

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 4th 2016

NEW HALF TERM

Welcome back to school after the half term holiday. We are looking forward to a busy half term in the build up to Christmas! Please see enclosed dates for your diary.

School Uniform

There will be a school uniform table on display each morning next week from 8.30-8.45am for purchases or orders.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be available in school from now until November 11th each break time from Miss Stones at the hatch. Please support the British Legion's appeal with a donation if you are able.



Non-uniform day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday, November 11th. Please bring a prize for the Friends raffle. Please dress accordingly for the Poppy Walk.

SWIMMING

We are sorry that swimming was cancelled yesterday. This was beyond our control and cancelled late on Wednesday night by the pool due to illness amongst their staff.

PHOTOS

Please find and enclose recent family photos. These need to be returned to school **by Friday, November 11th** in order to receive them by the end of term.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We are holding an Open Afternoon and Evening on Wednesday, November 9th from 1.30 – 5.30pm for parents, family and any prospective parents to view school. All families are invited to come along and see school in action! Please pass the word on to others who may have children due to start school.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Sponsored Walk

Friends of School have organised a sponsored walk to coincide with Remembrance Day on November 11th. The children will leave school at 1pm and walk to East Heslerton church for 1.45pm where they will observe 2 minutes silence as part of a short service. They will then return to school to complete the walk. We would like to invite any parents to meet us at East Heslerton at 1.45pm to take part in this service. Parents may also wish to join us for the entire walk, please meet at school at 12.55. Unfortunately, due to stiles and uneven ground, this route is not suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

STAY AND PLAY

We would like to invite you to join us in Badger Wood on Thursday, 17th November from 2.00 - 3.15pm for "Stay and Play" in Badger Wood, tea and coffee in Farthing Wood from 2.00-2.15pm. 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.

ASSEMBLY

This half term the theme for assemblies is "generosity".

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Please send in all shoe boxes by Friday, November 25th, thank you.

EXPLORERS CLUB

As this club was cancelled **due to illness the week before half term**, there will be a final club on Tuesday, Nov 22nd.

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

ROMAN VISIT

What a fantastic school trip we had on Wednesday in Lagentium! We went to Castleford Museum, where we went back in time to meet some Romans! We had a great day with lots of different workshops to learn more about the Romans, what they did, their lives and what they brought with them.

One of the workshops involved looking at artefacts and researching the Romans in the museum.

In our groups of, we had a tray of artefacts, some were original from Roman times and others were replicas. Our job was to think about what each artefact was and what it was used for. In our groups we researched and recorded our thoughts about the artefacts. Researching around the museum was fun too. We had some questions and using the artefacts and information we found the answers. There was still time for dressing up as a Roman soldier though!

Lunch was fun too, as not only did we enjoy our pack ups, we tried some Roman foods too, including pomegranates, honeycomb and even raw garlic!

The other workshop was great fun too, acting out the story of Perseus and Medusa! Perseus went on a quest to kill Medusa to please the King. We learnt all about his quest then had some fun adding our own heroes and heroines to the story!

A great Roman day out was had by all and with our new knowledge we can really steam on with the rest of the topic.

WAGONERS TALK

On Thursday afternoon Keeper Wood and Farthing were excited to be involved in helping the Wagoners Special Reserve Museum, Sledmere to develop their resources for schools. This session was a great addition to our knowledge on WW1, Remembrance and British values.

If you wanted to visit this free attraction then you can find more information here:

<http://www.sledmerehouse.com/wagoners-museum-world-war-1-horses.html>

FUN RUN and 10K

Thank you to all children and adults who joined us to represent school on Sunday. Heslerton teams took part in the 10K, the 1 mile Fun Run and the longer Fun Run. We await the official results and will yet you have these as soon as we know. Congratulations to Mr Dent, Mr May and Mrs Maud who all completed at least 10K on behalf of school.

Mrs. Vipas will collect laundered , returned kit handed in at registration from those children who took part.

For those of you looking for another fitness challenge, details of the Castle Howard run are enclosed.

ENCLOSURES

Please find attached:

- Bad weather contacts
- Dates for diary
- Photos - back by November 11th
- Buckrose newsletter
- Castle Howard run
- Webb Ivory catalogue
- Questionnaire –Y6

FAIR TRADE

Malton and Norton Fairtrade Christmas Shop will be open on:

Friday, 11th November from 10.30 – 4.30 and
Saturday, November 12th from 10.00 – 4.00.

This is held at the Friends Meeting House,
Greengate, Malton.

Gifts, cards, decorations and full range of fairly traded goods.

Come and support Third World producers and our Fairtrade town.

www.maltonandnortonfairtrade.org

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