

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## NEWSLETTER January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

### SCHOOL

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and have returned ready for another busy term ahead.

A special welcome to Freddie, Jacob, Ziva and Lucy who have joined our pre-reception group and Taylor in year 3.

### ATTENDANCE

Please find attached your child's attendance so far this year.

Your child's attendance is 95% or more and within the permitted absence levels.

### TEST UPDATE

There will be a meeting for parents and children in years 5 and 6 on **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** from 3.30-4pm. This is to provide information about the year 6 national tests and to explain how school and home can help to prepare children for these.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The following clubs will take place this term:

Mondays	Gymnastics – for years 1 -6 see attached
Tuesdays	Relax Kids
Thursdays	Clarinet Club Laser Shooting Club – for years 5 and 6 see attached

### BADGER WOOD

Badger Wood will be having a Pirate Day to launch their new topic. This will be on **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please could all children wear **Pirate Costume**, thank you.

### 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.

### SCHOOL REVIEW

On Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> we are having a Peer Review of the school. We would appreciate it if parents could talk to the visiting teachers to give their views of school between 8.30am and 8.45am on this morning. Thank you.

### 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.

### CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

Passports are due in on the following dates:

**Farthing Wood: Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Badger Wood: Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

### ASSEMBLIES

Our theme this term is Friendship.

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

### **BADGER WOOD**

What a great first week back Badgers!

Firstly We'd like to welcome Freddie, Ziva, Jacob and Lucy... they have all settled into the Badger ways and had a super first week.

This week we have focused on RE and looking at different religions and their holy buildings. We looked at all 6 main religions their holy books and buildings. We noticed a few things were the same but also spotted some differences.

We enjoyed walking down to church to look at the stained glass window. We loved the way the light came through them then when we came back up to School we designed and made our own stained glass windows. I can't wait to put them on display, they are all so colourful they'll look amazing!

Next week we sail into our new topic... don't forget to come to school in your pirate costumes on Thursday! Lots of surprises in store!

### **FARTHING WOOD**

This week Farthing Wood have made a positive start to the year. We have been giving compliments to each other and thinking about how this makes us and the person receiving the compliment feel.

We have started a new class novel called 'The Whitby Witches'. On Thursday we went to explore the places that the book uses as its setting. We visited Whitby Abbey, the whalebone arch, 199 steps, Captain Cook Museum and we searched for possible buildings that could have been Aunt Alice's house and the nearby post office.

Written by Farthing Wood pupils



### **KEEPER WOOD**

It's been a fantastic week back!

First of all I would like to mention that Taylor is back and it's like he has never been away. He has fitted in brilliantly and everyone in Keepers have helped him feel welcome.

This week we have introduced the new class book 'Float' which is an adventure story of a little boy and his origami boat. We attempted to make an origami boat and this gave the class some enjoyment and proved to be quite the challenge. Next week we will be writing instructions on how to create one.

In Maths we have been using our multiplication knowledge to revisit long multiplication which will carry on into next week as well as picking up the bus stop method in division.

We also had a superb time on the school trip in Whitby, looking at all the boats in the harbour, visiting the Captain Cook Museum and the RNLI. Fortunately the rain held off for us.

Next week we will be learning about letter writing as we are all going to give our thanks to the organisations that really made our trip special.

### **SCHOOL SAVINGS SCHEME**

At West Heslerton School we operate a savings scheme for parents to save as much or as little as they would like, either regularly or just from time to time.

We offer the children the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities, some of which we ask for a parental contribution and others we pay for from the school budgets. We are conscious that costs can add up and sometimes visits come along all at once! Saving just a small amount can spread these costs and some children have taken money home at the end of their time here!

If you would like to start a savings scheme for your

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Please find attached:

- Attendance record for your child
- Gymnastics club – years 1-6
- Laser shooting club – years 5 and 6
- Messy Church
- Film Club
- Community Newsletter

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