

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER January 22nd 2016

MRS VIPAS

We are pleased that Mrs. Rebecca Vipas has settled well into her role at school. Mrs. Vipas checks and responds to messages in your child's log so all families should have already been communicating with her!

Mrs. Vipas assists with learning in Keeper Wood, helping pupils apply knowledge in maths and English across the curriculum.

PARENT EVENING

We are looking forward to seeing parents at parent evening on Tuesday.

SCHOOL CLUBS

We are lucky to be able to provide all pupils with the opportunity to take part in after school clubs. Pupils have helped us to plan a range of clubs for lunchtimes. Parents do not need to sign pupils up for these. A record will be kept of attendance for lunchtime clubs. All school clubs can be counted towards the Children's University learning hours. Please find attached a list of lunchtime clubs.

SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR (SPAG) INFORMATION EVENING.

We would like to invite parents, children and their wider families to an information evening to learn more about the spelling, grammar and punctuation expectations for pupils in the national curriculum. Following a presentation, a mix of activities and information will be available. We hope to provide a fun, informative event and promise there will be no nasty tests to catch anyone out! This event will run from 5:30 until 7pm on Thursday 11th February. Please pop it in your diaries and join us!

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Thank you to parents who joined us for assembly on Thursday. Richard Adams from the Children's University talked the children through the Children's University Scheme. Pupils were keen to be rewarded for all the amazing activities they do beyond the school day. Please find attached the details Richard talked us through. If your child is Y2 or older and would like to take part in this scheme, please return the form on this information to school. We will issue passports from next week.



PARENTAL FORUM

Mrs. Wells will be available to talk about any arising issues, concerns or successes during parents' evening on January 26th. This will replace a parental forum this half term.

The next Parental Forum meeting will be held at 8.45am on **Thursday, March 10th**. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

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

BADGER WOOD

It is nice to back into a good routine and start enjoying our topic.

We've had a fun week working on our topic area, as we continue to make our very own Native American Totem pole. Everyone is adding their own animal to the pole and along with a little help, we have made and painted an eagle's head and wings to go on the top. We can't wait to see what it looks like when it is finished.

Year 1 and 2 have blown me away with their narrative diary writing skills. We looked at fun things to do in each state along Route 66 and have used these to write our diaries. Everyone is putting 100% into their diaries which is great to see. I can't wait to read them when everyone has finished their journeys.

Maths has been all about time this week. First, we all made our very own clocks to help us. Then looking at flight times from London to states along Route 66 we worked out how long flights were and what time we would land and take off. Some very good maths skills going on!

Next week is all about developing our diaries and time skills!

KEEPER WOOD

Over the past few weeks in class we have been making our way across North America on Route 66. So far we have passed through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. We have had great fun trying to learn the '50 states song' in a hope of remembering all the states that are represented on the national flag. This week we have paid close attention to 'Tornado Alley' which runs through the 3 states of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Everyone was shocked at the devastation that a change in wind speed, along with the meeting of warm and cold air can cause, in the form of a tornado!

Our practical work on equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages is really coming along now as everyone is really starting to see how they are linked, with lots of children realising that being fluent with your times tables and division facts makes fraction so much easier.

Individual targets next week will aim to cover:
Maths : CLIC, add and subtracting fractions
English: Innovate discussion text
Geography: Topic team work/challenge areas
PE: Forest schools, Basketball
Modern Foreign Languages: French
Christian Values Target: Respect and Reverence

TAPESTRY LEARNING JOURNEYS

I would just like to take the time to say thank you to all the Reception parents who have downloaded Tapestry and added their own observations for their child and added comments to school observations. I do like reading and seeing what everyone gets up out of school.

If any other Reception parents who don't already have Tapestry and would like it set up, please pop your email in your child's log and I shall set one up for you with 'how to' instructions.

Miss Tattersley

NEWSPAPERS

If you have any old newspapers, please bring them into school for covering tables during art and craft work.

CHEESECAKE RECIPES

A lot of people have been asking for the cheesecake recipes used on the Route 66 launch day.

We made a kiwi cheesecake from California, a peaches and cream cheesecake from Arizona, a red velvet cheesecake from Texas, an Oreo and cream cheesecake from Missouri and a pink lemonade cheesecake from Illinois. All recipes can be found from the link below. A few ingredients were substituted as the recipes are American. If anyone needs any help with the recipes, please ask at school.

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/rachelysanders/look-ma-no-bake#.by1ELO6Dx>

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FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

There will be a Friends of School meeting next Friday, January 29th at 2-30pm, coffee from 2.00pm. All are welcome to come along and share ideas.

Agenda

- Present
- Apologies
- Minutes from last meeting
- Christmas events-review
- Upcoming events - Valentines disco
 - Mother's day
 - Woodlands bingo?
- AOB
- Date and time of next meeting

Please find attached information regarding calico eco-bags.

COUNTY MUSIC LESSONS

There are opportunities for music lessons in school. Woodwind and keyboard lessons are available for pupils Y2 and older in school, with instrument hire if required. Please ask at the office for details and prices.

RYEDALE FOODBANK

Ryedale Foodbank has had its busiest quarter ever.

We have fed 287 people over the last 3 months compared with 192 for the same period last year. Unfortunately the need is still out there.

This month's shortages are:-

Dog food, Rice pudding , 40's size teabags.

Thank you for all your on-going support

ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPICE



ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:-

- Football – Badgers
- School clubs
- Children's University information
- Friends bag flyer

JU-JITSU CLUB

Ju-Jitsu club takes place 3:45-4:45pm every Wednesday in Lutton's sports hall. The first 2 weeks are free, with a £2.50 weekly charge thereafter. There are currently 6 remaining places available. Anyone interested should contact Dean rockxmt@gmail.com

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