

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER March 8th 2019

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

We aim to keep parents informed of their child's attendance rates through termly updates. We work closely with families to recognise that absence from school, when required, is communicated and pupils care is paramount. During our recent inspection, attendance at school was highlighted as well below expected national standards. Please work with us to try to get your child to school. School will phone if there is a change to your child's health during the school day. The attendance policy is attached for information.

PUPIL ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Tia-My, Ty and Sarah-Leigh who delivered an assembly to us all this week. This group reminded us of the importance of service. They asked us who we could serve.



FOOTBALL

On Wednesday, 6th March 2019, Farthing Wood went to football. Thomas scored a great nutmegs goal. Then Jamie scored a great hat trick followed by a topbins goal. Thomas did great skill. Tia scored a great hat trick and found great space. The girls came 2nd and the boys came 3rd.

Written by Will N, Farthing Wood

RED NOSE DAY

PARENTS

We would like to invite all parents from all classes to join Badger Wood pupils in the wildlife area next **Friday from 1:30**. Come along and enjoy a range of forest school activities including cooking over an open fire and tasting our pizza oven recipes. Everyone welcome. Please bring a donation for Comic Relief.

BADGER WOOD

Badgers are welcome to wear a red item to school in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. Please send these with your child to registration in classes.

KEEPER WOOD AND FARTHING WOOD Pupils in these two classes will be visiting York Minster. In order to comply with the Minster's standards of dress and expectations, pupils should wear usual red school uniform. Donations from pupils for Comic Relief are encouraged. Please send these to school for the start of the day.

YEAR 5 VISIT TO NORTON COLLEGE

Year 5 pupils will have a secondary school taster day on **Tuesday, March 12th**. They will travel to Norton College and spend a day doing science, performing arts, languages and group activities. Heslerton staff will take them to and from the bus stop to Norton College staff. Coaches are provided by Norton College. Transport will return the pupils to the village, removing the need to cross the A64. Pupils will need warm coats, sensible shoes and their usual school uniform. **Pupils will need to take a packed lunch.**

An opportunity will be provided to visit Malton School next term to help families make an informed decision for secondary schools at the start of year 6.

BADGER WOOD

A busy but fun first week back in Badgers. In Maths this week, we began to explore money; what and when we use it, recognising coins and their value, using the $< = >$ signs to compare amounts as well as using our addition skills to help add amounts of money. Everyone showed a good understanding of the money, amounts and some super addition skills too!

In English... we enjoyed writing instructions but only after we made pancakes! We all enjoyed making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and putting our favourite topping on them too! Then we put our tasting skills into our English work and were able to write some fantastic instructions full of time connectives and command sentences to show how we made our pancakes.

Next week we will begin to move on from the rainforest and start to focus on Dia de Muertos and how it links into South American culture. To do this everyone will need a plain white t-shirt (an old PE/school top is fine) as we plan to make our very own Dia de Muertos costumes by designing and printing our own very own costumes ready for the topic landing.

STAY AND PLAY

We would like to invite you to join us in Badger Wood on **Thursday, March 21st** from 2.00 -3.15pm for "Stay and Play" in Badger Wood. 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 view their child's learning journey book, talk with each other, as well joining their children in their activities.

We look forward to seeing you.

NEWSPAPER

Please can Farthing Wood please ask for any old 'appropriate' newspapers you may be throwing away as we would like to use them to help us with our spellings over the next few weeks.

If you require this in a different format

KEEPER WOOD

We have had a very busy first week back after the half term- Keeper Wood have started to look at fractions this week. We used bar models to show how we were working the fraction out. There were definitely a few 'light bulb' moments which was fantastic to see.

World Book Day was a huge success, we had some brilliant costumes and we finished the day off with a fun WBD quiz in our topic teams.

We have quite a few children showing their determination in maths and are moving up in their CLICs, Learn its and Safes so keep up the good work! TimesTables Rockstars seems to be a success as more and more children each week are finding their feet with their times tables. Thank you for your continued support with reading, spellings and homework.

FARTHING WOOD

Wow - What a manic week back after half term we have had. On Monday morning we had an in school workshop run by North Yorkshire Business and Education Partnership and a lady called Corey who had previously worked for Nestle, this involved lots of team work, creative, mathematical, English and design skills to work to a brief to create a mock up chocolate box then pitch team ideas to the rest of the class...a real Dragons Den! On Wednesday we visited church for the Ash Wednesday service and then took part in a football tournament at Norton primary school - look out for Will N sports reporting on the competition in a separate box on the newsletter. Thursday was Zumba and World Book Day...it was great to see how much thought and effort everyone had put in to preparing for the celebration. Finally for this week, on Friday, we had a group from Norton Primary School visiting our forest schools session again this term where we were looking out for signs of Spring and any signs of the Fibonacci sequence (1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21.....) in nature. Make sure you get some rest at the weekend...

