

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head: Rachel Wells B.A.(Hons)Q.T.S. NPQH

High Street, West Heslerton, Malton, North Yorkshire. YO17 8RD

Telephone/Fax:- 01944/728286; E-mail:- admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk ; www.westheslertonschool.co.uk



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

NEWSLETTER January 13th 2017

PUNCTUALITY

We have become aware that there are a number of children who are arriving late for school.

All schools use a national registration system to record, attendance, lateness and absences. This complies with Government and L.A. guidelines.

School's official starting time is 8.45 am, pupils arriving after this time should report to the school office. 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 with unauthorised absence 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. If you have a problem in the morning which means you will be late, please phone school to make us aware.

WELLIES

During the wet, wintry weather, only pupils with wellies will be allowed to play in the field. This will ensure classes can join together on the carpet in class time and keep clean.

CHRISTMAS FEEDBACK

Thank you for your feedback on the Christmas play and nativity.

The nativity services were well received. The parental attendance was high and it was suggested by many families that 2 services continue in future years for all to view this. The focus on younger pupils was enjoyed. Parents were pleased to see younger siblings at church. They asked if we could encourage pre-schoolers to sit quietly during readings and prayers. We will host two services at church next Christmas. Again we will encourage younger siblings to attend the afternoon service. This will help them to experience worship at church and allow adults quiet prayer or reflection time during the evening service.

The Christmas play was enjoyed by all. The length of the play was judged to be better and pupils enjoyed taking part. Parents commented positively upon pupils writing their parts, making the parts as big or small as they felt capable. Containing this production to 1 focussed week was also praised. As the play takes place at such a busy time of year, some pupils were very tired, some parents were busy with other siblings' events and some parents missed information about where to drop their children. Older family members struggled with the lack of street lighting. In the summer term 2018, we will write and produce a play, focussing upon the older pupils for the end of the Summer, after national tests. Dave Webb will work with us to produce a summer spectacular. We will collect parent views after this, in Summer 2018.

PARENTAL FORUM MEETING

Parental Forum meetings are held during the year at school. This is a chance for parents to pop in, give feedback, ask questions to clarify their understanding of school and to make suggestions to improve things further. All parents/families are invited to these informal get-togethers.

The next Parental Forum meeting will be held on Monday, January 23rd at 2.30pm in the school hall. A general overview of discussion points will be included in the newsletter following this meeting.

WEBSITE

The school website has useful information, including menus, newsletters and dates. It is updated regularly. This is found at: www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

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

ROBOTICS TOPIC LAUNCH

What an exciting start to the week as over the weekend we had a UFO crash landing on the school field. As we were all in lessons on Monday morning a van came beeping across the field. A person got out of the van and took soil samples, tested metals and put out signs to keep us away from the site. We even saw smoke coming out of the tent.

Mrs Wells then came out to tell us our school was on the news! It was all very exciting.

Badger Wood took this back into lessons and wrote a newspaper article all about the landing as well as using pictures of the crash site to label and caption.

Keeper Wood wrote a letter to the UK Space Agency to inform them about the crash site and to gain any more information about the landing from them. Lots of questions are in the letters to make sure we are safe!

Farthing Wood thought this would be a good opportunity to write a letter (which will hopefully be published) about this extraordinary event to send in to 'The Week Junior' magazine as they have a section called 'over to you' where we can send in our news.

On Tuesday the school received a letter from the UK Space Agency to inform us there was no radioactivity from the crash site and we were safe to go back on to the field.

Where will this take us next?...



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to all of Key Stage 2 who took part in the small schools basketball tournament this week at Malton Sports Centre. Everyone worked so hard, communicated well and smiled lots! Great sportsmanship was shown to each other and to other teams.

Pictured below are the 2 teams who beat off other schools to face each other in the final. Once the finalists were announced, we knew that Heselton were going to win the trophy but both teams battled so hard to score more baskets, to defend well and win. It was end-to-end action, enjoyed by everyone. Well done to all of Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood.



BADGER WOOD

Please may we ask you to return any clothing borrowed from Badger Wood. Spare clothing is always gratefully received in class and often needed especially in wet weather after falls!

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Gymnastics fun festival – Y1/2
- Disco invitation

WOODWIND AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

We have heard from NYCC that with immediate effect there will be a change of teacher for woodwind, piano and keyboard tuition: Caroline Watkinson will be replaced by Amanda Wademan. We are awaiting Amanda to contact school to arrange her timetable for this term. Lessons may be offered on a different day / time slot than was the case in the Autumn Term. NYCC will also be writing to individual parents to advise them of the change.

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