

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER September 15th 2017

START OF SCHOOL DAY

School staff lock the gate at 8.45 am, if you are leaving the playground after this time, please shut the gate behind you! Children may be dropped off from 8.30am.

Pupils arriving after 8.45 should report to the school office to ensure they arrive safely into our care and have dinners ordered etc.

Messages

If you have any messages for staff, please visit the school office. The member of staff on duty each morning is there to supervise the children in the playground and teaching commences at 8.45am,

MISS DOLAN

We are pleased to be able to let you know that Miss Dolan is expecting a baby in February. Arrangements will be put in place to cover her short period of maternity leave and we will inform parents once this has been confirmed.

MUSIC TEACHING AT HESLERTON

Governors have recruited an experienced music teacher to teach specialist music sessions to all pupils from year 2 onwards.

Keeper Wood will have weekly lessons throughout the year developing their musical knowledge using a range of percussion instruments.

Farthing Wood will learn to play a stringed instrument. For now, instruments will remain in school. These may be sent home later this term with parental permission.

All pupils had a great music session with Mr. Chatto this week, we look forward to developing our musical knowledge and skills further.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

All schools have to adhere to the North Yorkshire County Council guidance to head teachers with regard to leave of absence in term time. If you wish to make a request, please arrange to see Rachel Wells, headteacher, at least 6 weeks in advance. All requests have to be made in writing, clearly stating any exceptional circumstances on a "Leave of absence in Term Time" form and accompanied by evidence as detailed on the attached letter. Forms are available from the school entrance hall.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact school.

WOODWIND AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

An opportunity has arisen for pupils to have woodwind or keyboard lessons here in school. These are provided by NYCC music service for pupils from year 2 upwards. Please enquire at the office for further information and charges.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Multi Skills Club

All children who requested attendance at this club have been allocated a place.

Active Music Club

All children who requested attendance at this club have been allocated a place.

SWIMMING

Don't forget children in years 1-4 start swimming next Thursday, September 21st.

Children will need swimming costume/trunks and a towel in a drawstring bag, not too large. All jewellery must be removed before swimming; earrings need to be removed by the parent or pupil as staff are not allowed to do this. Long hair must be tied back and/or a cap worn to keep the hair dry. It is much easier if children wear long socks instead of tights, as tights are awkward to get onto damp legs! There will be no morning break, therefore please ensure the children have a good breakfast!

CLUBS AT HESLERTON

This half term we are offering lunchtime clubs every day plus Multi-Skills and Active Music Clubs after school.

Next half term we will offer History Deyctive Club. In the new year we have a range of new clubs planned. These will include a Cycling Club. A new bike or cycling helmet may be a useful idea for Christmas!

BADGER WOOD AND KEEPER WOOD

What an exciting start to our topic! On Wednesday we came into a bit of a shock, as both Badger Wood and Keeper Woods classrooms were blocked off - there was evidence of a T-Rex!! Overnight cameras had caught a T-Rex in both classrooms, the car park and heading down to the dips!! When we went to explore we found a nest with dinosaur eggs in!!! We took pictures of any evidence we found to help in the investigation.

On Thursday we went to the Rotunda Museum to learn more about dinosaurs. We had a great morning finding out about how fossils are formed and looking at dinosaur footprints. They had all been found on the Yorkshire coast! We also saw some other types of fossils and explored what else the museum had to offer.

It was a fresh, windy afternoon at Cayton Bay but that didn't stop us from having lots of fun. We used our fossil knowledge to search for our own fossils and used books to help identify them. We also created some beach art, played beach games and had tower building competitions.

What a great 2 days we've had and a super start to our topic!!

FRIENDS OF HESLERTON SCHOOL

The Annual General Meeting will take place at school on Friday, September 22nd at 2pm. All are welcome to come along and find out more about what Friends do and how they support school. Tea and coffee will be available.

Agenda

Present

Apologies

Review of 2016/17 activities

Finance

Headteacher's report

Committee

Future Events

AOB

Next meeting

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are aware that personal circumstances change from time to time. If you believe that you may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office and we will try to help you.

ANNUAL FLU IMMUNISATION

Dear Parents/Guardians

Please visit this online form to consent electronically for your child to receive their flu vaccine in school this autumn. Children in reception, year 1,2,3 and 4 are being offered the flu vaccine this year.

<https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/>

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

Please complete the online form (one for each child) by the end of September 2017. Please ensure you read and understand all the information before you complete the online form. Please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> for more information about the flu vaccination.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please go to the website shown above which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. Please ensure you read the leaflet that is enclosed before completing the online consent form. If you have any queries please contact the childhood Immunisation team on the above number or email address. Last year, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation.

Yours sincerely

Lois Alderson Clinical Lead for childhood immunisations in North Yorkshire and City of York .

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Parent/teacher meeting letter
- NYCC Leave of Absence letter
- Yorkshire Fossil Festival

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

Farthing Wood's Stone Age Launch Day



The Clans really got to grips with understanding the pros and cons of the lives of people in the Stone age – you really did have to make use of everything around you!

The clans created their stone age camps around our central fire.



Using charcoal from the fire, we draw pictures and made Clan markings



We baked apples in the fire using clay – but how do you eat a baked apple without a metal fork?