

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER October 6th 2017

SAINSBURY'S SCHOOL GAMES

NETBALL

On Wednesday 4th October, Farthing Wood (Y5-6) went to Norton Primary School to do a netball tournament. They got into teams and played against other schools. Destroyers (West Heslerton A) came first out of all the schools. The Tigers (West Heslerton D) drew first as well! Finally Dragons (West Heslerton B) came 3rd. The weather was horrible and wet but we carried on!

By Maddie, Maisie, Rowan and Thomas

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).

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

History Detectives Club

There will be a History Detectives Club at West Heslerton CE School next half term, in order to encourage further exploration of our area in the past. This will take place from 3.30pm – 4.30pm from Tuesday, October 31st to Tuesday, November 28th 2017, inclusive for children in Y3-Y6 – see attached letter

Football Club

There will be a Football Club at West Heslerton CE School next half term.

This will take place from 3.30pm – 4.30pm from Monday, 30th October to Monday, 27th November 2017. For children in Y1-Y6 – see attached letter.

Active Music Club

This starts on Thursday, October 12th until Thursday, November 30th.

Laser Shooting Club

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.

FAMILY PHOTOS

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday, October 18th from 8.30am to take family and individual photos. Families with pre-school children are invited to come at 8.30.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

We are accumulating more and more un-named lost property in school. Please would you check that your child's school uniform is named so that it can be returned to them once found. Lost property will be on display at parent evening for you to reclaim. Any items not claimed on this evening will be donated to the Bags2school collection.

BADGER WOOD

A busy week in Badgers, but never a dull moment. We started the week looking and learning our number bonds to 10. We did this in lots of different ways to help us see patterns and think about what is behind the numbers and how they look in different ways so we can see and make the patterns. It was really interesting to use lots of different resources and see how different the same sum can look.

We started our new text map this week based on the story 'The Dinosaur who lost his Roar'. We text mapped the rhyming story and learnt it off by heart! Next week we will add more detail to the story and make it more our own...so get thinking of ideas Badgers.

We enjoyed learning how to mix paints and develop lots of different colours. We then used our new skills to make our very own 'Jurassic World' pictures, as we painted the background and then put a dinosaur in the foreground, they look very effective. In Forest Schools, we went on a science hunt, learning all about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We hunted all around school for pictures of animals then in groups we had to read the little caption to see which group it belonged to. Next week it is all about fossils!!

Receptions, please remember to bring your swimming kits on Thursday, although we won't be going swimming, we still need to practise for after the half term 😊

CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

Passports are due in on the following dates:

Badger Wood: Friday, October 13th

Keeper Wood: Friday, December 1st

PARENTAL FORUM- 6.10.17

Two parents attended the parental forum. We discussed:

- Challenge for older pupils in mixed aged classes.
- Maternity leave.
- After school clubs – these are much appreciated.
- Meals – pack up eaters and dinner eaters to sit together please.

The next Parental Forum will take place on Friday, 24th November at 8.45am – all welcome.

KEEPER WOOD

We've had a busy week researching everything dinosaur in Keeper Wood, which we will use in our non-chronological reports next week. Everyone now knows exactly what a non-chronological report is and what features they have, after looking through a variety of different reports. We have found some very interesting facts that we can use.

In maths, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We struggled a little at first but then we listened to 'The Rounding Rap' that was used in Farthing Wood and we've now got the hang of it with a little trick.

Next week, we will be writing our reports and including lots of interesting facts. We'll also be moving on to addition and subtraction mastery in maths!

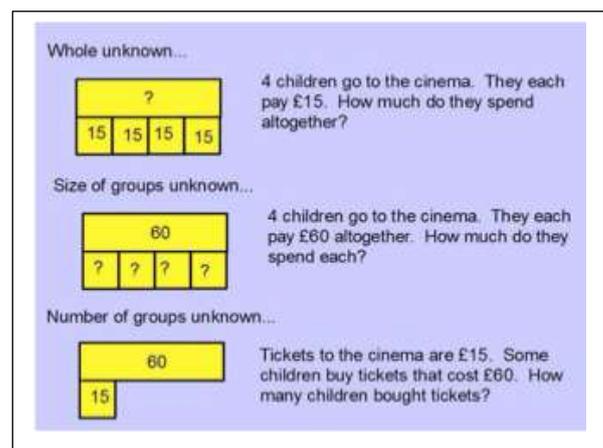
FARTHING WOOD

There have been two main features to this week's work in Farthing Wood: non-chronological reports the bar modelling method.

Everyone has spent the past two weeks drafting, editing and producing a final non-chronological report on the Stone Age, either in the form of a poster, leaflet or booklet. There are some really impressive final pieces, which we will be showcasing in class at the topic landing towards the end of term.

We have been looking this week at how the bar modelling method in maths can help us to understand and work out problems in maths. If parents want to help out with this or learn more there is a great explanation video, examples and some apps at the link below:

<http://www.swanageprimary.dorset.sch.uk/bar-modelling/>



FOREST SCHOOLS

We are really pleased to announce that the Governors have been able to employ Rich McGuinn, Hidden Horizons ecologist, to support our weekly Forest School offer for this school year. Rich cannot wait to get started after half term. We look forward to expanding the range of forest school activities we offer every week to every child.

GENERATION TEA

Heslerton School are delighted to be continuing our Archbishop of York Award this year. We will host a monthly generation tea for residents aged 55 or over.

Pupils in Year 4 hosted a tea this week. They entertained many local people with tales of their dinosaur adventures and fossil hunting this term. They showed photographs of our learning adventures and were able to entertain locals with great details of their studies since September.



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!

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.

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

Agenda

Present

Apologies

Minutes from last meeting

Upcoming events - Pumpkin trail
Xmas raffle/tombola
Xmas party

AOB - How can we get more parents interested?

Date of next meeting

BOOK FAIR

West Heselton School will be holding a Book Fair run by The Book People from November 6th to November 10th. Books will be available to buy – think Christmas! School will receive commission on sales for our funds. Further details will follow.

COMMUNITY CAFE

There will be a pop up community café at West Heselton Village Hall on Monday, 9th October from 8.45am – 11.30am.

This will be in support of MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Come along for a nibble and a natter because every slice of cake and cup of coffee helps make a huge difference to people facing cancer.

PUMPKIN TRAIL

Back by popular demand!

We will once again be having a Pumpkin Trail in West Heselton, starting and finishing at the Village Hall on Saturday, October 28th from 2pm – 4pm.

Trails cost £1 with prizes for children who find pumpkins, craft activities and refreshments.

Children are welcome to dress up.

All welcome at this family event to raise funds for Friends of West Heselton School.



CLEANER/CARETAKER

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Walker to the school staff as our cleaner and caretaker.

DATA COLLECTION

Please see attached a data collection sheet for your child. These are used to update details we hold. Please would you check this, amend if necessary and return to school by Friday, October 20th, thank you.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- History Detective Club letter – Y3-6
- Football Club letter - Y1-6
- Pumpkin Trail flyer
- Messy Church Flyer
- Data Collection Sheet