

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## NEWSLETTER October 19<sup>th</sup> 2018

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival will take place at West Heslerton church on **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm** after which the children may go home to start their half term holiday if accompanied by an adult. Children will not need their school bags in school on this day, newsletters will be sent home on Thursday.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS WINDOW CLOSING SOON

NYCC have asked us to remind parents of pupils in Year 6 that applications for secondary school places need to be made by **October 31<sup>st</sup>** please.

### SCHOOL TRIP

Many thanks for your patience last week as the children returned later than scheduled after their railway trip. There was a delay on the train.

### MENU CHANGES

We apologise the last minute menu changes experienced last week. These were due to the late delivery of kitchen ingredients.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Gym club and explorers club finish next week. All children who requested a place at next half term's clubs have a place.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

May we please remind parents that they need to speak with Mrs Wells prior to booking any holidays in term time. It is not always possible to grant permission for absence, especially during school test times. Evidence of exceptional circumstances must be presented with any application.

### SCHOOL MILK

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit: <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>

### BAGS2SCHOOL

There will be a Bags2School collection of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc. on **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**. Bags are attached and more are available from school.

### HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN TRAIL

Friends of Heslerton School will be hosting a Pumpkin Trail from **4pm on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Children from all schools and of all ages are welcome and may come along in fancy dress if they wish. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

If anyone has any Halloween decorations they wish to donate to Friends of School, these would be most welcome.

### McCain Family Fun Run

Good luck to all who are running this weekend. Please come along and support us if you are able. We can be identified in our school sports kit. Places on the Fun Run are available on the day and free of charge if anyone else wishes to join us.



### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** – all welcome.

### **BADGER WOOD**

A fantastic week in Badgers, we enjoyed looking through the trip photos on Monday and discussing everything that we did on the trip. We then used the photos to help us write a trip recount using time connectives!

In maths we have explored the world of weighing! We used both balance and electronic scales to help us explore weight and the vocabulary around it. On Friday we put our skills into practise and made biscuits!

We had a great afternoon out in forest schools on Friday and came back with crisp autumn leaves to help us create wax art leaves that look amazing!

### **FARTHING WOOD**

We are not really sure where this week has gone – but that must mean that we have worked hard!

In maths we have been busy using the BIDMAS rules (order of operations) to help us solve equations. Everyone has been really keen to get on the 'solvemoji' website to help them practice.

In English we are very much into our whole class guided reading book called 'Once' which is based around the story of a Jewish boy in WW2. This book has really made us read between the lines and helped us to think deeply about this from a child perspective. Although we will be unable to finish the whole story before the end of half term this book will be in the library for those who wish to finish it and move onto the next book in the series.

Following on from our trip we have also been busy writing letters from ourselves as evacuees. The whole class have drafted, edited and produced their final pieces using the 'FANTASTICS' and the targets in the back of their books. Using these two editing systems means that everybody has made progress and improved their original drafted letter. They will be going up on display in the classroom for those who want to pop in and take a peek,

Keep up the hard work!

### **KEEPER WOOD**

We've put our investigative hats on, this week in Keeper Wood, and we have set up an experiment to find out how water travels from a plant's root to the rest of the plant. We have put celery in coloured water and we have been observing what happens to its stem and leaves.

Next week, we will cut the celery to see if there is evidence of the water travelling up. Each group also used a different amount of water because we wondered whether this would make a difference.

We have also been writing some super newspaper reports to finish off our Rocketeer unit. We have been writing a recount from our trip and practising our poem for harvest festival.

Next week, we will be moving onto subtraction in maths and using our resources to show how this is done.

### **POPPY CRAFTING**

Thank you to all families who voted for us to receive a grant from Skipton Building Society. We are awaiting results next month.

All pupils have worked with craftspeople upon a wartime poppy crafting project in school. Some pupils in year5 and 6 have shared their project with the Generation Tea regulars. We are looking forward to sharing our poppy wave creation with you all in the build up to Remembrance Sunday.



### **ATTACHED**

Please find attached:  
- holiday dates -2018-19 and 2019-20