

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER October 5th 2018

RED, WHITE AND BLUE DAY

West Heslerton School will be supporting Red, White and Blue Day, to commemorate the end of WW1, on **Wednesday, October 10th**.

Red, White & Blue Day is run jointly by ABF, The Soldiers' Charity, The RAF Benevolent Fund and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. Each of these three charities is responsible for the welfare of soldiers, sailors and airmen and their families. We would like to ask all pupils to dress up in Red, White and Blue and donate £1. The money will be split between the three long-established charities which all have close ties with our Armed Forces.

RAILWAY VISIT -REMINDER

The whole school will be travelling to Pickering Station on **Friday, October 12th** to take part in wartime workshops and travel on the North Yorks Moors railway from Pickering to Goathland. We will be leaving school at **8.45am promptly; therefore registration will take place at 8.30am** or as soon as the school taxi arrives. We will return to school at 4pm. There will be no taxi service home on this day. **The children will need to wear evacuee costume.** Children will need a packed lunch, unless provided by school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

With the ever changing world, we are adapting to family needs by looking into the possibility of providing extended after school clubs at West Heslerton School. Please see attached questionnaire which we would appreciate being returned by **Monday, October 15th** thank you.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday, October 16th** to take family and individual photos. Families with pre-school siblings are invited to come along from 8.30am.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Thank you to those who attending our Friends AGM on Friday. Sarah Spencer, Nina Maud and Alison North were thanked for their hard work over many years.

We will welcome Adam Shearsmith as Chair and Lucy Mason as Treasurer. Natalie Cob and Rebecca Stafford will share the secretary role for the group.

We discussed a range of fundraising ideas for this term to fund the wide variety of events for all pupils and provide social opportunities for all families.

The tea and coffee raised £26 for MacMillan. Please see attached the minutes of the meeting. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 8th at 2pm** – all welcome.

Non-uniform day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday, October 19th**, please bring a raffle/tombola prize.

STEM FAIR

The children in Farthing Wood will be visiting the STEM Fair at Scarborough Spa on **Thursday, October 11th**. They will be leaving school after registration and returning for the end of the school day. They will travel by Fletchers coaches arranged by NYCC and be accompanied by Mrs Woodward and Mrs Vipas. All children will need a packed lunch from home, please provide drinks in cartons please, no cans or bottles.

NETBALL

On Wednesday 3rd October, Farthing Wood went to netball at Norton CP School. We all had lots of fun, we had 3 teams competing. Heslerton A came 5th out of the 8 teams competing and Heslerton B came 3rd out of the 8 teams competing. Heslerton C had all the Year 6 and they came 2nd in the whole competition. It was a very good afternoon and we all loved taking part.

Reported on by Rosie and Maisie

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

BADGER WOOD

This week we finished off our text map learning about Scarborough during the war. We learnt about what happened to Scarborough's lighthouse, castle and sea front, looking at past and present photographs helped us to see what it was like during the war compared to now. This all helped us when it came to writing the report, as we were able to add detail in about what happened.

We carried on learning our number bonds this week... and even made our own song up... instead of 'Baby Shark' it is now our number bond sums!! We also started looking at capacity. We enjoyed measuring capacity and had lots of fun in the water tray using the $<$ $>$ and $=$ signs to show our understanding.

On Friday afternoon... no gingerbread men in the classroom this week... although we did have fun baking gingerbread biscuits! We used the pizza oven outside to bake them in and even got a little fire going to toast a marshmallow while we waited for our biscuits to cook.

FARTHING WOOD

Addition and subtraction has played a big part in our timetable this week with us focussing on using bar modelling as a strategy to work out multiple step word problems. We are starting to get the hang of it now but there will be plenty of opportunities to practice with multiplication and division over the next few weeks.

It has also been great to listen to the interesting ways that children are learning facts on the science and history knowledge organiser homework in preparation for the class quiz ... it really all depends on how best you learn.

Why not try:

Making up a song of the facts

Making a power-point multiple choice quiz on the computer

Making a matching game for the vocabulary and their definitions

...and I know there are many more creative ways

Well done everyone - keep up the hard work.

KEEPER WOOD

We have taken a visit back in time, to look at the very start of World War 2, this week. We found out lots of information about how Germany started the war, by taking over Poland, and when Britain tried to stop this, the leader said NO! We then put all of this information down on an information leaflet. I was very impressed by how much everyone remembered.

We have also looked at seed dispersal in science and researched the different ways this can be done.

Next week, we will continue our journey through the war and look at a timeline of the events that happened. We will also be setting up a plants investigation.

Y5 AND Y6 FOOTBALL FRIENDLY

Good luck to those pupils volunteering to play in a fun football tournament at Sherburn after school on **Wednesday, October 10th**. Supporters are welcome. The Friends of Sherburn School will be providing refreshments to raise funds for Sherburn School. Hot dogs will be on sale along with hot and cold drinks. Wishing everyone a great time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival will take place at West Heslerton church on **Friday, October 26th at 1.30pm** after which the children may go home to start their half term holiday.

McCain Family Fun Run SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER

There have been a few technical issues with the SAC website for the fun run. Please sign up at this address using the school team button <http://www.yorkshirecoast10k.co.uk> Places are free for under 16s.

School will provide running shirts for all pupils. The race numbers for schools will be available to pick up on the day from the Spa. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible there! Let's make it 10 years and retain the trophy!

BAGS2SCHOOL

There will be a Bags2School collection of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc. on **Friday, November 9th 2018**. Bags will be sent home at a later date so time to have a good clear out!

VOTNG 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 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.

Voting closes on Friday, October 12th.

NEW STARTERS PHOTO

The new starter photo features in the Scarborough Evening news in the Scarborough News this Thursday. Other schools we have featured have sent texts to the new starters' parents informing them of this, so they are able to purchase a souvenir copy if they wish. It would be great if you could do something similar for u

ENCLOSED

Please find enclosed:

- After school club questionnaire
- Friends meeting minutes
- Christmas card design – please return to school with any orders by Friday, October 19th
- Parent Governor election information

PARENTAL FORUM

Thank you to the 4 parents who attended the parental forum last week.

Timing of meetings - we discussed the timing of these meetings so that they were not timetabled on days with other school events. On this occasion this could not be avoided as the diary was so busy.

Parking and transport – transport to and from school was the main issue discussed. **Parents were keen to ask others to ensure their car and scooter speed to and from school was sensible.** Parking outside school on the zig zags, on the taxi bay and blocking the High Street to Rectory Farm was also raised. Parents discussed measures they would like taken to penalise parents who do this regularly. Please could we request that parents park legally and considerately with pupils safety in mind. May we also ask that care is taken with children moving between parked cars. School will continue to chase the renewal of the road markings. The potholes on High Street have had temporary repairs.

Parental engagement - parents asked why parents from other schools watched the cross country held here. This was because other schools relied upon parents to transport selected children to the event. West Heslerton is not selective and includes all pupils in local sports events. Due to the limited availability of parent helpers we use coaches to transport pupils. This allows as many pupils to participate as possible. Wherever possible, we do include parents in events e.g. football for Y5 and 6 at Sherburn next week. We plan to hold physical activity sessions for parents later this term tied in to our forest school sessions.

The meeting closed at 9.30.

The next parental forum will be held on **Tuesday 6th November at 8.45.**



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