

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER January 8th 2016

SCHOOL

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. We hope you all had a lovely time of celebration and are ready for the new term ahead.

This term's topic will be "Route 66" so look out for all things North American!

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

Just a reminder that the last date for applying for primary school places for September 2016 is Friday, January 15th 2016.

ASSEMBLY

This half term's assembly topic is "respect".

BREAKTIME SNACKS

The following snacks are available at morning break for the children to buy:

Scones	20p each or 10p for half
Baguette	15p per portion
Raisins	15p per bag
Fruit juice	20p
(orange, apple, blackcurrant)	
Milkshake	25p
(Chocolate, strawberry)	

All pupils in Badger Wood are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable for free each morning break. This is a Government scheme for young children.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION

Pupils in Keeper Wood have started a "Keeping Myself Safe" topic in PSHE (personal, social and health education). This will involve a look at tobacco and drug safety. The enclosed booklet may help you to discuss any arising comments with your child.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

We are holding a Disco in school on Friday, February 12th for all children in school. This will be from 3.30 – 5.30 p. Entry is £3, including snacks and a drink.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Bible Story Club starts this Monday, January 11th from 3.30 to 4.15pm. All pupils asking for a place have a place.

Active Music Club starts on Tuesday, January 12th, from 3.30 to 4.30pm. All pupils asking for a place have a place.

Gymnastics for Sports Club starts on Wednesday, January 13th, from 3.30 to 4.30pm. This club was oversubscribed, please see attached letter to see if your child has a place.

WALK TO SCHOOL

As more pupils move into the area, more cars are coming to school. To help ease congestion at school, encourage regular exercise and show respect to residents, we are introducing a walk to school reward scheme. For each morning or afternoon a child walks to school, they will receive a stamp/signature. Please encourage your child to walk to and from the school or taxi pick up point. Please park halfway up the hill or at the bottom of High Street and encourage them to walk.

To develop visibility when walking, SpecSavers, Scarborough have provided a hi visibility jacket for each child. This is enclosed.

Let's get fitter and do our bit for the local and natural environment!

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

BADGER WOOD and KEEPER WOOD

Emma McKenzie from Scampston Hall visited school today to work with all the children on a bee project - why we need bees, the parts of flowers bees use and pollination.

The children learnt about Bees & Food:

- One third of what we eat would not be available if it wasn't for bees.
- Which foods would not exist or would be very expensive and hard to get if it wasn't for bees.
- Bees help pollinate flowers, once a flower is pollinated it grows into a seed, some foods are seeds.

Parts of a Plant

- The children looked at a diagram of a lily and labelled the parts and what they are used for.
- Some groups dissected a Lily with group and looked at the different parts.

Pollination

- the children learnt about the transfer of pollen from one flower to another.
- Badger Wood made bee finger puppets.
- Keeper Wood played the flower parts and teacher played bees!
- Other pollinators were discussed, such as butterflies, birds, wind, bats.
- If time match up plant picture with food item.

Thank you for an interesting and fun day.

USED STAMPS

I am writing to say thank you for helping us in our fundraising efforts by collecting used stamps. Any amount large or small is much appreciated. I can assure you that every stamp you send will help raise money for the Royal National Institute of Blind People. Over the financial year of 2014-2015 we raised an amazing £21,458! Our target for this financial year is £25,000 so we need more supporters to achieve this figure. So far we have raised £9538.40.

Thank you again

Mrs. Terri Bush Volunteer Stamp Appeal Team

RECYCLE YOUR USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hope Central, Malton would like to ask for your used Christmas cards. They will use these with the children next Christmas in crafting activities whilst visiting the Christmas Experience. A large box will be in the entrance hall at school for collecting these. We will collect these until the end of week 3 (22nd January). Any donations gratefully received.

School are continuing to collect stamps and batteries.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will be making an occasional presence outside school gates at key times over the coming months. The reason behind this is to observe routines, engage with the community and doesn't mean there's a problem.

RYEDALE SPECIAL FAMILIES

The Ryedale Special Families newsletter is now available on our website, including a review of our year and consultations with the young people we support.

<http://www.ryedalespecialfamilies.org.uk/news/>

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

NITS

Just a reminder to check your child's hair regularly for nits, that way we keep the problem under control as far as we are able.

There is currently an advert campaign on TV with products available. The NHS Choices website has information regarding head-lice management.

The Healthy Child Team is able to discuss this with any family struggling with head-lice. They may be contacted via Pickering Clinic.

HELPING IN SCHOOLS

WEA Helping in Schools is a hugely successful 50 hour course for adults which has been running nationally for many years. We are delighted to announce that the WEA have teamed-up with the Library service to bring Helping in Schools to Ryedale.

The course starts on Monday 22nd February at Norton Library. It runs for 12 weeks, 9:45am - 2:30pm, and is accredited at level 2 (NCFE Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools). The fee is £157.50 (+ £41 accreditation fee) but is free to those in receipt of means-tested benefits, such as Working Tax Credits, Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance etc.

Places are limited, so interested parties should contact the WEA as soon as possible for an info pack (attached FYI): email sblockley@wea.org.uk or call Robbie Noble on 0113 245 3304.

TEACHER TRAINING

School Direct - Teacher Training Information Event
16 January 10-1 at Whitby Tourist Information Centre.

Are you interested in training to become a teacher? Would you like to Train-to Teach in local Schools?

Come along to our information event to find out more about local School Direct teacher training opportunities.

School Direct, Initial teacher training is an exciting school led graduate programme that allows you to Train-to-Teach in local schools.

The Esk Valley teaching alliance has places available for Primary training starting in September 2016.

Contact Sharon Markham 07875 287780 or <http://www.eskvalleyteachingalliance.co.uk> for more information

ATTACHMENTS

Please find enclosed:-

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| - Basketball – Keepers | - Friends letter |
| - Maths club – years 2,3,4 | - Drugs booklet – Keeper Wood |
| - Parent evening letter | - Film club |
| - Gymnastics for sports letter | - Cross country – selected pupils from Keeper Wood |
| - Swimming gala – selected pupils from Keeper Wood | |
| - Hi Vis vest | |
| - Disco invitation | |

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