DUCKLINGS

Duckling re-homing

Farthing Wood would like to thank everyone who offered to re-home the ducks that will hopefully hatch this half term. Mrs Thornton will be taking the ducklings and looking after them in their later stages as they grow into full sized Indian Runner ducks!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Thank you to Revd Kinsella for our assembly for children, staff and parents that was held at All Saints' Church on Wednesday. The first day of Lent was celebrated with a tour of the church to discover what is on the inside and the outside. Rev'd Kinsella challenged us all to think about what is on the inside and outside of us all. He set us the challenge to improve our thoughts (what happens on the inside) and our actions (what happens on the outside that other people see) during Lent. Pupils were able to ask a host of questions and all left with an ash cross on their forehead to help them remember this special time of the church year.



MORRISONS DONATION TO WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to Morrisons, Malton, who donated a wonderful hamper of books to school on World Book day. We were delighted to be nominated and to receive a basket of a range of stories for the school library.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to all the children who dressed up for World Book Day. What a range of characters we had! Here are just a few of our costumes.



FAIRTRADE

Thank you to all those families who supported the Fair-trade stall during Fair-trade Fortnight. Thank you to Isabelle B, Chloe, Poppy, Rosie, Lexi, Adele, Thomas and Will N for being stall holders. We will add up our takings and update you all next week. Fair-trade products are available in most shops. Our nearest 2 Fair-trade shops are Shared Earth and Fairer World, both in York City Centre.

NUTS

We would like to remind you that West Heslerton is a **nut free school** due to allergies in school. Nuts must not come into school in any form, e.g. packed lunches.

Heslerton Sooper -Souper's Children's Film Club

Friday 15 February 2019

5.00 pm

West Heslerton Village Hall

COCO



TUCK SHOP

Supported with a grant from the Heslerton Parish Council

If you require this in a different format

TREETOPS NETS VOUCHER

Friends of School have received a Treetops Nets Yorkshire Voucher for 2 people to bounce for free. Based near Ripon, this voucher, valid until 31st March 2019, is valued at £40.00. Pre-booking is essential. Additional paid spaces may be booked at the same time.

The Treetops Nets Yorkshire website states: "Try to imagine over 2000m² of giant trampolines, walkways, slides and tunnels all made out of netting. Now picture this safely suspended between trees up to 12m off the ground and set in mature native woodland and you'll have the right idea. This is a Yorkshire first and the biggest in the UK, designed to offer an amazing and adventurous new way for both children and adults to play in the high trees. Unlike the traditional high ropes courses, you'll be completely surrounded by 3m high walls of netting which means you are always safe and therefore you do not need harnesses." Friends of School would like to present this to the highest bidder. Please send your written bids to school by **Friday, March 15th** in a sealed envelope. The voucher will be sent home once payment is received by the highest bidder.

EQUALITIES POLICY

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.

10P COINS

The Royal Mint has issued a series of 10 pence pieces depicting the A-Z of Great Britain, for example F for fish and chip, L for Loch Ness monster etc. We would like to collect as many of these as possible in school so please look at your change carefully and bring any of these into school. We will be able to share these with all the children and find locations where appropriate. Thank you.

ENCLOSED

Please find attached:

- Ofsted report and letter
- Attendance Policy
- Parent Governor letter

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

Scarlet took part in the Chorister experience at Durham Cathedral and received a certificate which was presented in school assembly.



BAGS2SCHOOL

There will be a Bags2School collection of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc. on **Thursday, May 9th** 2019. Please keep any unwanted items for this collection.

ASSEMBLY

The assembly theme this half term is Responsibility.

HESLERTON AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Heslerton After School Club is open to all pupils from 3.30pm-5.30pm Monday to Thursday to relax and have fun with their friends. All children will need to bring a named water bottle, forest school kit and wellies. A snack will be provided. To book regular sessions, please complete a half-termly booking form. To book other sessions, please contact the school office or speak to Tom or Lydia at the After School Club. All children have been issued with a free voucher for 1 free session this half term. Voucher places are limited each session, please book early to avoid disappointment. Children need to be registered before they attend their sessions. Additional sessions cost £8.00 per child. At the end of each session, please collect your child from the wildlife area or buzz the front door.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our exciting childcare provision.