

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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NETBALL

All children in Farthing Wood will be taking part in a netball tournament as their P.E lesson on Wednesday, October 4th. This will take place at Norton Community Primary School from 1.00pm – 2.45pm. Pupils will wear their P.E. kits. We will leave school at 12.30pm after an early lunch and will return for the end of the school day. The children will need to bring a water bottle to be able to have a drink whilst there. They will need their P.E kits. The children will be travelling by Fletcher's coach and will be accompanied by school staff. Pupils with inhalers should bring these with them.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Active Music Club – change of date

Due to a medical appointment, Active Music Club starts on Thursday, October 12th. Places have been reserved for all children who requested to attend.

Laser Shooting

There will be a Laser Shooting Club starting in January. Prior to this we are holding a taster day on Wednesday, October 11th. The children will experience this during the day with a GB Pentathlete, and we invite parents to join them from 3.30-4.30 to try this together.

STAY AND PLAY

We would like to invite you to join us in Badger Wood on **Friday, October 13th** from 1.00 -2.00pm for "Stay and Play" in Badger Wood. The Friends meeting follows this and tea and coffee will be served in Farthing Wood. This will be an opportunity for parents, grandparents, younger siblings and carers to join us to see the children in their class and give parents an opportunity to talk with each other, as well joining their children in their activities. We look forward to seeing you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our school harvest festival will take place on Friday 20th October. This will be held at All Saint's West Heslerton from 1.30 and usually lasts for about an hour. This service will involve all children and all pupils are encouraged to bring a donation of produce. Everyone is very welcome to this event (and parents wishing to do so may take their children home directly from church).

During our service we are collecting produce for 3 groups, which you may wish to bear in mind whilst shopping over the next few weeks:

- **Hope Central's Foodbank** – please see attached list.

- **Tinned produce for villagers** - older residents have access to mobile shops visiting the village selling fresh fruit and veg, meat, fish and bakery items. Often they have no store cupboard ingredients, tins etc. Packets and tins of produce suitable for individuals or couples are warmly welcomed. We will package these up into gifts and give these to pensioners attending Generation Tea run in the village for older residents.

- **Fresh produce** - A regular soup and pudding club is run for over 55s in the village. Fresh veg donated will be used to create soups which may be frozen and used over time for these meetings. Fruits will be used to create puddings for these events. Any surplus supplies will be shared with the Salvation Army, Scarborough.

The children will be carrying these down to church so please supply in a manageable bag, thank you. We are looking forward to warmly welcoming everyone to our Harvest Festival at All Saint's Church.

SCHOOL MEALS

Children are able to choose to have a school meal on any day, this is particularly useful after swimming!

£1 COINS

We will not be able to accept the old £1 coins as of October 1st.

BADGER WOOD

It was all about writing this week in Badgers and they blew my socks off! After developing our non-fiction text map about dinosaurs, all Badgers had a go at writing about what facts they had learnt about dinosaurs so far. I was impressed. Next week we will go on to develop a new text map about a poor dinosaur who has lost his roar.

The Receptions had a great morning, rhyming the time away while pretending to be a witch! We enjoyed reading 'Room on the Broom' and acting it out. We all looked fab as the witch! We even went out into the wildlife area to find and make our own magic wand.

Our counters are working well, everyone is working hard and doing the right thing at the right time to earn their counters. We love counting how many we have got through the week!

Next week, it's all about story writing, adding and painting! Can't wait!

Please could Reception children bring their swimming kits on Thursday for the next 3 weeks. Although they are not going swimming until after half term, it would be good to practise getting changed to help promote independence when they do go.

FARTHING WOOD

Farthing Wood have written some amazing draft non-chronological reports about the Stone Age this week, which they have also self-edited using editing stations. I can't wait to see their final finished posters/leaflets/booklets next week.

