

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER September 16th 2016

ROMAN TOPIC LAUNCH

We have had a really busy week investigating Roman facts and ways of life.

Artist Sue Kershaw came in to school for 3 days this week to help us launch our 'Romans' topic. Sue used our creative symbols of nature ideas from last term to create a group mosaic design. She worked with all the children in small groups teaching us skills from 2,000 years ago. We learnt how Roman craftsmen created mosaics, by following plans, gluing tiles on, and grouting our work.

Will North laid the first tile and Matthew Moss laid the final one. Everyone was able to follow the plan and add their own tiles to create this amazing mosaic piece. We have left this to dry before we display it in our quiet, reflective area to help everyone celebrate the wonder of nature all around us.

Thank you to Sue and to all the amazing Roman tilers this week for their colourful creativity!



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

SCHOOL BAGS FOR AFRICA

Thank you all those who donated bags and stationery to school for children in Africa. Mrs Benthall has sent photographs of very grateful children receiving their bags. All the items donated have been happily received. Thank you to everyone for your donations.



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

The Friends of School are holding their AGM and a meeting on Friday, September 23rd from 2.15pm, coffee from 2pm. All are welcome to come along and share ideas.

AGENDA

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Review of 2015/16
4. Finance
5. Headteachers report
6. Committee
7. Future Events
8. Date of next meeting

Clothing Collection

There will be a collection of second hand clothing on Monday, 10th October in aid of funds and Starlight. Suitable items include:

Adults and children's clothing, underwear and socks, coats, paired shoes, handbags, no bric-a-brac.

Please take the opportunity to clear out! See bag attached, more available in school.

SCHOOL PARKING

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, please park at the bottom of High Street and walk up to school whenever possible. We have received concerns and complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking, blocking driveways, parking on grass etc. There have also been incidents of speeding and careless driving which endangers the safety of children walking down the street. Last term, children (and adults) were able to enjoy fitter, healthier journeys to school which really eased congestion and improved safety for all around school. Let's get fitter and do our bit for the local and natural environment!

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

SCHOOL CLUBS

Musical Instrument Club

Thank you to those children responding to our offer of music club. All 8 places have now been taken. This club will commence on Thursday 22nd Sept from 3.30-4pm. Please see attached letter.

Bible Story Club

All children who requested a place at this club have a place.

Explorers Club

All children who requested a place at this club have a place.

TEDDY BEARS

Alenka is collecting unwanted Teddy Bears to donate to traumatised children who have few toys. If you have any unwanted bears please bring them into school, there is a collection box in the hall, thank you.

OVER 55s MEET THE CHILDREN

The older children in school are working towards the Archbishop of York Young Leader Award. They would love to meet with the over 55s in the villages to talk about improving the local area, environmental, social, charitable etc. If you know anyone who would like to come along please share the attached flyer.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Clarinet letter, where applicable
- Parent evening invitation, YR, Y3 and new families during 2016