# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

# **NEWSLETTER November 17<sup>th</sup> 2017**

#### **TEST UPDATE**

There will be a meeting for parents and children in years 5 and 6 on **Thursday, November 30**<sup>th</sup> 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 1**<sup>st</sup> **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.

#### **STAY AND PLAY**

We would like to invite you to join us in Badger Wood on **Friday, November 24**<sup>th</sup> from 1.00 -2.00pm for "Stay and Play". 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.

### **FLU IMMUNISATIONS**

Flu immunisations for pupils in years Reception to 4 will take place in school on **Thursday, November 30**<sup>th</sup>. To ensure your child receives this, please register them at:

https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/

### **TOPIC LANDING**

Our topic celebration will take place on **Thursday**, **7**<sup>th</sup> **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.

#### **SPEEDING CARS**

We have received several concerns from people regarding the speed at which some drivers drive up to school. May we please ask you to consider your speed as many children walk to school and parents are letting children out of their cars at this time.



#### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

There will be a Friends of School meeting on **Friday**, **November 24**<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, all welcome.

## <u>Agenda</u>

Present

**Apologies** 

Minutes from last meeting

Upcoming events: Xmas raffle/tombola

Xmas party/presents

AOB: Review of Pumpkin trail, sponsored walk and

bags2school.

Date of next meeting

### **BOOK FAIR**

Many thanks for your support at the Book Fair. The commission was £112, which was used to purchase books for the school library.

### **PHOTOS**

If you wish to order photos through school, please send the orders in by **Monday, November 20**<sup>th</sup>.

## **FAIRTRADE**

There will be a Fairtrade stall in school until **November 24**<sup>th</sup> selling small gifts for Christmas.

### **BADGER WOOD**

We started the week by starting to put together a non-fiction recount of our science afternoon and making wormeries. We put the pictures back in the right order and together wrote captions for each one. Next week, we will have a go at adding more detail into each caption.

In maths this week we have been looking at 3D shape, we made Freddie from lot of different 3D shapes, then took a picture of him and labeled them with all our new shape knowledge.

We had lots of fun this week in Forest Schools, learning about the body inside and out as well as our senses. Then we went on a senses walk to use all 5 senses to see what we came across.

Next week, we will continue with our recount writing, 3D shape and learn about where dinosaurs came from.

### **CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY**

Passports are due in on the following dates:

Keeper Wood: Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> Badger Wood: Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Farthing Wood: Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – see attached

sheet

# **FOOD BANK**

Due to the "Christmas Experience" taking over the building at Hope Central, Malton for 3 weeks, the Wednesday & Friday Foodbank Sessions will take place at the foodbank centre at 7A Howe Road, Norton instead.

## **PARENT VIEW**

Parent View is an online questionnaire for you to give your views about this school at any time of year. Please log on at

http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

to answer 13 quick questions.

Your views are used by staff and govenors at school to help with your child's education.

#### **KEEPER WOOD**

Come to our fun, fantastic Fairtrade stall.

Next week Keeper Wood are running a Fairtrade stall from Monday to Friday. We are trying to raise money for the Fairtrade Foundation to help all producers get a fair amount of money. Our stall will open each morning and afternoon break, (except when swimming or Forest Schooling). We will be hosting this in the hall. A range of items are available from 30p to £6 so that children can buy a surprise for their parents for Christmas.

Why not come to our varied and wacky Fairtrade stall?

#### **HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENTS**

On checking our records we have found that several of these are missing. We have attached one to this letter if we require one. Please sign and return, thank you.

## **SCHOOL SAVINGS SCHEME**

At West Heslerton School we operate a savings scheme for parents to save as much or as little as they would like, either regularly or just from time to time.

We offer the children the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities, some of which we ask for a parental contribution and others we pay for from the school budgets. We are conscious that costs can add up and sometimes visits come along all at once! Saving just a small amount can spread these costs and some children have taken money home at the end of their time here!

If you would like to start a savings scheme for your

### **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Friends of School have organised a non-uniform day on **Friday, November 24**<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a raffle/tombola prize. The children will need to wear warm clothing as it is a Forest School day.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Please find attached:

- Children's University Farthing Wood
- Clarinet Club letter existing members
- Christmas pack
- Home- School agreement if required
- School closure in bad weather letter