

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER March 11th 2016

ALL AMERICAN STATE FAIR

As a celebration of this term's "Route 66" topic we would like to invite all parents, family and friends to an

All American State Fair on Thursday 17th March

From 1.30 – 3.25pm

There will be stalls designed made and run by the children and other exciting activities. Come along and join in!

The children will need to wear their Cowboy/cowgirl costumes all day.

American Lunch

The children will have a special cowboy lunch of: Hotdogs, chips, cucumber and carrot sticks, followed by waffles and ice cream.

EASTER 2016

As part of the Easter celebrations we would like to invite all parents, family and friends to an

Easter service

on **Thursday, 24th March** at 1.30pm

at West Heslerton Church.

This follows the Easter lunch at school on this day, please let us know by March 11th if you are joining other parents for lunch. We will have Easter nests instead of arctic roll.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at these events.

SPORT RELIEF

On **Thursday** morning Max will be selling Sport Relief buns, please bring 50p for these if you wish.

We will be taking part in Sport Relief on **Friday, March 18th** by holding Skipping Workshops for all the children. Badgers will skip in the morning and Keepers in the afternoon. May we please ask for a minimum donation of £1 for Sport Relief, to include a skipping rope, thank you.

NATIONAL TESTS

2016 national curriculum tests for key stages 1 and 2: information for parents

If your child is in Year 2 or Year 6 they will sit national tests during the summer, unless we have advised you otherwise. Attached is test information, published this week. This information is also available online

at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2016-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

EASY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all who have used this, Friends of School have received a cheque for £26.52 so far so keep shopping!

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 Heslerton 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 Heslerton Primary School Friends will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

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

BADGER WOOD

Well done on another fantastic and busy week Badgers. We started off our week by looking at our cold writing tasks from last week, this week our aim was to use our greens to help us in our hot task. Everyone followed their greens which lead to some fantastic newspaper articles about Route 66. Very impressed!

Reception took on fiction writing this week. Using the 'Cars' stories, they wrote their own story text map, all were different but equally brilliant. I can't wait to write these up on the iPads next week!

We all put our maths investigation hats on too. We looked into cm, m, ml, l, g and kg! Everyone looked very official and busy when investigating the different measuring aspects and using the right tools for the job! Good skills Badgers.

On Thursday afternoon it was all systems go for the topic landing next week. Year 2s split into teams and came up with fantastic ideas. While Reception and year 1 came up with a super game and have got the refreshments covered!

Here's to next week and preparing for our topic landing at the All American Fair!

KEEPER WOOD

An exciting couple of new word has been thrown into our vocabulary this week.....app smashing! We have used our computing skills to app smash both videoscribe and photos together in our maths sessions on converting measurements. Everyone used their knowledge of converting measurements (leap year = 366 days, 5 miles = 8km etc.) and app smashed to create an exciting videoscribe presentation based on this subject. This was a really exciting way to try and remember these facts and everyone enjoyed watching and evaluating each other's presentations.

There has been a lot of energy and thought going into topic team work this week. Teams are on target and cannot wait to share all their hard work with you next week

Individual targets next week will aim to cover:

Maths : CLIC, topic teams

English: Topic team work, adventure stories

Geography: Topic team work/challenge areas

Art/D&T: Topic team work

PE: Forest schools, netball

Modern Foreign Languages: French

Christian Values Target: Responsibility

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Scarborough Children's University is going from strength to strength! The university now have a Facebook page and if you haven't already, please 'like' our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Scarborough-Childrens-University-176785046013540/>

LIBRARY – STORY SACKS

Mrs. Taylor-Barber is currently updating the exciting story sacks we have available in the library and is looking for magazines on the following topics:

Microscope – e.g. BBC focus

Sharks – e.g. Sea Angler

Pirates – e.g. Sailing

Insects

Predator – e.g. Practical Reptile Keeping

Bikes – e.g. What Mountain Bike

Aeroplanes –e.g. Pilot

Trucks – e.g. Truck and Driver

If you have any of these you no longer want, please donate to the library, thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

Thank you to all who came along to share lunch with us last Friday, it was a lovely social event. The winner of the lucky squares was Mrs. Jarmany, who won a plant and chocolates!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

The Fair Trade stall resulted in school receiving £14 for use at further such events. Thank you for your support.

ITEMS NEEDED

Many thanks for collecting toilet roll middles and empty egg boxes for craft club. We now have plenty.

PARENTAL FORUM

Thank you those 5 parents attending the Parental Forum this week.

The topics discussed were varied:

Mothers Day Lunch

Parents wanted to thank staff for the Mother's Day Lunch which was enjoyed. Parents recognised the effort made by staff to do extra things such as this.

Friends of School

Parents felt it would be useful to regularly remind all families of the activities and benefits of Friends of School. An information leaflet is included in New Starter Packs. We will try to send an information flyer home during the school year. Information about Friends' Activities is included on school newsletters.

Nits

This is a continuing problem. Parents asked if everyone could check their child's hair during the Easter holidays to be nit free. We are unable to exclude pupils due to headlice. Staff do try to quietly inform parents if these are seen on pupils in school.

Teeth

Teeth brushing is a challenge at home. Is there any help available to teach children how to do this? Is it on the curriculum? We can request some info from health professionals which is usually flyers and information.

Sugar

How much sugar is in foods and drinks at school? School follows strict guidelines for sugar limits in foods, snacks etc.

Year 6s

We were asked what test specific sessions are being provided for Year 6 pupils. A timetable is attached for parents of pupils in Year 6 to see the support for these pupils for their national tests.

The amount of homework for this year group was questioned. Pupils in this year group should do the recommended 30 minutes of homework per night.

Parent Assemblies

A termly or half termly assembly was requested for parents to attend. We will try to schedule these in.

Forms

Parents informed school that reminders are useful for forms due in but please don't nag parents or pupils before the due date. School's response is that we need all forms in by the due date and many parents value the reminder so that they meet the deadlines set. These are often tight for school trips etc. due the level of paperwork and organisation required.

Dog Poo

There seems to be lots of dog muck on Wold View as we come to school on a morning. Unfortunately, this is beyond the school grounds and we have limited powers. School will contact the dog warden to request more regular patrols. Parents can also report their concerns to Ryedale District Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:-

- Y6 weekly timetable
- Test information –Y6, Y2
- Norton College Easter flyer
- Science flyer
- Yorkshire attractions
- Film night
- Hunmanby Hall flyer

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