In maths we have been busy rounding whole and decimal numbers - if you want a really annoying song to help with this then the 'Rounding Rap' on Youtube has a great technique to help with the understanding of this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3afU6JQG15I>

Please return P.E. kits, washed, to school – they are needed on Wednesday, thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please return any orders to school by Friday, October 6th to ensure your order arrives well in time for Christmas.

KEEPER WOOD

We've been busy this week trying to plan and write our dinosaur newspaper reports. We worked together in groups and chose how our reports would be set out and we remembered all the features we had found last week! We have also, as a class, entered a 'Rhyme craft' poetry competition. We talked about lots of different poems and how we could make them exciting. Everyone has worked really hard to make their poem their own. Some have chosen to use our dinosaur theme but others have chosen a subject of their choice. They are fab!! Fingers crossed for some winners again like we had last time!

Next week, we will be researching dinosaurs further and beginning to write some reports about them.

Please return P.E. kits, washed, to school – they are needed on Wednesday by Farthing Wood, thank you.

PARENT GOVERNORS

West Heslerton Governing Body have 3 Parent Governors elected by parents of the school, they are:

Dr Louise Powlesland

Mrs Victoria Moss

Mr Jay Barber

The Governors' work affects most aspects of the school's work. They establish, with the Headteacher, aims for the school, and approve policies – for the curriculum, behaviour and discipline, for example; and are responsible for the school's budget, the appointment of staff and the use and maintenance of the premises. More generally, they are expected to be in touch with the local community and to help guide the school to meet the community's educational needs. They are also expected to help the school explain to the community what the school is trying to achieve for their children. The Governors meet each half term. They are happy to maintain current pupil numbers; this provides lots of opportunities for all the children.

CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

Passports are due in on the following dates:

Badger Wood: Friday, October 13th

Keeper Wood: Friday, December 1st

SAINSBURY'S SCHOOL GAMES

Pupils from Heslerton, Welburn, Rillington, Amotherby and Langton met on Wednesday this week to take part in the Ryedale Cross Country. All pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a 1 lap race across fields around school. Heslerton were placed 3rd overall.

8 runners represented the school in a longer 2 lap race:

Boys – 1st Charlie S
9th Harry
11th Jake
13th Matthew

Girls – 12th Holly
13th Maisie
14th Maddie M
22nd Tallulah

All pupils were a credit to the school, both in their behaviour and their effort in this activity. Well Done everyone!

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Everyone is warmly welcomed to Friends of School meetings and events. These are advertised on our newsletters. Without the support of Friends, your child would miss out on Leavers' events, trips, (e.g. Hope Central), sports day refreshments, discos, pantomime trip, Christmas Party, Pumpkin Trail and more.

Please see attached the minutes of the last meeting.

Our next meeting is on Friday, 13th October. Drinks served from 2pm, informal meeting starts at 2.15pm.

McCAIN FUN RUN

West Heslerton School has, for the past 7 years, encouraged parents, families, children and siblings to run the McCain Fun Run. This is a 1.6K or 2.5K run along Scarborough South Bay.

This year the run will be held on **Sunday, October 22nd** at 11.30am and 11.50am. You can choose on the day which run you may wish to take part in. You must register your child online before-hand.

To register, please visit www.scarboroughhac.co.uk and click on McCAIN FAMILY FUN RUN 2017. This is a link for school teams. Registering children on here is sponsored by McCain and therefore free for children under 15 years of age. Other places can be paid for on the day.

Please let the office know when you have registered your child for this event. We will issue your child with a school shirt before the end of this half term. Race numbers will be available for collection by parents at the Spa on the day.

Let's see if we can retain the small school award for the 8th year in a row!

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Friends meeting minutes
- Foodbank list
- Film flyer

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, 7th October from 10am – 1pm at Stephen Joseph Theatre , Scarborough
Saturday, 4th 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
sharon.markham@eskvalleyteachingalliance.co.uk

EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Heselton Primary School Friends? There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join. Head to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heslertonprimaryschoolfriends/> and sign up for free.

2. Shop.

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.

3. Raise. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Heselton Primary School Friends will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.