



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 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2021



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

## **Wonderful World Book Day!**

Wow! The children looked fantastic today in their World Book Day costumes. What a way to end the week! Thank you so much for your time, effort and creativity in ensuring that the children looked like their favourite book characters. You did a wonderful job!

THANK YOU!

Please remember that you can still enter our **'design a scene from a well known story'** competition. Just complete your designs and email them or bring them into school by **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** to be in with a chance of winning.



## **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.

### **PTFA Smarties Tube Challenge**

The PTFA has provided every child in school with a tube of Smarties. Once all of the Smarties have been eaten, the PTFA would like you to fill the tube with any spare change and return it to school before the end of term.

Please can you label the tube with your child's name and class before returning it? **The class who collects the most money will receive a special reward!**



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

**Class 1** - Our story this week was 'The Bumblebear', to link in with our focus of Bees. Could we say what the main character, Norman, would be feeling during the story and why? We found out facts about the jobs different bees do and constructed a life cycle wheel to help us sequence the 4 life stages. We discovered why bees are so important for our planet because they pollinate flowers and plants. Using our known sounds, we wrote up our own investigation sheet to record what we had observed. Following on from our work with algorithms, we learnt how to programme a BeeBot, making them move in sequence of given directions. During Maths, we have been exploring how to use the balance scales to measure the weight of objects, using our 'heavy' 'light' vocabulary and cubes.

**Class 2** - We have started our new English theme which is persuasive writing. We have looked at a range of persuasive leaflets to find out their features. We have also watched an advert for Disney World to look for techniques and language that is used to persuade. In Maths, we have all been learning about the fractions a half and a quarter. We have been recognising them, finding them and solving problems about them. In Computing we created a simple program to direct Fox through Percy's park, without bumping into any bushes, to some hot chocolate and hot buttered toast. In RE we used Google Earth to look for different special buildings in Chorley. We were able to locate St James the Great and Da'watul Islam Mosque. We couldn't believe how many Churches there were.

**Class 3** - We have continued to work on fractions, focussing on tenths and how to write these as number fractions and as decimal fractions. We then used our measuring skills to record lengths as decimals. In English, we started a new unit about instructions and had fun trying to get a friend to draw a secret picture by giving them clear instructions. Numeracy Day on Wednesday was good fun too. We shared our favourite numbers with explanations that ranged from birthdays, to rugby and football shirts! Some of us also got creative and wrote some nonsense times tables poems. The best part though must have been using our weighing and fraction skills to make our shortbread biscuits. And then....Heskin's World Book Day! What a great way to end a great week!

**Class 4** - This week we have been linking our Maths to our reading! We looked at our current class reading books and tallied the word length in the first 60 words. Then, using our understanding of statistics, we presented our findings using comparative bar charts, pie charts and even box and whisker diagrams. We even linked this to our Computing skills, and used Excel to create charts too! We found that children who had non-fiction books tended to have longer words, as their books contained technical and scientific vocabulary. In our English, we decided to write about our fictional creatures in a scientific and technical way to make them sound more real. Then, we used story mapping to plan our own chapter of The Trojan Horse. This week, we have also started our History unit, and used research to make comparisons between Athens and Sparta.

### **School Lunches: Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Please ensure that lunch orders for the first week back after half term are placed on ParentPay before next week's deadline of **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **School Photographer**

The children will be having their class photographs taken on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. Adam has worked hard to ensure that this service is COVID safe whilst maintaining his usual professional standards. Information regarding purchasing these pictures will be sent home shortly.

### **COVID-19 Guidance**

I would ask that you continue to adhere to the latest Government and PHE guidance and 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.

### **PFTA Meeting**

On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**, our PTFA will be holding a meeting which will take place, via Zoom, at **6:30pm**. Our PTFA do a wonderful job for our school so please come along and support us in any way you can. The link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on Facebook and emailed to parents next week.

### **Guide Dogs for the Blind Association: Fundraising Event**

On **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**, there will be a cake sale and a non-uniform day, organised by Zoë Millar, to raise funds for **Guide Dogs for the Blind**. The aim is to raise enough money to sponsor a puppy on their journey from being a six-week-old bundle of fluff, right through to a fully trained guide dog, which will bring freedom and independence to a person with sight loss.

Zoë will be baking cakes herself but she would dearly love some help with this. **I'd be really grateful to any amateur (or even professional) bakers who would be happy to donate some individual cakes for this event.** Thank you.

**Non-uniform Day (bright colours)- £1**

**Individual Cakes- 50p**

### **Important Dates:**

- 26.05.21: School Photographer- Class Photograph
- 28.05.21: School Closes for Half Term.
- 01.06.21-04.06.21: Roots Tennis Sports Camp.
- 14.06.21: School Reopens.
- 18.06.21: PTFA Father's Day Breakfast.
- 21.06.21 & 22.06.21: Class 4's residential Visit to the Anderton Centre.
- 07.07.21: Year 6 High School Taster Day.
- 09.07.21: Sports Day & PTFA Summer Fair.
- 16.07.21: Waring Treat Day.
- 22.07.21: Year 6 Leavers' Service.
- 22.07.21: School Closes for the Summer Holidays. 2:00pm



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

- R: Florence T
- Y1: Jasmine K
- Y2: George D
- Y3: Charlie T
- Y4: Sophie S
- Y5: Darcie L
- Y6: Robert S

Well done to all of our stars!

## **Joke of the Week:**

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

**Q: What do you call someone who steals from McDonalds?**

**A: A hamburglar!**

What a great joke, Charlie!  
I'm lovin' it!!

Keep sending in your funny jokes for our newsletters.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes,



**Mr Alan Brindle**  
Headteacher