

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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WHOLE SCHOOL TOPIC

This term our topic is 'Keep Calm and Carry On'. We are looking forward to exciting learning activities themed around Wartime Britain.

On Monday Chris Cade will be spending the day in school working with the children on Arthur's War activities. **We would like to invite parents to join us from 2.45-3.15pm on Monday to share our exciting topic introduction.**

During this half term, we will be making our own poppy wave. All pupils will be working with craftspeople at school to create their own poppy. They will need an empty, clear plastic bottle to craft from. Those with rounded tops (i.e. Cola bottles) work best. Please could all pupils have these named bottles in school by Friday September 28th.

WELCOME

Welcome back after the summer break, all the children have settled back to school well and are enthusiastic about the term ahead.

The school website has the current menu and dates for the term as well as other information about school. Please have a look at www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Please would you ensure that your child's uniform is named so that lost property can be returned quickly to the correct child. Details of labels available are attached.

If your child has a medical, dental or other appointment during school time, we require a letter confirming this in order that we can authorise the absence.

VOTING NEEDED PLEASE

We are delighted to announce that Generation Teas will continue this school year. Groups of pupils in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood will again take turns to meet with older residents at a monthly village afternoon tea. The mixed generations take part in a range of activities together at these events.

We have applied for a grant from Skipton Building Society to provide funds for local craftspeople to work upon a wartime crafting project with all pupils from school. They will share their project with the Generation Tea regulars.

We have been shortlisted by Skipton Building Society from over 740 UK applications for the positive impact these generation tea sessions make in our local community.

The public vote for who they would like to receive the funding. Our school project is profiled at www.skiptongrg.co.uk. We would love parents, families and friends to vote for our group. Our group is listed under you're the Yorkshire region - just click through to 'Heslerton Generation Teas' and click the 'vote now' button on the page. As well as voting online, you are also able to vote in the nearest Skipton Building Society branch.

SWIMMING

Swimming starts next Thursday for children in years Reception to year 4. Please ensure your child has their swimming things in a manageable bag.

DRUMMING WORKSHOP – stay and see!

The children will be taking part in a Japanese Drumming Workshop on **Friday, September 21st**. This will involve movement to the drum beats! We would like to invite parents to **join us and take part from 2.15-3.15pm**, all welcome, come along and have a go!

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.

BADGER WOOD

Badger Homework

Welcome back everyone and time to get back in a routine.

Badgers reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Reception- Per week

1 Learn It

1 Handwriting Sheet per week

Spelling Shed activities

Year 1 - Per week

1 Learn It

1 Maths Activity Sheet

1 Writing Activity Sheet

Spelling Shed activities

Homework books will be handed out next week on Tuesday 11th with the first hand in on Tuesday 18th.

KEEPER WOOD

Keeper Wood Homework:

All children will be bringing home a new yellow homework book where they can record any homework they have completed. You will find more information about the homework at the front of these books.

Our new homework activities include:

- Daily reading
- Accessing spelling shed activities online
- 2 x Learn It's
- Optional extra activities if everything else has been completed.

There is the opportunity for completed reading books to be changed daily. All homework books will be taken in on a Tuesday for marking.

FARTHING WOOD

This has been devised with the children in FW during this week. Homework expectations will begin in Week 2 of this term.

Farthing Wood Homework Timetable

Homework will usually be marked on a Monday, which should enable children who are busy after school to catch up over the weekend.

- * CLIC question - Work on weakest calculation from CLIC test of the previous week (sheet given)
- * Spelling shed - log in details in planners
- * Homeworkopoly rolls - all activities (10) completed and recorded in planner is 2 rolls, 6 - 9 completed activities is 1 roll, less than 6 activities completed is 0 rolls.

As a guide, the homework for year 5 and 6 should be 30 minutes each day

Mon	<p>Read and record in planner (15min)</p> <p>CLIC question (15min) Homework Book - date and calculations recorded Planner - recorded that you have completed this</p>
Tues	<p>Read and record in planner (15 min)</p> <p>CLIC question (15min) Homework Book - date and calculations recorded Planner - recorded that you have completed this</p>
Wed	<p>Read and record in planner (15min)</p> <p>Electricity Knowledge Organiser (15min) Homework Book - use if needed to record Planner - recorded that you have completed this</p>
Thurs	<p>Read and record in planner (15min)</p> <p>History (WW2) Knowledge Organiser (15min) Homework Book - use if needed to record Planner - recorded that you have completed this</p>
Fri	<p>Read and record in planner</p> <p>Spelling Shed Online (15min) Planner - recorded that you have completed this</p>

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Agreed absence from school for annual holidays may be granted under NYCC rules. 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.

Should families be thinking of a holiday during the year, it seems that North Yorkshire school term dates differ from those across the country. Many holidays are being offered at a reduced rate during our school break Saturday 23rd Feb to Sunday 3rd March. This may help families to have a holiday without disrupting their child's education.

ASSEMBLY

The theme for this term's assemblies is Trust.

ATTACHED

Please find attached:

- Flu letter – YR-5
- Secondary school letter -Y6
- Dates for diary
- Leaving school slip –Y3
- Name label flyer
- Explorers Club – Y3-6
- Gymnastics club – Y4-6
- Children's University letter – Y2-6