

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER February 2nd 2018

SCHOOL VISIT

The children in Badger Wood will be visiting Scarborough on **Friday, February 23rd** as part of their 'Read All About it' topic. They will be looking at boats in the harbour to understand how they work and visiting the RNLI, Harbour Bar and the beach.

The children will travel with Fletcher's coaches. We will leave school at 9.15am and will return for the end of the school day. The cost of the coach will be paid by school.

The children will be provided with a packed lunch. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and sensible footwear.

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries County Insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact the school.

DISCO

School Springtime Disco

Friday 2nd March 2018, 3.30-5pm

Friends of West Heslerton Primary School Disco have organised a disco for children who go to West Heslerton CE Primary.

Bring your party clothes to school, change at the end of the day.

Please send £2.50 in a named envelope by Friday 9th February to book your place. Price includes snacks and a drink.

CLARINET CLUB

Clarinet lessons are available at school on Thursdays from 3.30 -4pm. This is suitable for children in years 2-6 and includes the loan of a clarinet which children are able to take home. The cost is £4 per week, in blocks of 10 weeks. Please ask at the office if you are interested in this club.

NYCC SCHOOL TRANSPORT

NYCC are holding a consultation on changes to their policy for home to school transport, specifically for those with special educational needs or disabilities.

They have a statutory responsibility to provide travel assistance, from home to school, for eligible children and are proposing to consult on the discretionary areas of the current transport policy, and how they provide travel assistance.

Recent increases in both the numbers of SEND pupils requiring transport and increases in the distances that they travel, have led to a rise in costs. Based on current trends, this will reach an annual cost of £30m by 2025. The budget for providing home to school transport for pupils with special educational needs or disability is £5m.

Please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/home-school-transport-including-children-and-young-people-send> for further details and express your response to this consultation.

BOOK FAIR

West Heslerton School will be holding a Book Fair run by The Book People from Friday, March 9th to Wednesday, March 14th. Books will be available to buy and school will receive additional books for the library based on sales. The Book fair will be open to parents on Friday, March 9th after school and on Tuesday, March 13th during parents evening. All money will need to be paid by Wednesday, March 14th.

CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

Passports are due in on the following dates:

Badger Wood: Friday, March 2nd

Farthing Wood: Friday, March 16th

Keeper Wood: Friday, April 27th

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

BADGER WOOD

This week we became authors as we wrote our own stories based on the book 'The Pirates Next Door'. At the end of the story Jim the Lad leaves a message in the bottle saying he will come back and get us for an adventure. We thought about all the things we could get up as pirates and used them in our stories. Some involve finding treasure and some are scary as they have colossal squids in them! Everyone showed themselves to be great story writers.

We developed our scientific ways this week as we looked into the materials around us. We classified objects by their materials to see which was most commonly used.

Next week we will continue our measuring skills as we develop our knowledge further into capacity. We will also put our computing skills to the test as we type up our stories to make them into a book of short stories so we can all read each others.

KEEPER WOOD

This week in Maths we have been fine tuning our measurement knowledge with some challenging work and whole class activities. We are now going to be moving onto fractions; concentrating on $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ next week.

We have been throwing some ideas about for the end of term topic landing and the children have come up with some great thoughts. We will be exploring this further in topic time.

Next week in Science, we will be exploring different materials and investigating which materials conduct electricity.

Have a great weekend everyone!!

FARTHING WOOD

A busy week in Farthing Wood this week writing our script for a film trailer about Captain James Cook. Everyone has had some really impressive knowledge and facts about him and his life...and we have yet to get to the gory details of his death! Hopefully next week we will have filmed and put the trailers together, which may have a small feature at the topic landing at the end of term.

In Forest Schools sessions, we have been using our knife and cutting skills to make prototype recorders from carrots...which I hope you all enjoyed at home as much as I did in class! This week we will take the positive elements from the prototypes and collect and make recorders from elder branches which are in the hedgerows.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Heselton Primary School Friends? There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join. Head to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heslertonprimaryschoolfriends/> and sign up for free.

2. Shop. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.

3. Raise. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Heselton Primary School Friends will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Children's University – Keeper Wood
- Nametags flyer
- Messy Church
- Norton College sports flyer
- Film flyer

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.

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