



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

A school family

built on love, strengthened by faith & enriched by joy

Friday 28th January, 2022



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

RSPB: Big Garden Birdwatch

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is asking people to participate in this year's Big Garden Birdwatch. This activity is for everyone, whether you're a budding ornithologist, like Bill Oddie, or whether you're a complete novice, like me! Simply count all of the birds you can see in your garden for one hour between **28th January** and **30th January**. By taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, we can help the RSPB to protect these beautiful birds and help our local wildlife to thrive. To find out more or to sign up for this event, please follow this link:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday 8th February**, our school will be participating in The Safer Internet Day. Online safety is a big part of our Computing Curriculum and we, along with hundreds of other schools, will be strengthening our understanding of this important topic during Safer Internet Day. If you would like any more information about keeping your child safe online you can follow these useful links:

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Class 4 Residential Trip: The Anderton Centre

Many thanks for the deposits we have already received for Class 4's residential trip to The Anderton Centre. Please be reminded that the interim payment of £38 is due by **Tuesday 8th February**. Thank you.

Gymnastics Club

Unfortunately, Miss Brown **will not** be available to deliver our Gymnastics Club on **Thursday 3rd February**. The club continue as usual on **Thursday 10th February**. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

What has happened in school this week...?

CLASS 1 - Our focus this week has been looking at the job which Astronauts do in space. We shared our story 'Man on the Moon', learnt about famous astronauts and discovered how Tim Peake lived aboard the Space Station. Next we wrote a list of '10 Things We Would Take into Space', thinking carefully about what we would need to survive. Using craft resources, we created a space portal and painted what we could see through it. During Maths, we have been revisiting partitioning of objects to 10. We also explored how we can use number sentences to record what we are doing. In our RE, we started to look at stories which Jesus may have listened to by sharing 'Noah's Ark'. Had we heard this story or a song about it before?

CLASS 2 - This week we have planned and written our own creation myths. We have followed the pattern of The First Musician and innovated the story to make ours about The First Artist. We planned them very carefully and then we turned them into real books. We have had so much fun being the author and illustrator and we are really proud of what we have achieved. Great job Class 2! In Maths, Year 1 are revisiting place value for numbers up to twenty and have had lots of fun today making numbers using straws, pasta and cups. Year 2 have been subtracting and using base ten equipment and then jottings to work out calculations such as 53 subtract 29. In RE, we learned about Mary Jones and her six year journey to owning her own Bible. We thought about why the Bible is special to Christians and what Mary Jones might have said when she first held her very own Bible. In Geography, we have been learning about physical features and drawing maps of Dragon and Unicorn Land.

CLASS 3 - We have worked incredibly hard on our Iron Man stories this week. We have learnt about different types of sentences and have tried to include them all in our writing. Once we were happy with our story, we presented it for our class book. Now everyone can read them! In Maths, we have been looking at ways to check calculations. We have looked at estimating and how to use 'inverse' calculations to check our answers. In Science, we worked in groups to carry out lots of investigations including identifying magnetic metals, how to make magnets float and why some coins are magnetic and some are not. We visited the Grand Canyon in Topic and learnt how it was formed over millions of years. In RE, we read some of the verses in David's Psalms before following a Psalm trail around the front of school.

CLASS 4 - This week in Maths, Y5 have been using their understanding of number facts to find decimal complements. They have explored decimal addition and subtraction, and how to use zero place holders. In Y6, we have explored how to write algebraic expressions and how to simplify these to make them more accurate. Then, we looked at substitution and practised solving a range of algebraic equations. They have been so resilient and have done wonderfully well! In English, we have been reading Macbeth Act 1, Scene 3 and wrote Kenning style poetry to explore how Macbeth's mindset changed once he knew he could be King. In Geography, we used atlases to find a range of countries and then discussed how to use grid references. Using our research skills, we also started to explore vegetation belts and how plants are impacted by climate.

PTFA Hot Chocolate

Our PTFA will be selling hot chocolate drinks for £1 on **Friday 4th February** and **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.

PTFA: THANK YOU!!!

Our PTFA have got many exciting family events planned for the rest of the Spring Term, including our Easter Bingo, a School Disco and a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party. The PTFA have already contributed over **£6,000** to our school for various projects including a Football & Maths Day, new computer equipment, Commando Joe's and an upcoming Ninja Warriors Day. Our PTFA go above and beyond in order to help our children thrive so thank you to everyone who has contributed to these events this year.

Nut Allergies: Packed Lunches & Snacks

Please can I remind everyone that Heskin Pemberton's 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/

Breakfast Club/Stay & Play

Please find below, a reminder of the prices we charge for our wraparound care at Heskin. We endeavour to keep these prices as low as possible so all of our families can access this important service. In order to help with this, please ensure your ParentPay account has enough money to cover any Breakfast Club or Stay & Play sessions you have booked, prior to your child attending. **Please ensure that all children are collected from Stay & Play by 5:30pm at the very latest.**

Breakfast Club Prices:	Stay & Play Prices:
£4.50 per session	£3.50 per session (up to 1 hour)
£4.00 for siblings	£5.50 per session (over 1 hour)
	£5.00 for sibling

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.

Important Dates:

- 04.02.22:** PTFA Hot Chocolate Sale
- 08.02.22:** Safer Internet Day
- 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
- 25.03.22:** Easter Service at St. James the Great Church
- 01.04.22:** School Closes for Easter



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

- R: Raiph R
- Y1: Beaux P
- Y2: Xanthe B
- Y3: George D
- Y4: India R
- Y5: Sam O'R
- Y6: Jacob M

Well done to you all.

Joke of the Week:

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

Q: How do you stop moles from digging up your garden?

A: Take their spades away.

That's a great joke, Jack, but I've always found that moles are excellent gardeners. I had a Mexican mole who grew some really tasty avocados in my garden. He was called GuacaMole!!

Hope you have a wonderful week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher