

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS

SCHOOL PLAY

There will be two performances of the summer play, The Memory Shop, on **Friday, July 13th** at 1.30pm and 6pm. Tickets still available in school, £1 per ticket. Please see attached costume details.

We will be saying Goodbye to our year 6 pupils at the end of term:

Tuesday, July 17th

Children's University assembly at 9am at school – all welcome.

Thursday, July 19th

Leavers' certificate assembly at 2pm at West Heslerton church – all welcome.

Leavers' party at school from 5.30-7.30pm -all children at school and their parents are welcome. There will be a variety of fun events taking place. Refreshments will be available to buy on the night. Further details will follow.

TOPIC LANDING

Thank you to all who came in to celebrate the end of the "Discovering Deira" topic today. The children had worked hard to prepare and were pleased to see so many of you sharing in their enthusiasm.

CRICKET

Well done to all children in years 1, 2 and 3 who took part in a Kwik Cricket tournament at Malton Community Sports Centre. They all played well after practising at school and Heslerton "A" won the first round.

NEW CLASSES

The children will be spending time in their new classes on Monday, ready for September!

OPEN EVENING

School are holding an informal Open Evening on **Wednesday, July 4th from 3.30 – 5pm**. Parents are invited to drop in and view their children's work and meet the teachers.

School uniform will be available to order.

Lost property will be on display – come and claim

I THRIVE -reminder

Children in years 5 and 6 will be attending the I Thrive festival at Malton School on **Thursday, 5th July**. The children will need a packed lunch.

ATHLETICS -reminder

The whole school will be taking part in an Athletics day at MCSC on **Wednesday, July 4th**. All children in years Pre-reception, Reception, 1 and 2 are entitled to a free packed lunch, as are children who receive free school meals. These will be provided by school. Other children will need to bring their own packed lunch, unless already ordered.

FOREST SCHOOLS -reminder

On **Friday, July 6th** it will be Forest Schools all day for children in Farthing Wood. They will need a packed lunch.

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

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Prize draw

Friends of School have organised a prize draw to raise money for funds for extras for the children. There are a variety of prizes which have been donated by local firms and parents, including days out and meal vouchers. Tickets are available in school , £1 per strip. Please send money in a named envelope to the office by **Wednesday, July 11th**.

Friends of School are looking for volunteers to organise and help with refreshments at the school play on Friday, July 13th, both afternoon and evening performances. Please let us know if you can help, thank you.

LEAVERS' PHOTO

Year 6 pupils had their photo taken for the Malton Gazette. Look out for their Leavers' supplement in the weeks ahead.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Next week will be the final session for cycling club and dodgeball club.

There will be no tennis club next week due to staffing issues at MCSC.

We hope you have enjoyed these clubs.

PARENT VIEW

Parent View is an online questionnaire for you to give your views about this school at any time of year. Please log on at

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

to answer 13 quick questions.

Your views are used by staff and governors at school to help with your child's education.

STAY AND SEE

We would like to invite you to join us in Badger Wood on **Friday, July 6th** from 2pm for "Stay and See" in Badger Wood. This will be an opportunity for current parents, new starters, grandparents, younger siblings and carers to join us to see the children in their class. The event will give parents an opportunity to talk with each other, as well as joining their children in their activities. We look forward to seeing you.

ENCLOSED

Please see attached:

- Play costumes
- Attendance Policy
- School report and return letter
- New class letter

CHARITY STALL

We are going to do a stall of Guess the Name of the Teddy.

We will sell some other things such as books, teddies, big toy and small toys. These things will cost 10p to £1.

Tilly and Aimee

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Agreed absence from school for annual holidays may be granted. In exceptional circumstances, with attendance at or beyond 95%, pupils may be given permission for leave. Forms are available at www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk or from the school office and should be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to booking. Please note that holidays will not be granted during test periods.



A leave of absence request form should be completed by the parent/carer and returned to the school as far in advance as possible and at least **6 weeks** before the first date of the period of leave being requested. Parents/carers must obtain the schools permission **before making any arrangements for leave in exceptional circumstances, otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.**

No parent/carer can demand leave of absence as of right. The Education regulations state that applications for leave must be made in advance by a parent with whom the child lives and can only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances. Each application is considered individually by the school.

The following are examples of the criteria for leave of absence, which may be considered as 'exceptional':

- Service personnel returning from active deployment
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation/company
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided.
- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis

Please note: Headteachers would not be expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional

This is not an exhaustive list and Headteachers must consider the individual circumstances of each case when making a decision on this matter. Where a Headteacher feels that there may be exceptional circumstances which do not fit the criteria, they may refer to the local authority for advice. The decision of the Headteacher is final. Parents who take a child on leave in term time without the permission of the school risk being issued with a penalty notice fine for unauthorised absences.

Taking a pupil on leave during term time interrupts teaching and learning and can disrupt educational progress. Before completing this application parent/carers are asked to consider the effect on their child's continuity of education.