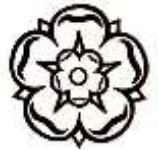


# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## NEWSLETTER September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017

### PARENTAL FORUM

Come for an informal chat at the Parental Forum Meeting on **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 8.45am.**

This is an excellent opportunity to meet with Mrs. Wells and other parents to exchange ideas and learn more about the school, or just to have a cup of coffee and chat for a while! All welcome.

### SPONSORED WALK - reminder

Don't forget we will be holding a whole school sponsored walk on Friday, 29th September at 1pm to raise money for Friends of School. Parents are welcome to come along and join in!

### SCHOOL PREMISES

May we please remind you that children are not allowed on the school premises before 8.30am, there is a parent shelter for those arriving before this time.

Please would parents not allow their children to climb on the school fence or gates as these are being damaged.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Friends of School are once again raising money through Christmas Card designs. All children have designed a card, see enclosed design and order form. Please return any orders to school by Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to ensure delivery in good time.

### BREAK TIME SNACKS

All children in Reception, years 1 and 2 are provided with fruit at morning break. Older children may bring a fruit snack if they wish. This needs to be kept separate from any pack ups.

Snacks are available from the school kitchen at morning break:

Scones	20p each or 10p for half
Baguette	15p per portion
Raisins	15p per bag
Fruit juice	20p
(orange, apple, blackcurrant)	
Milkshake	30p
(Chocolate, strawberry)	

### CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

Passports are due in on the following dates:

Keeper Wood: Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Badger Wood: Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

### PIANO AND KEYBOARD LESSONS

An opportunity has arisen for pupils to have piano 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.

### 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.

### **BADGER WOOD**

What a busy week it has been in Badgers, but it has been great getting back into a routine.

We have enjoyed getting back into text mapping this week! We thought of facts we already knew about dinosaurs and then added to them in our text map. We have learnt these facts using actions and symbols, so when we come to writing about it we can think back to the actions and symbols to help us with our writing. I can't wait to read everyone's facts!

The year 1s enjoyed their first swimming lesson, which was great to hear. While the year 1s were swimming the Receptions had a great morning following the book 'The Rainbow Fish', we had a good chat about feelings, then painted our favourite bit from the book, made sparkly scales, sequenced the story and showed off our writing skills. A busy morning both in the pool and out of the pool!

Next week, we will be continuing with our text map and writing about dinosaurs as well as turning into artist and creating a dinosaur masterpiece!

### **KEEPER WOOD**

We have been continuing with our topic this week in Keeper Wood by beginning to write newspaper reports about the dinosaur in school. Some of you have done some super reports for homework which will really help when we write the ones in school next week! We have spoken a lot about questions to ask witnesses for their opinions about what happened and realised that closed questions just don't give us much information. After finding this out, we wrote some fab questions and then interviewed Mrs Wells and Badgers about what had happened.

We've also started to look at our challenges this week and the cave is now open. It is our 'Dinosaur dig' and there are a few exciting challenges in there to get on with.

We will be planning and writing our newspaper reports next week which will include our witness statements.

### **FARTHING WOOD**

A more routine week in Farthing Wood this week. We have begun to plan our Stone Age non-chronological reports this week, which will also help us to answer the many questions we still have left unanswered about people's lives in this period of time. This has really been enhanced by the hard work of people at home who have been busy working on some amazing models and art work linked to the topic. Maths has also been historical as we have been reminding ourselves that we can still read, write and order Roman numerals ... and we can now do this with even larger numbers.

Well done everyone - keep up the hard work.

### **TEACHER TRAINING**

Are you interested in training to become a Primary School teacher in Whitby, Scarborough and the surrounding area? Would you like to Train-to-Teach in local schools?

Information events are being held as follows:  
Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October from 10am – 1pm at Stephen Joseph Theatre , Scarborough  
Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November from 10.15am-12.45pm at The Library, Whitby.

Come along to an information event to find out about School Direct Teacher Training opportunities available locally. School Direct, Initial Teacher Training (ITT) is an exciting school led graduate programme that allows you Train-to-Teach in local schools.. The events are informal "drop-in" style sessions, where a range of providers will be on hand to offer advice and full details of the programmes on offer.

Contact Sharon Markham 07875297780  
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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Please find attached:

- Parent/teacher meeting appointment – if requested
- Christmas card design and order form
- Welcome to classes
- Bewerley Park update – years 5,6
- Yorkshire Fossil Festival
- Ebor Academy – years 5,6
- Malton School- years 5,6