

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER May 25th 2018

HALF TERM

We hope you all have a lovely holiday and return on **Monday, June 4th** ready for a busy time leading up to the end of the school year.

May we please remind you that the children need a P.E. kit in school at all times. Dinner money will be £11.50, £80.50 for the half term.

KEEPER WOOD/BADGER WOOD VISIT TO YORK - reminder

The children in Keeper Wood and Badger Wood will be visiting York on **Friday, 8th June**.

The children will need a packed lunch, children in Badger Wood and year 2 will be provided with a school packed lunch. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and sensible footwear.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Cycling Club

This starts for pupils in years 4-6 on **Monday, June 4th**.

Cricket Club

Thank you to Matthew Hurren for running this popular club.

Fencing Club

Thank you to Yorkshire Pentathlon for running this popular club.

CRUCIAL CREW

Year 6 will be attending Crucial Crew in Scarborough on Monday, June 11th during the morning. They will work through several emergency situations, learning to analyse risks and to deal with emergencies. In order to minimise trauma, please contact the office if you feel we need to be particularly sensitive around issues such as alcohol, fire, road traffic accidents, beach safety etc.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday, 15th June** for prizes for the Leavers' party tombola/bottle pull. May we ask Badger Wood to bring non-alcoholic bottles, Keeper Wood to bring kids tombola prizes and Farthing Wood to bring alcoholic bottles. Thank you.

CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

All passports are due in on **Friday, June 8th** so that totals may be forwarded to the University.

CHILDREN UNIVERSITY YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Year 6 children with 30 or more 'Learning Hours' in their passbooks will qualify to graduate at the special graduation ceremony held at Scarborough Spa's Grand Hall on **Thursday 12th July 2018** at 6pm.

Parents will also be invited to the graduation so please make sure you keep the date free!

The Children's University will pass on more information about the ceremony closer to the time.

We will be leaving school at 9am, travelling in cars and hope to stop off in the woods for a picnic if the weather allows. The children will need a packed lunch. If your child requires a booster seat, please ensure they bring it to school on the day. The children will need to wear trousers and sensible shoes, as they are active during the exercises. Some activities take place outside so each child will need a warm, waterproof coat, sun hat and sunscreen so we are prepared for the English summer!

If your child requires an inhaler please ensure this is with them. School carries County Insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency, please contact school.

Please contact the office by Thursday, June 7th if you are able to offer lifts to/from the venue.

Although helpers are welcome to join us for activities, there is no requirement for parents to stay for the scenarios so you may wish to use the opportunity for shopping, a walk on the beach etc.

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

BADGER WOOD

What a performing week we have had, it has been fantastic. We began the week reading 'Dragon Stew' and picking out the rhymes. Then we turned the story into poems. Each group used some of the rhymes from the book, then text mapped them out to help them when performing. The videos look great, we can't wait to share them with you at the topic landing!

We enjoyed making Viking runes to go in our new challenge area. We are then going to use them to spell out secret Viking messages in our topic challenge area! Have a great half term Badgers, enjoy, relax and come back ready to go from Anglo-Saxons to explore what it was like back in Viking times!

KEEPER WOOD

The last week of half-term has been a busy one. The year 4s went to Malton to take part in a gymnastics event and they all came back saying how much they had enjoyed it. We have had a class photo and a laser run on Thursday which was very popular with everyone.

We have nearly finished our adventure story of 'Journey of a Viking'. We are looking forward to the conclusion when we return from our break. Everyone has enjoyed designing and making swords and shields for our topic teams and decorating them on Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

I hope everyone has a lovely break and a well-deserved rest.

FARTHING WOOD

Just a quick snippet into our trip to York this week - we began with a walk round to the walls from Monk Bar as far as Baile Hill. In the morning we took in all the sites that there are along this trail including: Robin Hoods Tower, Bootham Bar, The Multangular Tower, Micklegate Bar, Victoria Bar, and Clifford Tower. In the afternoon we were met by Sigwulf who took us on a Viking tour through York, where he was able to point out many important places and facts about Jorvik.



GYMNASTICS



NATIONAL TESTS

The Year 2 and Y6 pupils have recently sat their national tests. Results will be provided to pupils and parents by the end of term on national dates set by the government. Whilst we are unable to share exact questions, the link below shows some questions from last year's test for Year 6 pupils. Try a few questions and see how you get on. Are you smarter than an 11 year old?!

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/may/16/sats-maths-quiz-smarter-11-year-old-key-stage-two-exams-england>

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will take place at Rectory Farm on Sunday, May 27th from 3pm. It will be outdoor based with farm and church activities. Come along and enjoy, all welcome, including well-behaved pets!

WETWANG SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Come along and see the scarecrows at the Wetwang Festival from Saturday, May 26th to Sunday, July 3rd. Lots of amazing scarecrows to find along the trail.

WILDLIFE EXPLORERS DAY

This half term holiday Scampston Hall are hosting a Wildlife Explorers Day on Wednesday 30th May. Join children and adults on this adventure day to head around the grounds tracking small animals and birds, searching for mini-beasts and other life that surrounds us. These family friendly sessions are led by Phil Taylor, where children and parents can explore the natural world together.

Booking is essential, there are two sessions taking place on Wednesday 30th May, 10.00am – 12.00noon and 1.00-3.00pm. Scampston Hall have linked up with the Childrens University and participating children will be able to get a stamp for taking part.

ATTACHMENTS

Please see attached:

- Privacy Notice
- Growing Up letter - year 6
- Flyers

CHARITY COMPETITION

We will be doing guess how many sweets are in the jar. It will be 20p. The winner will get the prize in assembly, it will also stay in the newsletter. We are raising money for Epilepsy UK. We will collect guesses from Monday, 4th June to Friday, 8th June. It will take place at morning break time. Please support us.

From Jamie, William N and Henry

ORIGAMI CHARITY STALL

We will be holding an origami stall in week 7, (June 4th –June 8th). You don't have to buy origami, there will be a donation box. The most you will need will be £1.50 and the least is 10p. The charity is for the R.N.L.I.

Ben, William P. Luke, Jessica

LITTER PICK

Litter Pickers wanted to help tidy our school grounds please. Join us at afternoon break from Monday, 18th June to Friday, 22nd June. Everyone is welcome, (even teachers!).

By Skyla

WOODWIND TUITION

North Yorkshire County Council Music Service have been given a grant to increase instrumental playing in young people in our area and to help families with lower incomes to access the music service. Targeted at children wishing to start playing a woodwind instrument, NYCC are offering free small group lessons (of 8) with free instrument hire. The 30 minute sessions will be on Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 12.30 at Scarborough Sixth Form College, Sandybed Lane, Scarborough and will start in September.

Places will initially be offered to children from families entitled to free school meals and/or working tax credits initially; but open to all. Instrumental tuition for clarinet, flute and saxophone is being offered. If your child is in current Y3, 4 & 5 and interested, please let the office know by Friday 15th June.

DISCO

Many thanks to Friends for a fab disco last Friday, all had a great time. Thank you to Mrs. Maud, Ms Stoker, Mrs. Penny, Mrs. North, Ms Parker, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Allardice for helping out.

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

Dear Parents,

The NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their Speak out. Stay safe. programme on Monday, June 25th. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback

What is the Speak out. Stay safe. programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

"My daughter thought the volunteers were fantastic, really real people, very warm and friendly." Sally, Prestatyn

If you would like any more information about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme you can come in to speak to Mrs Wells or visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/speakout

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/parents

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Wells

