

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 23rd 2018

TOPIC CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating the end of our "Keep Calm and Carry On" topic on **Friday, December 14th from 1.30-3pm** with Make do and Mend. The children have been busy making and baking and there will be a raffle so bring spending money! All are welcome to join us and have refreshments.

EAST BARNBY

The children in years 3 and 4 will be at East Barnby from Wednesday to Friday week. Have a really great time!

STAFF

Miss Dolan will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a new position. Her last day will be Wednesday, 19th December. We thank her for her work with Keeper Wood and wish her well in the future.

Miss Shackley will be joining us in January. The children and Miss Shackley will have the opportunity to meet before the Christmas holidays and we all look forward to working together.

We have a vacancy at school for a General Teaching Assistant to work 35 hours a week from January. Details of the post can be found on the NYCC website under jobs and careers.

PARENTAL FORUM

There will be a Parental Forum meeting at school on **Tuesday, December 4th at 8.45am**. This is an informal get together to meet each other and have a chat. All welcome. Please let the school office know if you are unable to attend but wish to raise any topics.

BOOK FAIR

West Heslerton School will be holding a Book Fair run by The Book People from **December 13th to December 20th**. Books will be available to buy – think Christmas! School will receive commission on sales for our funds. Further details will follow.

SCHOOL MEALS

Menu change - The pudding next Friday will be Scottish Shortbread in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to inform you about what we believe are some positive changes to the school meals that will be introduced from January 2019.

Our catering team has always endeavoured to ensure that the school meals your child receives are nutritionally balanced and meet the Government's national school meals standards. While school meals are meeting national standards, the sugar content and frequency of desserts on the menu have been as an area for improvement. As a result the catering team are implementing the following changes:

- Very high sugary desserts have been taken off the regular menus but we recognise that these may be some of the favourite puddings that children love so they will still feature as a treat on celebration days and promotions.
- Sugar content in desserts will be reduced by at least 10%.
- We will continue to offer a main course and a dessert each day, 2 out of the 5 days the dessert option will be a variety of flavoured yoghurt and fresh fruit.

As you will no doubt be aware, the rates of overweight/obesity among children and young people nationally are very high, as are the rates of tooth decay. These small but significant changes to school meals are just part of a much broader approach in promoting healthy weight and good oral health among children and families.

We hope that you will agree that these changes are a positive initiative towards helping our children to lead healthier and more fulfilling lives.

Over the summer we have spent lots of time creating, testing and trying out all the new "reduced sugar" recipes to make sure they are still appealing to children, tasty and delicious.

We welcome any comment or suggestions.

June V. Taylor

Technical Support Manager, County Catering Team

BADGER WOOD

This week we finished our 'Adventures into the Pits' by sequencing and writing a diary as if we were the boy in the video. Everyone did a fantastic job of writing about the adventure using lots of adjectives, verbs and emotive language to help.

We continued to investigate money in maths, looking at all the different coins and how we can make different values.

Everyone enjoyed their last swimming session, it was great to see everyone's confidence grow over the 10 weeks.

Next week we are going back to our World War topic and exploring more into the war and what happened afterwards.

In maths we shall be going into the world of fractions!

Please feel free to send in any photos of what you get up to at the weekend to badger.wood@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk, we love to share the pictures in class!

KEEPER WOOD

We've had a busy week looking at instructions this week in English. We've found all the features that are needed when writing instructions and we have also followed a set to make a war time chocolate cake. We learnt that people in war time were rationed to 1-2 eggs per person, per week so they did not want to waste these in cake. They used ingredients such as vinegar as a replacement.

This activity showed us the importance of following instructions carefully as some groups forgot to add sugar which meant we got some very strange tasting cakes! We discussed that without the egg, the cakes were very sticky and made us need a drink!

Next week, we will be writing instructions for our own marvellous medicine before most of us head off to East Barnby.

Don't forget to bring lots of layers and a teddy bear!

FARTHING WOOD

This week we have really started to get into our story that we are using during our whole class guided reading sessions 'Oranges in No-Man's Land'. It tells the story of ten-year-old Ayesha's journey across no-man's land to reach a doctor in hostile territory in search of medicine for her dying grandmother. Set in Lebanon during the civil war, this story is told by the author Elizabeth Laird and is based on her personal real-life events. We can't wait to see what chapter four holds in store for Ayesha next week.

Thank you to everyone who has rummaged around to find fabric items for our material items that we can 'make do and mend' over the next few weeks.

CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

Passports are due in on the following dates:

Farthing Wood: Friday, November 30th

Badger Wood: Friday, December 14th

CHARITY

Blue Cross

Kiara and Rowan's Stall has been amazing this week. We have all added a few pounds with the delicious baking. As of Thursday, £83 had been raised and still a day to go. Well done both of you.

FairTrade

Next week we will have a Fair Trade stall in school selling a selection of goods and gifts. The children will be able to browse on Monday and the stall will open from Tuesday until December 7th. There will be an opportunity for parents to shop at the stall on Tuesday, 4th December from 8.30am.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Farthing Wood had a great afternoon at Malton Sports Centre improving our athletics skills. We did many fun activities around the hall such as target throw, chest push and speed bounce. Overall we gained 30 points and secured 3rd place out of 5 schools, with the results really close.

Written by Farthing Wood

SWIMMING

All children have made amazing progress this year with swimming, well done!

Many thanks to Mrs Benthall for helping each week.

ENCLOSED

Please find enclosed:

- Christmas pack
- Community Newsletter

For more information, please contact the school office.