

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER May 26th 2017

SCHOOL

Thank you to all who came along to celebrate our 50th birthday on Saturday. We had a great day with lots of former and current pupils and staff who shared a delicious birthday cake, kindly donated by Claire Marshall. Watch out in the Gazette for more photos!

We hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday, June 6th**. Dinner money for that week is £8.40, £75.60 for the half term.

MINUTES SILENCE

We have discussed the news events from this week in an age appropriate way with all children. We observed the national minutes silence yesterday. Useful videos to discuss this with your child/children are available on the BBC Newsround website should your child wish to discuss this further at home.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Cricket

Thank you to all parents and children who came to play cricket on Tuesday. Matthew Hurran taught us 2 different forms of cricket which everyone from age 3 was able to join in with. We saw the competitive side of many parents, determined not to let the children easily win! We've had fantastic feedback about these cricket sessions. Cricket weather continues so keep playing!

Tchoukball and Jumping Jacks

All children who requested a place at next term's clubs have a place confirmed.

ARCHBISHOP SENTAMU

We are looking forward to Archbishop Sentamu's visit to school on Thursday, June 8th. His Grace will tour school, lead our assembly and have the opportunity to discuss learning with children here. West Heslerton CE School has been chosen as the Archbishop of York Award's Primary School based upon the work that pupils in KS2 have completed with our Generation Teas. Each month, pupils from Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood have hosted an afternoon tea for the over 55s. They have met at the village hall and shared a range of learning and skills with people from our local community. We will be showcasing our project in a film produced by the Diocese of York. More details next half term.

ATTENDANCE

All schools are required to have registration system in place to record, in an accurate manner, attendance, lateness and absences in order to comply with Government and NYCC rules. School's official starting time is 8.45 am when staff will close and lock the gate. Pupils arriving after this time should report to the school office to ensure they arrive safely into our care and have dinners ordered etc.

Any child arriving between the start of school and 8.55am, when registration closes, will be registered with a late mark. Those arriving after this time will be marked absent for the session unless a reason is given. School may then, following NYCC guidance, authorise this lateness. It is important that pupils are punctual and arrive prepared for the day's learning.

THIRSK VISIT

It was a great day out on Monday to visit Thirsk and the weather was perfect for us! We all enjoyed a 'Food from around the World' tour at Tesco's. It was really interesting to see behind the scenes of Tesco and how everything works. We looked around the back area with the chillers, freezers (we could only stay in for 10 seconds it was that cold!) and spare items ready to restock. Then it was out to the shop floor, where we tried different cheeses, both local and European. A visit to the bakery followed, which smelt amazing! We then enjoyed a fruit and vegetable hunt, we had pictures of what we had to find, then write down where they had come from. It was interesting to learn where it all came from and how far some had travelled.

A picnic lunch was had by all, enjoying our pack ups and the sun. Then to the play park! The zip-wire and swings were very popular....amongst both staff and children!

GYMNASTICS

Farthings and Keepers had a fantastic Wednesday afternoon practicing their gymnastic skills at Malton School. There were a range of different stations set up, from rolls and handstands on mats, to spring board jumps onto vaults. We were all challenged to put our skills to the test and perfect our jumps and twists. The heat didn't stop us! Everyone got stuck in and had a go at each activity - just for fun! It was enjoyable for all.

CRUCIAL CREW

Thank you to Mrs. Richardson (Josh's mum) for volunteering to take the year 6 children to Crucial Crew with Mrs. Wells.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We still have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor. Please contact the office if you are interested in filling this vacancy.

YEAR 6

The children in year 6 will be spending time at their new secondary school on Tuesday, June 20th and Wednesday, June 21st.

BIOSCIENCE

Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Botham, Skyla's Dad, who came in on Wednesday morning to tell us more about his fascinating work as a Biomedical Scientist (blood scientist). We reinforced our work on what blood contains, discussed hygiene, took blood from a fake arm and found out how difficult it is to get poo (cake mixture) into a sample pot - YUK! It was all very intriguing and the children asked some very mature and educational questions at the end of the session.

Who knows - we may even have some future Biomedical Scientists among us...



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

All passports are due in on Friday, June 9th for the final time this year.

There will be a Children's University assembly later this term for years 1-5. The year 6 graduation will follow at Scarborough Spa on July 13th, details later.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday, June 23rd for prizes for the end of term leavers' event. May we ask for the following:

Badger Wood - a tombola prize

Keeper Wood - a bottle, e.g bubble bath, squash, J20.

Farthing Wood - Bottle of alcohol.

HEADLICE

We, like all schools, have head lice transmitted between pupils. These parasites are easily transferred from head to head but tricky to get rid of completely. Please spend some time over the half term holiday checking your child's hair and treating if necessary.

NAMETAGS

As summer weather at last appears may we ask you to ensure all children's clothing is named. Please see attached details from Nametags; school receive a proportion of the money spent.

MALTON MUSEUM

Felt a Thing

Wednesday, 31st May 1.30-3pm

Design your own imaginary creature to make a woolly friend. Watch felt away wool turn to felt. Booking is not essential but it helps! You can do this by:

Email: enquiries.maltonmuseum@gmail.com

Call: 01653 691262

Pop in: we are open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am -4pm

Please let us know your name, your child's name and age and a contact number. There is a small fee to cover the cost of materials which is £1 for adults and children.

How to find us

We are on the B1248 Yorkersgate in Malton, YO17 7AB. The nearest car parks are Market Place – 2 hours free and Water Lane – pay and display. There are no toilets or eating facilities.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL WHATS APP GROUP

If you would like to be part of our Friends of the school Whats app group please pass your number to the school office with your request. Messages are shared with all members so that we know of events coming up and can get reminders. You can be involved as little and as much as you like. We are a great team and make you very welcome. Great to support the school and the children. (Vicky, Secretary of the Friends of School) the Friends of School)

ATTACHED

Please find attached:

- Leave of absence letter
- Minutes of Friends meeting
- Nametags flyer
- Dalby Forest flyer
- Film flyer
- Community newsletter
- Children's University ideas
- Primary Times