

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER March 3rd 2017

SCHOOL

Messages

Please may we remind you that any messages regarding your child need to come through the school office. These will then be passed on to the relevant staff member. Teaching begins at 8.45 am and therefore staff need to be in the class room from this time.

Children's University

Farthing Wood passports are due in on March 3rd.

Bags2school

Friends of School have organised a Bags2school collection on Thursday, March 23rd. Additional bags for clothing are available from the school entrance hall.

Fairtrade Stall

There will be a Fair Trade Stall in school until Thursday, March 9th selling gifts for Mother's Day and Easter. Prices from 30p to £4.50.

Library Card

An NYCC children's library card has been found at school – no name. Please let the office know if this may be yours.

Crafts

Our craft bin would welcome boxes, tubes etc. for craft activities.

STAY AND PLAY

We would like to invite you to join us in Badger Wood on Thursday, 16th March from 2.00 -3.15pm for "Stay and Play" in Badger Wood, tea and coffee in Farthing Wood from 2.00-2.15pm. This will be an opportunity for parents, grandparents, younger siblings and carers to join us to see the children in their class and give parents an opportunity to talk with each other, as well joining their children in their activities.

We look forward to seeing you.

SOCIAL MEDIA

"Social Networking"

Parents of children in North Yorkshire schools are increasingly using social networking sites such as Facebook to talk to their friends. Sometimes parents have used these sites to criticise or make inappropriate comments about schools or even individual teachers.

Whilst we are unaware of any social media issues here, if you have any concerns about anything which happens in school please speak to your child's class teacher or the Head Teacher who will do their best to resolve things. If you are still unhappy we have a complaints procedure which will ensure that your concerns are investigated thoroughly and appropriate action taken.

PARKING

May we please ask that you park with consideration for the residents of West Heslerton, not on or blocking access to driveways. Where possible, please park at the bottom of High Street and allow older children to walk up to school.

Please do not park on the "Keep Clear" markings outside school.

Children must not get out of vehicles in the school driveway or walk across this area, there is a safe pathway up to school which all children must use. These measures are for the safety of all children and adults in West Heslerton.

Thank you

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will be making an occasional presence outside school gates at key times over the coming months. The reason behind this is to observe routines, engage with the community and doesn't mean there is a problem.

ASSEMBLY THEME

Our assembly theme this term is "Service".

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

BADGER WOOD

It was lovely to see all Badgers ready to go in the new half term, which was great as we had lots of fun things to do this week.

We started our new English project using the book 'The Way Back Home' which links brilliantly to the space themes of our topic. Years 1 and 2 will be working through the story and then making it their own, while pre-reception and reception will be text mapping the story first then making their own versions. I can't wait as all the new stories unfold!

On Wednesday afternoon years 1 and 2 did a wonderful job representing the school at Malton Sports Centre at the football festival. Both teams played fantastically and we even brought home some medals. Well done to everyone!

We hope you enjoyed Friday as much as we did! We loved getting everything ready for the robot hunt and art afternoon in Badgers! It was messy but lots of fun. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed their afternoon with us! We hope to see you all again soon for our stay and play.

FARTHING WOOD

Writing persuasive letters has very much taken over this week, as we will be posting these through the village letterboxes so that everyone and their neighbour has been invited to the village robot trail (and understands why the robots have landed!)

Thank you to everyone who managed to get to the robot trail event in the village today and congratulations to those who solved the coded word. If you wish to do it all over again then we are leaving our trail up throughout March and you can collect a map from the village hall noticeboard.

FAIR TRADE

"Take a Break" theme 2017.

This will be held on Saturday, 4th March at Malton library from 10am -12 noon. There will be free Fair Trade hot drinks and snacks. There is no need to be a member of the library, come along and enjoy! Older children are able to attend unsupervised.

KEEPER WOOD

We have had a very busy week in Keeper Wood organising our robot trail. We have been writing riddles for you to try and work out and also thought of some super space-themed questions. We hope you enjoy our trail, we have made some tasty treats for the finishers.

We have also been looking at fractions again and thinking about probability. We had fun with m and ms, working out the fraction of each colour and then simplifying the fractions!

Next week, we will be using our Iron Man knowledge to make our writing interesting and exciting. We will be trying to use the 'FANTASTICS' in our writing - I wonder if the children can explain these to you

RYEDALE FOOD BANK

Please Note that The Foodbank will be located at 7A Howe Road, Norton YO17 9BH, not Hope Central as usual for the following sessions:
10 – 12 am Wednesday 15th, 22nd & 29th March
1.30 – 3.30 pm Friday 17th, 24th & 31st March

SWIMATHON

Maddie Petty is taking part in a Swimathon in aid of Marie Curie Care. She will be swimming 5K (200lengths!) and would be grateful for any sponsorship. There is an online fund page: www.justgiving.com/swimathon-2017-Maddie-Petty9

Thank you.

LENT CHALLENGES

Instead of giving up something this year for Lent, why not try to do something extra?

In each weekly newsletter during Lent, we will share with you a range of challenges to choose from to help different groups of people in our community. Please let us know of your involvement and any responses you receive.



ENCLOSURES

Please find attached:

- Bingo poster
- York Minster visit letter and consent form – KS2
- Skipping Event - years 3,4,5
- World Book Day token
- Film Club Flyer
- Community Newsletter
- Book Day tokens
- Messy Church flyer

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