

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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ASSEMBLY

The theme for this half term's assembly is Justice.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Agreed absence from school for annual holidays may be granted. In exceptional circumstances, with attendance at or beyond 95%, pupils may be given permission for leave. Forms are available at www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk or from the school office and should be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to booking. Please note that holidays will not be granted during test periods.

TOPIC LANDING

We would like to invite you to a Music and Mocktails Evening on **Thursday, March 22nd** at 6pm to celebrate the term's topic "Read all About It". This will be an evening of music and dance. Further details to follow.

FAIR TRADE

There will be a Fair Trade stall in school from **Tuesday, 27th February to Thursday, 8th March** to celebrate Fair Trade fortnight. Children will be able to buy small gifts, including those suitable to Easter.

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, starting on March 8th until June 7th excluding March 29th) Please ask at the office if you are interested in this club.

SWIMMING GALA

Well done for a great effort at the inter school swimming gala:
Holly, Rowan, Maddie P., Niamh, Max, Jake, Harry, Charlie and Matthew. Max was 1st in breaststroke and Rowan was 3rd in her breaststroke race. Thank you to Mrs. Vipas, Mrs. Maud and Mrs. Petty for accompanying the children.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Dolan who has announced the safe arrival of a daughter. Orla Grace Moore arrived in the early hours of 15.02.2018 weighing a healthy 7lb 13oz. Congratulations to her and all the family.

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

DISCO

Friends of School have organised a school disco on **Friday 2nd March** from 3.30-5pm for all pupils at school – see attached invitation. Please send your £2.50 on **Monday, February 19th** if you have not yet done so, thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World book Day takes place on **Thursday, March 1st** this year. We will be celebrating this event in school and ask the children to dress as a book character if they wish to do so.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friends of School have organised a non-uniform day on **Friday, 9th March** - bring a tombola prize.

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

BADGER WOOD

It's been a great first week back. Everyone has settled well into routines, which was great to see. Everyone became poets this week as we looked at rhyme and alliteration. We started by reading the 'Pirate Cruncher' and finding examples of rhyme and alliteration that we could use in our own poems. Everyone wrote a super poem to show off their skills.

In maths we started looking at fractions! We focused on the fraction a half this week and how to show it in lots of different ways. Next week we will be moving on to quarters.

On Friday we all enjoyed a lovely day out to Scarborough South Bay. We enjoyed walking passed the harbour and spotting the different boats. Then it was science time as we went to the Harbour Bar to learn how ice cream is made. We went to the RNLI to learn more about boats and safety. We got time on the beach to put our beach schools in practise too! A great day out!

KEEPER WOOD

We have been concentrating on fractions this week, the children must be sick of the word by now! We have been understanding what fractions are. On Thursday, we had a class debate about whether they thought a shape was split equally into quarters and they had to persuade children to join their team. The children got into character brilliantly and were using brilliant mathematical reasoning to explain their decisions.

In English, we have been looking at creating complex sentences and using speech. The focus has been the story book 'Float' which we have nearly finished. Next week the children will be writing their own take on the story and adapting it to represent what it means to them.

We have had some busy afternoons creating decorations for the 'Music and Mocktail' evening and they have been getting very creative. However, there is still a lot to do.

FARTHING WOOD

Farthing Wood children have spent the week at Bewerley Park in the Yorkshire Dales. They will have lots to tell us which will feature in the termly newsletter. Thank you to Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Benthall for accompanying the children.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Thank you for all your bags. The sum of £124 was raised for funds.

CYCLING CLUB

We are finalising cycling club details and will send a letter out soon. Meanwhile get practising cycle skills, dust off your cycles and check your helmets.

AFRICAN SCHOOLS

Mrs. Benthall is once again visiting two schools in Zambia – Muke and Liyema, in March. She would very much like to take out a selection of toys suitable for children aged 3-6. These would be soft toys, cars, plastic animals, no more than 6" in length please. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them in to school by the **end of February**.
Many thanks.

MUSIC AND MOCKTAILS EVENING

Anyone that plays an instrument, either in or out of school, who would like a slot on stage to feature as part our the 'Music and Mocktails' Evening...could you please let Mrs Woodward know so that she can add you into the programme.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Parent evening appointment where requested