

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 10th 2017

TEST UPDATE

There will be a meeting for parents and children in years 5 and 6 on **Thursday, November 30th** from 3.30-4pm. This is to provide information about the year 6 national tests and to explain how school and home can help to prepare children for these.

PARENTAL FORUM

Come for an informal chat at the Parental Forum Meeting on **Friday, December 1st from 8.45am**. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with Mrs. Wells and other parents to exchange ideas and learn more about the school, or just to have a cup of coffee and chat for a while! All welcome.

SCHOOL VISIT -reminder

The children in Farthing Wood will be visiting Ryedale Folk Museum on **Thursday, November 16th** as part of their Jurassic topic. The children will need a packed lunch. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and sensible footwear. Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary.

STAY AND PLAY

We would like to invite you to join us in Badger Wood on **Friday, November 24th** 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.

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 tombola and Friends of School will draw the raffle. All are welcome to come along and celebrate what the children have achieved this term.

HOMEWORK

All schools must set regular homework. At Heslerton, this is to encourage regular practice of key skills that assists your child in their classwork. Homework in Badger Wood should take 10 minutes each day, Keeper Wood should take 20 minutes each day and Farthing Wood should take 30 minutes each day. This meets the DfE recommendations. **Reading books, homework books and planners need to come to school with your child every day please.**

YEAR 6 MATHS HOMEWORK (MATHS VIDEOS)

Is maths homework scary? No! We are trying to get you all used to doing regular homework to have good habits for secondary school. We'd also like to get you thinking (but not worrying) about your Y6 test in May.

If you work through some of the questions at home you will practice and be reminded of all the maths you need before the tests.

- Option 1 - have a go at one of the questions and then click on the link to watch it through. Mark question and record 'Had a go'.
- Option 2 - click on the link and watch it through, copying down how the question was worked through. Mark question and record 'Watched it'.

Mrs Vipas will take your maths SATS folder in, usually on a Tuesday, and mark it alongside your other homework. If you are keen, you can 'take your daily vid-a-mins' for the week as well!

Recommended timings:

20 min per day maths questions + reading

10 min per day project/sweet treats (including reading)

(30 min per day DfE recommended guidelines)

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Flu immunisations for pupils in years Reception to 4 will take place in school on **Thursday, November 30th**. To ensure your child receives this, please register them at:
<https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/>

BADGER WOOD

On Wednesday afternoon Mr Rumney from Malton Secondary School visited both Badgers and Keepers are a fab scientific afternoon. Mr Rumney has visited our school many times before and we always keep him on his toes thinking of new and fun things to match our science topics.

In Badger Wood Mr Rumney discovered our love for dinosaurs matched his and we had a great chat about how West Heselton would have looked during the Jurassic age and how we all love the story Tyrannosaurus Drip! Afterwards we further explored our science topic this term, "living things and their habitats". From this we made our very own habitat... a wormery! We had lots of fun building up the layers and then holding the wiggly worms before putting them in their new homes! We then covered them in black paper... in a few weeks we will open up the paper and see the paths the worms have made!

Next week we will be using our science afternoon to inspire our English work and writing posters all about worms and their habitats!!

In Keeper Wood we also had lots of fun with Mr Rumney and we too made our own wormery. We concentrated on part of our science topic of rocks and soils and discussed how compost is made. We layered it all up in the same way as the Badgers but we have written up an investigation in which we will be observing what happens over the next couple of weeks. We will be recording our observations every 2 days to see if our prediction is correct.

Mr Rumney also brought in a range of metamorphic, igneous and sedimentary rocks so we could sort and compare them. It was very interesting to find out about different rocks that change to become another type of rock. We found out that chalk, a sedimentary rock, changes to the metamorphic rock marble when it is under extreme heat and pressure. We also created our own fossils which I'm sure you've all seen now that they have been sent home. They are fab!

Next week, we will be doing our final science experiment to test the strength and durability of different rocks.

FARTHING WOOD

Some brilliant progress this week with the procedure of long division! I know how excited everyone is to find out how and why this procedure works next week.

We have some impressive charcoal art work, based on the book "A Monster Calls", developing during challenge time – some real emotion in this art work.

FAIRTRADE

There will be a Fairtrade stall in school from **November 13th to November 24th** selling small gifts for Christmas.

Malton and Norton Fairtrade Christmas Shop will be open on Saturday, 11th November from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Friends Meeting House, Greengate, Malton - gifts, crafts, cards, decorations and a full range of fairly traded goods. Come and support Third World producers in our Fairtrade Town.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- SRE –year 5
- Height and weight letter –Reception and Y6
- Friends' minutes

NON-UNIFORM DAY

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

LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE

Well done to the following children who completed the NYCC library reading challenge this summer. Certificates were presented in assembly to:-

Rosie	William P	George S
Matthew	Jamie	Jacob Moss
Tom	Ben	Holly
Dexter	Kiara	India

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.

I'd like to thank you for collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. I'm writing to let you know about an exciting opportunity we have available. We are going to open up the warehouse to process the shoe boxes this week and as we have an easily accessible seafront location this year we would like to invite any teachers and children down to have a look around. You'll see the shoe boxes being processed and packed and the all-important 'shoe box hospital' The warehouse will be open 9.30am until 3pm each day Monday to Friday throughout November, we would appreciate a week's notice for your visit and there will be a short form for the responsible adult to complete on your arrival.

Please get in touch if you would like to visit, we look forward to seeing you there.

Kay Wilkinson (OCC schools director).
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CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

Passports are due in on the following dates:

Keeper Wood: Friday, December 1st

Badger Wood: Friday, December 15th

SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be running a cycling club in the summer term. A new bike or cycling helmet may be a useful idea for Christmas!

BAGS2SCHOOL

Thank you for having such a good clear out! £88 was raised for Friends of School.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children's Christmas cards have been delivered. This raised £123.21 for Friends of School.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

There will be a Christmas Fair at Rillington Village Hall on Saturday, 2nd December from 9.30 – 11.30 with stalls, cakes, tombola, raffle and Santa.