

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 3rd 2017

ATTENDANCE

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

Your child's attendance is 95% or more and within the permitted absence levels

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The following after-school clubs take place this half term:

Football Club – Monday

History Detectives Club – Tuesday

Active Music Club – Thursday

Clarinet Club – Thursday

The following lunch time clubs are taking place:

Monday – Sports club

Tuesday – Book club

Wednesday – Craft club

Thursday – Lego/games club

Friday – Homework club

POPPIES

We are supporting the Royal British Legion again this year. We have poppies for pupils to wear for a small donation to this charity. In addition, there are a number of small items for a suggested minimum donation:-

Snap rulers £2

Bracelets £1

Wristbands £1

Reflective poppies £1

Box of 4 coloured pencils 50p

Window sticker 50p

These items are available each morning break up to and including Friday, 10th November.



TOPIC LANDING

Our topic celebration will take place on Thursday, 7th December at 1pm for all classes. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall. There will be a tombola and Friends of School will draw the raffle. All are welcome to come along and celebrate what the children have achieved this term.

THE McCAIN FUN RUN

Well Done to Rosie, Ty, Poppy, Scarlet, Skyla, Dexter, Maisie, Louie, Monty, Benjamin and Niamh for representing school in the McCain Fun Run. Everyone had a great run, we'll let you know results once announced by Scarborough Athletic Club.

OPEN EVENING

We would like to invite you to our Open Evening on Wednesday, November 8th from 3.30-5pm. There will be an opportunity to view school and the children's work. All are welcome, including any prospective parents.

BOOK FAIR

West Heslerton 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We were joined by volunteers with the Scarborough Shoebox Appeal this week. They talked us through the appeal and how to pack a shoebox. We saw a film of children receiving shoeboxes last year. Ideas for boxes include:-

- Other Things – Christmas card, photo, letter
 - Treats – sweets (not chocolate)
 - Toys – ball, slinky spring, puzzle, cuddly toy, puppet, skipping rope, crafting, marbles, stickers
 - Clothes – hat, gloves, socks
 - Toiletries – flannel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste
 - Stationery – felt pens, notebooks, pencils, biros
- West Heslerton will act as an agent and deliver to Scarborough. All boxes need to be in school for Friday, 17th November, please.

BADGER WOOD

What a fun week back after the half term. We started by talking about all the fun things we got up to in the holidays. Then the year 1s turned their discussion into a diary with some fantastic writing. Next week we are going to write them up to look like a proper diary.

In maths, we had lots of fun discovering 2D shapes. Everyone came to my 'Shape Shop', where I had lots of different offers on.... as long as they could guess the right shape I was describing. We will continue to look at patterns and 2D shape next week, to learn even more!

We have been busy designing our very own dinosaurs this week, thinking about what they could look like, the colour they would be, what they would eat and where they would live. Everyone did a super design....in a few weeks we will make our dinosaurs, so please bring in any boxes that you think would be good to build your dinosaur.

We all had a fantastic morning swimming, the receptions enjoyed their first week and can't wait to go back next week! Great work everyone.

Badger parents, please feel free to email in any pictures from your half term to badger.wood@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk. It would be great to show, talk about and add to your children's learning journeys.

KEEPER WOOD

It's been a full first week back in Keeper Wood! We are focusing on science for the next 2 weeks and this week we have started to look at the rock cycle. We have discussed the 3 types of rock and how they are formed, which was confusing at first, with lots of tricky new words, but we are starting to understand it. Next week we will be creating our own rock cycle, before we write it up, and we will be doing our own rock investigation! We'll also start to look at soils and write up an investigation from the Science bus!

We've also started a new piece of writing based on an animation. We've only seen a minute of the animation so far and have described a terrible storm that has taken place in New York. We will be building this story up over the coming weeks.

FARTHING WOOD

After the break, we have all arrived back keen and eager this week.

We have begun our fiction work based on a book called 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness. This is an emotional complex book which has brought about one interesting discussions about the main character, Conor. There is quite some way to go yet until we have re-written the first chapter in our own style.

On Thursday we spent some of the morning solving the murder of Ant and Dec by using our mathematical knowledge of 'BIDMAS'. Turns out that our main suspect was Simon Cowell!! Everyone has really set a good pace for the rest of the half term...keep up the good work.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Hello to you all.

I would like to thank you all for the amazing amount of harvest that was collected during the assembly before half term. The food will go towards feeding the many that are without food and without the means to buy it. They will have something to eat through the generosity of your Children, Parents, Grandparents or whoever contributed to the collection. Some of the food collected has been made into soups and crumbles for the winter so thank you again. Nothing is ever wasted and all is used for the help of those most in need.

Please will you pass on our very grateful thanks to all and wish them all well in the coming busy weeks ahead.

Much love, Trish Kinsella

PUMPKIN TRAIL

Thank you to Friends for a great Pumpkin Trail enjoyed by all who came along and took part. £162 was raised for funds. We have unnamed food boxes in school if yours is missing.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friends of School have organised a non-uniform day on Friday, November 24th. Please bring a raffle/tombola prize.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Dates for diary
- Attendance
- Music letter – Farthing Wood
- Flyers

COMPUTING SKILLS

Well Done to Jamie Moss who won the computing competition at Malton School's Open Evening last term and to Matthew Moss who won a runner's up prize. Both were presented with Amazon vouchers from Malton School in assembly today.