

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## NEWSLETTER December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

### HOPE CENTRAL

All the children will be visiting Hope Central, Malton on **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** to follow the Christmas Story in two groups. Children in years 3 to 6 will leave school at 9.10am and return in time for dinner, children in Reception, years 1 and 2 will leave school at 12.30pm, after an early lunch and return for the end of the school day.

The children will be accompanied by Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Triffitt in the morning and Miss Tattersley, Mrs. Vipas and Mrs. Wardell in the afternoon. Craft activities and refreshments are provided free of charge. The children will be travelling with Fletcher's coaches, which is being paid for by Friends of School. There is no charge to parents for this visit. The children will not need any money with them. Please wear school uniform. Children will need a warm coat and sensible shoes.

If your child requires any medication, including inhalers, please contact the office in advance so that staff are aware of medical needs and necessary forms may be completed, if not already done. School carries County Insurance for all school trips and this visit is risk assessed to ensure all children are kept as safe as possible. In case of emergency please contact the school.

### BAD WEATHER

Thank you all for your cooperation in yesterday's snowy school closure. All children were safely sent home with parents or contacts from the school closure form. When there is ice and snows the road up to school is not gritted so can be very tricky. Please would you park at the bottom of the hill, where possible to avoid skidding.

Mrs Morris from 6 Wold View had her car number plate broken by a parent's car sliding into her. Please, if accidents happen, do leave a note on the windscreen with your details.

### MULTI SKILLS

Children in years 1, 2 and 3 will be taking part in a Multi Skills Festival as their P.E lesson on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. This will take place at Malton Community Sports Centre from 1.00pm – 2.45pm. Pupils will wear their P.E. kits.

We will leave school at 12.30pm after an early lunch and will return for the end of the school day. The children will need to bring a water bottle to be able to have a drink whilst there. They will need their P.E kits.

The children will be travelling by Fletcher's coach and will be accompanied by school staff. Pupils with inhalers should bring these with them.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to Kathy Seabrook for the Active Music Club, funded by Sports Premium.

Thank you to Jay Rowley from Malton Community Sports Centre for the Football Club, funded by Sports Premium.

Thank you to Margaret Shaw from Malton Museum for the History Detectives Club, funded by School Fund.

Please see attached feedback forms for these clubs.

We are pleased to offer several sports clubs next term.

**Relax Kids Club** for Y1-Y3 will be held on Tuesdays from 16<sup>th</sup> January in the first half term. Relax Kids for Y4-Y6 will be held each Tuesday from 27<sup>th</sup> February. Details attached.

**Gymnastics Club** will be open to Y2-Y6 from Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Look out for letters with details in the New Year.

We plan to hold a **Laser Shooting Club** on Thursdays. We are awaiting details and will send details as soon as these have been confirmed. Further clubs are being organised, watch for details in our weekly newsletters.

### **BADGER WOOD**

WOW!! The badgers have blown my socks off this week with their writing skills. On Monday we came into bubbles and a message in a bottle. It told us to watch a video...we then went on an adventure with the bubbles like the girl in the film. Our adventures gave us lots of ideas for our writing... everyone did a fantastic job!

Our 2D and 3D shape knowledge is growing fast, lots of customers in my shape shop knowing what shapes were on offer just from their properties! Next week, we look forward to ending our topic and sharing all of our knowledge with you at the topic landing on Thursday afternoon!

### **FARTHING WOOD**

This week Farthing Wood have been busy taking part in an investigation about...

FEET – How flexible are my feet?

This is based around the topic of Evolution and Inheritance. We have been conducting a scientific investigation to investigate whether our geographical location and the type of surfaces we walk on (manmade vs. natural) affects our feet flexibility. It's thought that in the last 200 years our feet have started to adapt to changes in lifestyle and some small studies suggest that foot flexibility varies significantly between rural and urban areas.

Farthing Wood will be taking part in the first study of this scale to find out whether the hypothesis is true!

### **CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY**

Passports are due in on the following dates:

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

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

### **FRIENDS RAFFLE**

Friends of School were delighted with donations for non-uniform day. Thank you to everyone who gave support to our school.

Raffle tickets will be available via the office. Please send money in a named envelope next week.

Tickets will be issued - £1 or 5 tickets.

The raffle will be drawn at 2.45pm on Thursday at the whole school Topic Landing.

### **SPONSORED WALK**

The recent Friends' sponsored walk raised £498 for funds, well done!

### **KEEPER WOOD**

We are pleased to welcome supply teacher Mr Tom Walker to our class this week. He has started 2 new projects with us:

We have investigated the portrayal of wolves in stories this week in literacy. What do they do? How are they shown to be so menacing? We will be pleased to share some of our writing over the next few weeks.

We have worked upon our multiplication knowledge and looked at the link between multiplication and division. We are increasing in speed with our recall. Any practice of tables at home would help us in our class work.

Miss Dolan will not be back at school until the end of her maternity leave. In the meantime, Mr Walker will work with Mrs Wells, Mrs Wardell and Mrs Triffitt to teach Keeper Wood whilst Governors complete the recruitment process.

Governors will let you know as soon as an appointment has been made and all the necessary checks have been completed.

Governors are very pleased to be able to provide consistent cover for this class.

### **CONDOLENCES**

School sends their condolences to our cleaner, Lorraine Walker, and family on the sad death of their son, Ryan.

### **FAIRTRADE STALL**

Thank you to all who supported this stall. We took £238.24, raising £23.82 for Fairtrade activities in school.

### **TOPIC LANDING**

Our topic celebration will take place on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December** from 1pm to 3.15pm for all classes.

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall. There will be a tombola and Friends of School will draw the raffle. All are welcome to come along and celebrate what the children have achieved this term.

### **SCARBOROUGH FUN RUN**

We are delighted to let you know that West Heslerton once again won the Small Schools' Trophy! Well Done to all who represented school.

### GENERATION TEA

The children in year 6 made Chistingles at last week's Generation Tea.



### SHOEBOX APPEAL

19 shoe boxes were sent for this year's appeal - thank you.



### ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Children's University sheet – Keeper Wood
- Relax Kids Club – Y1-Y3 and Y4 – Y6
- FEET letter –Farthing Wood
- Friends minutes
- After School club feedback forms

### KINDLING

Kindling bundles for sale, £2 a net.

Available from the wire container near the main entrance of school. Please put money in an envelope marked "Kindling Friends of School" and pop through the letterbox, thank you.