

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER January 27th 2017

SCHOOL

This week the teachers have attended training courses with The Write Stuff and are now looking forward to implementing these exciting ideas further in all classes.

Disco

The school disco is on Friday, February 10th from 3.30-5pm for all pupils at school. Please send your £2.50 by **Friday, February 3rd**, thank you.

Children's University

Passports for children in Badger Wood and Keeper Wood are due in on Friday.

Clarinets

Clarinet reeds are for sale in the school office. These cost £1.50.

MOTHER'S DAY

All the children have been artistic this week and have created a design for a **free Mother's Day card**. Please see enclosed the art work for this card which must be signed and returned to school.

Details of how to order mugs, coasters, notepads and cushions, are also included if you wish. There is no obligation to purchase these additional items, however any orders will raise funds for Friends of School.

Please return your child's design and any orders to school by **Friday 3rd February**. Forms returned after this date cannot be accepted.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please find enclosed details of after school clubs next half term. Relax Kids will be for years 4,5 and 6 and Multi Skills for years 2-6.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

There will be a Friends of School meeting on Friday, February 3rd from 2pm, starting with tea and coffee. All parents are welcome, come along and share ideas.

Agenda:

Present
Apologies
Minutes from last meeting:
Upcoming Events
Date of Next Meeting
AOB

BREAK TIME

The following items are available for children to buy at morning break:

Scones	20p each or 10p for half
Baguette	15p per portion
Raisins	15p per bag
Fruit juice	20p
(orange, apple, blackcurrant)	
Milkshake	30p
(Chocolate, strawberry)	

Please send your child's money in a named purse.

FORUM PARENTAL FEEDBACK

6 parents attended the parental forum meeting on Monday:

- Parents expressed concern at the congestion caused by parking in the village near the pond. This is particularly busy at the end of the school day. Parents are asked to park considerately to maintain the safety of all, especially children walking to and from the village.
- Punctuality and attendance information was useful information with last week's newsletter. It doesn't take long for your child to be off school, genuinely poorly, for data to look bad. Genuine sickness can't be helped.
- Newsletters continue to be informative and the reminders are useful. It is good to have newsletters available online but also to have a paper copy to go on the fridge.
- Parents liked the clean plate stickers that children were rewarded with at dinner times last term. They felt it helped encourage children to eat all their lunch. This was time-consuming for school but we will order more and endeavour to give out stickers when we can.
- It was requested that pack-up eaters and dinner eaters sit together on the same table at lunchtime. We do this whenever possible when the menu allows. All children eat at the same time so that the whole school can play together.
- We discussed the availability of milk and snacks at breaktime. All Badger Wood children get a piece of fruit or vegetable at morning break. Snacks (bread, raisins, scones) are available for all children to buy from the hatch if wished. Drinks are also sold. These comply with the National Food in Schools Policy. Fruit may be brought from home to eat at morning breaktimes. Milk is also made available each morning - Pupils can claim free milk if under 5. Over 5s can have a drink of milk if ordered and paid for online by parents. Please ask at the office for details.
- It would be useful if purses are named as they can be returned.
- The savings scheme is really useful. We will add details regularly to school newsletters to remind people of this.
- Parents asked about swimming arrangements as the pupils are so lucky to have swimming lessons in different year groups. The benefits of this are very much appreciated.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Parent interview times
- East Barnby meeting –years 3 and 4
- After school club letters where applicable
- Mother's Day artwork and order form
- Milk letter
- Buckrose newsletter
- Film Club flyer

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 child or family, please ask at the office.

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