

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 18th 2016

SWIMMING

Swimming has now resumed after technical difficulties at the pool beyond our control. Thank you for your understanding whilst these issues were resolved. We have investigated replacement sessions this term yet have been unable to find transport due to Christmas activities. We shall therefore need to complete the assessment session as planned on November 24th and celebrate our hard work with a splash session on December 1st. Refunds will be processed and returned by the end of term.

PARENTAL FORUM MEETING

Come for an informal chat at the Parental Forum Meeting on Wednesday, November 23rd from 2.30pm
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!

STAY AND PLAY

Thank you to everyone who came to the stay and play on Thursday afternoon in Badger Wood. It was a lovely afternoon in Badgers, welcoming our new starters before they all join us in January. All parents took the opportunity to look in children's books, play on the iPads, and see how our challenge areas have changed this term.

FAIR TRADE STALL

There will be a Fair Trade stall in school from Monday, November 21st to Wednesday, November 30th. This is an opportunity for the children to buy surprise gifts for relatives and for adults to buy a Fair Trade gift and support others around the world. The stall will be open for parents to view on Wednesday, November 23rd from 8.30 – 9am.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please send your shoebox into school by Friday, 25th November, thank you.
Alfie, Ellie and Maia Dukes

APPS FOR HOME

We have been asked for a list of recommended apps for use at home. There are so many out there it is often hard to know where to start and what may be worth paying for.

The website www.apps4primaryschools.co.uk is a great site where you can search by device, age group, key stage and subject. We hope this will help inspire learning at home.

FOOTBALL CARDS

Children may bring football cards to school but are not for trading here please as adults are unable to supervise the fairness of trading or swaps.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Please hand in passports on Monday, thank you.
A new record sheet is enclosed.

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

BADGER WOOD

What a great time we've had this week.

We had a good time text mapping 'The Bog Baby'. We enjoyed the story so much in Forest Schools we decided to bring it in to our English work too! This week we text mapped the story and looked at the grammar used and why. Next week it is all about changing the story just a little to make it more our own when we write our version of the story!

We had lots of fun with lots of new faces this week. On Thursday afternoon, it was great to meet the new Badgers who will be joining us in January in Pre-Reception. Everyone got on great, which was lovely to see. Then on Friday afternoon we showed off our Forest Schools skills to visiting reception class from St Peters. Everyone had a great Gruffalo forest themed afternoon and the Badgers were great helping and showing the other children what to do.

Here's to next week, story writing and a possible shape alien invasion! Watch this space!

KEEPER WOOD

We've had a big focus upon fabulous fractions this week. We've been finding fractions of items. Did you know 1 portion of jelly tots is 13 sweets? What fraction are yellow? What fraction are green? We've been adding fractions with the same denominator. What fraction of jelly tots are yellow and green? We have found fractions of £1. 50p, 20p, 10p and 1p coins are all fractions of £1. We usually write these as decimals but it all means the same. We designed tasty ice lollies, delicious sweets or played ten pin bowling, finding fractions and converting these to decimals. Fractions are everywhere, can you point out a fraction to an adult at home?

FARTHING WOOD

Farthing Wood have written some very impressive 'Hansel and Gretel' story endings this week; using lots of the techniques we have been focussing on. Well done everyone.

We have also been busy trying to master short division and move this onto long division. Why not get one of the class to show you at home what they have remembered so far.

Next week we are looking forward to carrying out our science Roman catapult investigation and then using this data in our maths sessions

RYEDALE FOOD BANK

Please Note that The Food Bank will be located at 7A Howe Road, Norton YO17 9BH

Not Hope Central as usual

For the following sessions:

Wednesday 23rd, 30th Nov & 7th Dec

Friday 25th Nov, 2nd & 9th Dec

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Sponsored Walk

Many thanks for all the sponsor money sent into school. Please would you send in any outstanding money by Monday, November 28th.

ENCLOSURES

Please find enclosed:

- Christmas pack
- Messy Church flyer
- Children's University record form