



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 2nd July, 2021



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

PTFA Non-Uniform Day

We will be having a non-uniform day at school on **Monday 5th July**. In order to wear their own clothes for the day, we will be asking our children to bring in donations of chocolate for our Summer Fun Day's Chocolate Tombola.

Smartie Pants!

We had a great response from every class for our PTFA's Smartie Tube appeal. The winning class was **Class 4** who had a non-uniform day and were treated to ice lollies and ice creams in the today. Thank you to everyone who donated their loose change to this appeal. In total we raised **£345.90** for our children.

Year 6 BBQ Breakfast!

Our BBQ Breakfast usually takes place on the Friday after SATs. This year, we have gone rogue and decided to do it today! This Heskin tradition is to help celebrate and recognise the hard work and effort our Year 6 children have put into their studies, not only this year but throughout their time at Heskin.



PTFA Summer Raffle

We have had some wonderful donations for our Summer Raffle. These include vouchers for Smyths, a £50 Another Version voucher, a bottle of champagne, Café Mana gift set, a Sweet Day treat box and many more. If you would like to participate in this raffle then tickets can be purchased for £1 per strip. Simply send your money into school in a sealed envelope, containing your name, your child's name and your child's class. The PTFA will do the rest. All money raised will go towards playground equipment for our children.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 - Our focus this week has been Chickens. After sharing 'Egg Day' we identified which animals in the story laid eggs and which didn't. We used this knowledge to sort and classify a variety of different animals into 'Egg or Not?'. Next, we used what we knew about life stages to complete a Chicken Life Cycle sheet. Could we read the four given sentences and match them to the correct stage? After sharing an information book about chickens and watching a chicken farm programme, we wrote our own facts to create a class Fact File. In Maths we have been revisiting one/two more and one/two less. We also used our sharing, doubling and halving skills to solve problems. In RE we have been looking at what prayers are and wrote our own prayers to share at the end of the day.

Class 2 - This week we have been busy innovating our class poem called On the Seashore. We have worked in groups to write and perform a poem and we have also written one of our own. We have used the pattern to help us write a senses poem for other seaside locations such as a funfair, a cafe and a pier. In Maths we have been learning to tell the time. In PE we have been practising for our eagerly anticipated sports day. In RE we completed our information leaflets about Mosques and in computing we completed our information posters about Mosques. In music we have been keeping the pulse and clapping back rhythms. We have been using some instruments to add accompaniment to our Zoo Time reggae song. Ask your child to sing it, you won't forget it in a hurry! In history we are now using all the information we have found out about Grace Darling and her heroic sea rescue in 1838 and communicating what we have found out using drama. We are working in groups to create an episode of 'Heskin Historians' to teach other children what we have learned.

Class 3 - In Maths this week, we have been learning all about lines - horizontal, vertical, pairs of parallel, pairs of perpendicular, lines that turn to make right angles, lines that turn to make acute angles and lines that turn to make obtuse angles! Wow! In English, we have been explaining. Firstly, we made up different explanations about why we had spilled orange juice or broken a window or not done our homework then had fun creating humorous explanations of how our digestive systems work. Food fairies and pixies - mmm? Fortunately, we do know how the digestive system really works but this week we looked a little closer at the mouth. We looked at our teeth and very mindfully ate a pear to find out about the different jobs that our different teeth do at the start of our foods' digestive journey.

Class 4 - This week in Maths we have been applying our skills to a series of investigations! The children had to apply their understanding of number to tackle algebra questions to crack a code with their partner. We also revised Roman numerals too. Then, in English, we have been exploring how to use semicolons to separate items in a list. The children then had to imagine what they would pack on a trip to Ancient Greece using what they had learnt! We have also been rehearsing our production this week, and have practised our use of intonation and projection to keep our audience hooked. We also thought about our delivery of puns to make our audience laugh.

Sports Day & Summer Fun Day

Despite our best intentions, Heskin Pemberton's world famous Sports Day is going to look a little different this year without any parents present. However, all four classes will be able to watch each other race and cheer on their friends in other year groups. Our Sports Day will take place on **Friday 9th July, 2021**, starting at **9:30am**. Children will come to school in their pumps or outdoor trainers, and their school PE kit or house colours that day. They will also need a plastic water bottle. Please apply sun cream and send the children to school with sun hats, if required.

Although our Summer Fair has been cancelled this year, our PTFA have organised a Fun Day for our children which will take place after Sports Day. They have arranged a myriad of activities, including a bouncy castle, a Beat The Goalie competition and a chocolate tombola! Our PTFA will send home further details of the Summer Fun Day shortly.

COVID-19 Update

As the number of schools with partial or full closures continues to rise in our local area, please can I ask you to be extra vigilant over the next few weeks. Being cautious when it comes to recognising and acting on symptoms could help to avoid any bubble closures at our school. The children have had to contend with so much since March last year and I would hate for them to miss out on the special events and activities we have planned for them during the remainder of the Summer Term. 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) as soon as possible if your child is required to self-isolate for any reason.

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.

Roots Tennis Holiday Club & Sports Camp

Stuart Grice's Holiday Club & Sports Camp will be running during the whole of the Summer Holidays, 8:00am until 6:00pm. Please see the attached poster for further information and go to www.rootstennis.com in order to book.

Important Dates:

- 05.07.21: PTFA Chocolate Non-uniform day.**
07.07.21: Year 6 High School Taster Day (Cancelled).
09.07.21: Sports & Summer Fun Day.
W/C 12.07.21: Annual Reports Sent Home.
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: Jessica B
Y1: Sebastian M
Y2: Beau W
Y3: Daniel D
Y4: Amelie T
Y5: Darcie L
Y6: Rory B

Well done to all of our stars!

Joke of the Week:

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

Mum: Didn't you hear? There was someone knocking on the door with a beard!

Joseph: No wonder I didn't hear anything. He should've used his hand to knock on the door.

Not your typical knock, knock joke, Joseph! Well done.

Keep sending in your funny jokes for our newsletters.

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher