

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Children are at the centre of all we do."

NEWSLETTER April 27th 2018

GROWING UP IN NORTH YORKSHIRE PUPIL SURVEY

Our school, along with the majority of North Yorkshire schools, has agreed to participate in the 2018 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey for young people. Information gained from individual school and county level analysis of this survey provides knowledge and understanding about the lifestyles and learning of children and young people and influences school, county and locality planning and evaluation of provision.

The survey data is able to inform the review of provision in schools and school improvement priorities

Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school. Individual schools are not identified in any of the county reports.

I hope you will feel, as we do, that this is a very worthwhile survey which will support the wellbeing of all of our children, but do please let me know if you do not wish your child to take part.

CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

Passports are due in on the following dates:

Keeper Wood: Friday, April 27th

Badger Wood: Friday, May 11th

Farthing Wood: Friday, June 8th

SCAMPSTON SCRAMBLE

Saint Catherine's very first Scampston Scramble will take place on Sunday 13th May at Scampston Hall, Malton. Heslerton School staff will take on a fun filled 5k course with obstacles to wriggle under, dive over and splash through! Please join us to cheer staff on during their race commencing at 11am. The hospice are asking everyone to raise at least £30 either via sponsorship or a donation to continue to provide free services to patients and families. If you feel you would like to sponsor staff to do this, please pop sponsor money in to the school office.

FARTHING WOOD VISIT TO YORK

As part of their topic work the children in Farthing Wood will be visiting York on **Monday, 21st May**. During the morning they will walk on the walls as part of geography map reading skills and Viking history.

The afternoon will be spent on a Viking walking tour with Sigwulf from Northern Forge, part history, part legend, all enthralling!

The children will hear about the city's Anglo-Scandinavian & Norman past as they take in various sites along the way. Many people know that the Vikings had a big influence on York but very few realise just how big an influence. They will hear about the deeds of Ivar the Boneless, Eirik Bloodaxe, and Harald Hardaraada, learn how the streets got their names and what they mean and discover how those pesky Pagans shaped the Christian church.

The children will travel with Fletcher's coaches. We will leave school at 9.00am and will return for the end of the school day. We would ask for a contribution of **£5 per child** towards the visit, school will meet the balance. Please send this in a named envelope by **Friday, May 11th**, thank you. The children will need a packed lunch. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and sensible footwear.

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries County Insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact the school.

CHARITY STALLS

Following our R.E. work on charities, many members of Keeper Wood wish to run different stalls next term for a range of charities. Details of these will appear in newsletters over the summer weeks. Some stalls will require unwanted toys to resell so please have a look and send any unwanted toys to school.

If you require this in a different format, please contact the school office.

BADGER WOOD

It has been a great week after our topic launch last Friday!

In English we are writing a non-chronological report all about our Anglo-Saxon day last week. We are going to make our reports into a leaflet for others to read how fun our school is!

In maths this week we developed our R.E. by drawing a graph! Last week we learnt all about the 'Creation Story' and what God did on each day. In maths, we voted for our favourite day and said why we were thankful that God had created this. Once all the votes were in, we turned our tallies into a graph. Everyone's graphs were fab and everyone was so thoughtful and reflected well on the creation story, it was lovely!

We also started our new science topic about plants! We enjoyed our science investigation and looking at plants as we labelled parts of the flower and used magnifying glasses for a closer look.

Next week, we continue our Anglo-Saxon reports in English. Then it's all about time in maths! Get your watches and clocks at the ready!! In science we start our first experiment of the term....and in Forest Schools, we have Hertford Vale visiting us again for an afternoon of forest fun!

FARTHING WOOD

A busy week this week with starting on Beowulf in English, revision angles, 3d shapes and area/perimeter in Maths, starting our wheat growing experiment in Science and beginning on our topic team work in preparation for this terms landing. One new skill we have been learning is to refine our peer marking skills with the use of sentence stems. This has really helped everyone be more precise about what we have learnt and if we have achieved our learning questions.

Homework alteration - due to timetable changes homework will now be marked on a Wednesday for the week before.

EQUALITIES POLICY

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.

KEEPER WOOD

This week in Keepers we have started our topic of 'Discovering Deira'. We have split into 5 teams to create a museum of different artefacts from the Vikings, Anglo-Saxons and Scots era. We have been researching and learning about them in our teams. The children seem very enthused to start this.

In Maths, we have been doing a range of things; from looking at money and creating a party, to learning about 2d and 3d shapes and their properties.

We have just started our guided reading book of 'How to Train your Dragon', we have completed chapter 1 and answered some questions about the text. In science, our topic this term is 'Plants and Habitats' and we have been experimenting with which conditions are best for the plant to thrive in. Everyone has come back to school with excitement.

NITS

The seemingly endless saga of nits in school goes on! We would like to eliminate this if at all possible. Please check your child's hair regularly for nits, that way we keep the problem under control as far as we are able.

The NHS Choices website has information regarding head-lice management. Recent research shows that silicon based products have the best results.

TRICYCLE

Urgently looking for a child's tricycle for scarecrow festival to use as a prop so doesn't need to be in working order. Please contact Julie Petty on 07791873131.

PARENT VIEW

Parent View is an online questionnaire for you to give your views about this school at any time of year. Please log on at

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

to answer 13 quick questions.

Your views are used by staff and governors at school to help with your child's education.

ATTACHMENTS

Please see attached:

- Children's University record sheet – Keepers
- Flyers

If you require this in a different format, please contact the school office.