

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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ATTENDANCE

Please find attached your child's attendance so far this year.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Just in case the cold weather and snow continue, may we please remind you that school closure information will be on the school website and on NYCC's website as soon as we are able to load the information. Local radio stations may also carry this information:

School website www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Radio York 103.7FM ,104.3FM, 95.5FM
http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/york/hi/tv_and_radio/newsid_8447000/8447476.stm

Minster FM 104.7FM
<http://www.minsterfm.com/>

Yorkshire Coast Radio 96.2 & 103.1MHz
<http://www.yorkshirecoastradio.com/schools/school-closure-list/>

Parents of children who travel to school by taxi may wish to telephone Botterells before leaving home, (01751 474210). If you have any issues regarding school transport, please contact County Hall.

SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR (SPAG) INFORMATION EVENING.

We would like to invite parents, children and their wider families to an information evening to learn more about the spelling, grammar and punctuation expectations for pupils in the national curriculum. Following a presentation, a mix of activities and information will be available. We hope to provide a fun, informative event and promise there will be no nasty tests to catch anyone out! This event will run from 5:30 until 7pm on Thursday 11th February. Please pop it in your diaries and join us!

ROAD SAFETY

We have been pleased to see a sea of yellow vests walking up to school this week! We will be talking about road safety in school next week, please will you also talk to the children about the importance of walking on the pavement and not running near traffic, thank you.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Please find attached information about this new and exciting project in school.

WEBSITE

The school website heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk has lots of information about our school. Menus, term dates and events this half term are on there along with weekly newsletters if you have mislaid yours. Please have a look around it. If there is anything you would find useful that is not already online, please let us know.

TWITTER

Are you on Twitter?
School has a Twitter feed which you may wish to follow. We are @HeslertonCE. This feed shows just a few of the things that occur at school as they happen. We will continue to produce all the usual newsletters and keep the website updated so please don't worry if you don't 'Tweet'!

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

BADGER WOOD AND KEEPER WOOD

We kicked off our new term's topic 'Get your kicks from Route 66' this week with a whole school launch day.

After a flight to the USA, everyone in school travelled round classrooms (from state to state) investigating aspects of the historic Route 66.

Pupils learnt to line dance using American music and following the official American line dancing terms. They met Elvis, listened to some of his music and investigated his albums on a turntable. They explored Las Vegas and had a go at playing Blackjack whilst there. They tracked their flight across the Arctic Circle using atlases, recreated the US flag understanding the significance of Stars and Stripes and looked at American products we use in everyday life here. Pupils made a range of tasty cheesecakes using fruits and produce grown in different states along the route. They also met a Native American Indian who had lived on these lands before they were discovered by Europeans. Pupils made wigwams and tasted some of the foods that may have been eaten by these tribes.

After a whole school line dance we took the next flight back to the UK with onboard catering (thank you to Maisie for making such an amazing cake for homework!). There was time to get costs and bags before the end of school day arrived!

Thank you to every child for their enthusiasm, hard work and super behaviour.

Thank you to all staff and to Mrs Morley, School Governor, for all of your hard work. It is not often we get to meet with American Indians, Pink Ladies, Cowboys and Elvis. It was a great day!

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.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

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 and doesn't mean there's a problem.

HEAD PHONES

Please could we ask that all children have head phones in school for when they are working on ipads. This is important for hygiene purposes and also the noise level in class!

Thank you.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:-

- Gym Festival – Badgers
- Parent evening appointment
- Children's University letter
- Attendance report

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