

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 25th 2016

HARVEST GIFTS

Thank you to all who donated harvest gifts during our service at church last half term. Ryedale Food Bank were delighted to receive toiletries to assist those experiencing hard times. The local 'soup and pudding club' organisers, Philip and Denise Richardson, were very happy to receive fresh produce for creating warm meals for the elderly. Some Keeper Wood pupils visited their gathering on Wednesday to see the wonderful meals created and to deliver gift bags filled with donated tinned and packet foods to each resident. Philip and Denise will organise to deliver gifts to those elderly residents who were unable to attend on this occasion.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Many thanks for all the shoe boxes sent in for Operation Christmas Child, we collected 15 boxes. Alfie, Ellie and Maia Dukes

SCHOOL CLUBS

Explorers Club

Many thanks to Will Watts for an excellent and much enjoyed Explorers Club.

Zumba Club

Next Friday is the last Zumba Club. This has been enjoyed by the children and we would like to invite parents to join them for this final session to see the club activities. Please come along from 4.10-4.30 next Friday.

Clarinet Club

The final clarinet club of this term is on December 1st. We have 2 spaces available for next term if children are interested. Please ask at the school office.

SCHOOL

Fair Trade Stall

The year 4's Fair Trade stall will end on Wednesday, November 30th. Thank you to all who have shopped with us, the year 4s have been amazed by the response to their efforts.

Hope Central

The children will be visiting Hope Central in Malton on Monday. This is to follow the Christmas Story. Older children will go in the morning and younger children after lunch.

School Play

Please return all play ticket requests on Monday. Spare tickets will then be available from Tuesday. If you would like more tickets, please send money to the office stating how many extra tickets you require, thank you.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Pumpkin Trail

Thank you to all who came along to this fun event. £173.44 was raised.

Sponsored Walk

Many thanks for all the sponsor money sent into school. This has raised the amazing amount of £546 for funds.

Christmas Cards

We hope you are all happy with the Christmas cards the children made, we thought they were really different and well designed. This has raised £126.92.

Christmas raffle

We are sending home two raffle ticket books per family to ask if you are able to sell some of these. There are more available in school if you need them. Please return unsold tickets. The raffle will be drawn on the evening of December 9th at the school play so all stubs need to be returned before this please.

Christmas Party

This takes place on Friday, December 16th from 1pm and we would welcome any help. Please let us know if you can help with the party.

BADGER WOOD

Well the Badgers have knocked my socks off this week with their versions of 'The Bog Baby'. We have been focusing on this story in English, first we all text mapped it, then looked at the grammar elements in the story. Then it was time to write our own versions. Year 1 and 2 wrote fantastic versions of the story, changing and adding in detail to make it their own. While reception wrote theirs using the app 'Clicker', which all turned out amazing too! Great work everyone!

Next week we have our new starters joining us throughout the week, so time to show our new friends the Badger ways!

KEEPER WOOD

This week in Keeper Wood we finally finished our stories on the 'Flood' and typed up a final copy. We have produced some fantastic stories that include similes, metaphors, personification and lots more, to create description and suspense. In maths, we have been doing lots of work on multiplication and looking at different methods we can use. Some of us had to put our detective hats on and work out some tricky sums to unlock the code on Miss Dolan's iPad.

Next week, we will be starting to get into the Christmas spirit with some festive poetry!

ROAD CLOSURE

We have been informed that the A64 is to be closed from 8pm Friday until 6am Monday between Pine Tree Avenue, Rillington and the B1258 (Malton Road) West Knapton on the following weekends: 25th and 28th November, 2nd and 5th December and 9th and 12th December. Subsequent weekends will be utilised if necessary.

This may affect families on Monday mornings and could be an issue on the school play night,

FARTHING WOOD

Along with Keeper Wood, we had a great afternoon on Wednesday competing at the Sports Hall Athletics at Malton Sports Centre against several other local schools. The children took part in many events including:

speed bounce;
target throw;
long jump etc,
where everyone persevered
and showed brilliant
team skills.



We are awaiting the final count up of scores and I am sure the children will let you know how they did when we hear back.

PARENTAL FORUM

Thank you to those parents who joined us this week for the parental forum meeting. Issues discussed included:

Parking - (which seems to be tricky at this time of year with darker nights and poorer weather). It was suggested that there be a whole school focus on walking to school which has worked well in the past. May we please ask that older children walk to and from the village, therefore freeing parking spaces for younger children and those with babies, thank you. All pupils in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood are able to walk down to the village with parental permission, please ask at the office for a form.

Dog Muck - more posters in the village to educate people about cleaning up after dogs.

French - school to investigate opportunities for Badgers to do some French, (which is only compulsory in years 3 onwards).

It was lovely to meet with parents who wanted to improve school further and we are pleased to do this together.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- 2 raffle ticket books
- Raring to go
- Community newsletter
- Primary Times

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