpembertons.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@heskinpembertons.lancs.sch.uk). Thank you.

### 2023 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, 2024. Secondary- 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023.**

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.

### High School Open Evenings

The following local High Schools have passed on details of their Open Evenings:

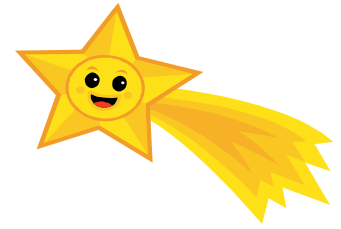
<b>Bishop Rawstone Academy-</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sept, 2023.</b>
<b>Parklands Academy-</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2023.</b>
<b>Albany Academy-</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2023.</b>
<b>Southlands High-</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023.</b>
<b>Westholme School-</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023.</b>
<b>Holy Cross High School-</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023.</b>

### Staff Car Park

Please remember that we **do not allow parents to park on the staff car park** at drop off and pick up times. This is for no other reason than the safety of our children. **Please pass on this information to any relatives who may drop off or pick up your child**. However, anyone who holds a valid Blue Badge and requires a parking space should contact the school office in order to request a special dispensation of this rule. **Please can I also ask drivers to refrain from using the entrance to the school drive as a turning point during drop off and pick up times**. The number of children using the drive means that any manoeuvres around this point could potentially put our children at risk. Thank you.

### Important Dates:

- 29.09.23:** School Harvest Festival at St. James the Great Church.
- 04.10.22:** Parents' Evening.
- 10.10.22:** Parents' Evening.
- 16.10.23:** School Photographer. Individual & Family Photographs.
- 18.10.22:** Football & Maths Day.
- 20.10.23:** Class 2's Worship.
- 20.10.23:** School Closes for Half term.
- 30.10.23:** School Reopens.



## STARS OF THE Week!

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: All of Class 1.

Y1: Ella W

Y2: Max B

Y3: Eva A

Y4: Walter A

Y5: Eloise T

Y6: Anastasia K

Well done to all of our stars.

## Joke of the Week:

Our joke of the week this week comes from **Jack M** in Year 4!

**Jack: Would you like to hear my impression of an electric car?**

**Mr B: Yes, please.**

**Jack:**

I definitely didn't hear that one coming, Jack. Well done.

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