

**WEST HESLERTON C. E.PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN TERM 2019**

**WELCOME TO
WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We hope you enjoy your time at our school



Oliver

Summer H

Emily

Laura

Max

Amelia

Patrick

Imogen

Naomi

Mary

Melissa

Lewis



Summer Y

Jessica

Thomas

George

Jacob

NEW STARTERS 2019



BEST EFFORTS

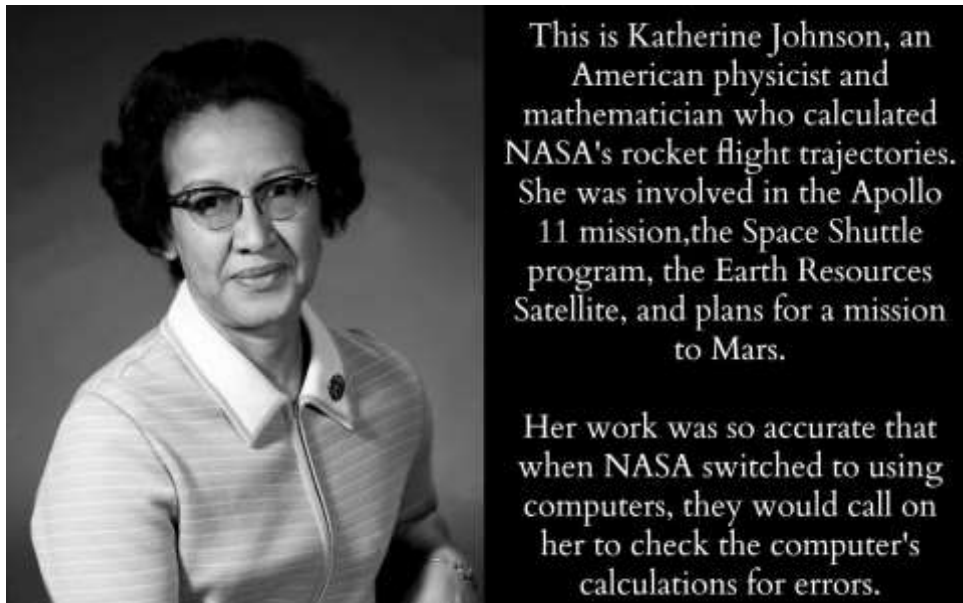
The following children have been praised for Best Efforts this term:

Melissa	Summer Y	Amelia
Max	Mary	Lewis
Summer H	Imogen	Oliver P
Naomi	Patrick	Emily
Laura	Chloe S	Finley
Sophia	Reuben	Rory
Poppy	Rosie	Will N
Jamie	Isaac	Benjamin W
William P	Ben	Abbie
Toby	Annabelle	Paige
Jacob M	Teddy	Edith
Tyger	George B	Jess W
Skyla	Edward	Tilly
Oliver F	Alfie	Ty
Kiara	George M	Jasmine
George H	Jessica	Scarlet
Tom T	Tia-May	Jacob W
Benjamin C	Chloe T	Henry
Luke	Louie	Reggie
Molly	Theo	Dexter
Lexi	Maddie	James
Aimee	Thomas M	Owen
Alenka	Evie	Lucy

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!

FARTHING WOOD

The children in Keeper Wood have been studying Earth in Space this term. The topic started the children trying to find out the owner of a suitcase, which belonged to someone who contributed towards the space race, by piecing together the clues of the items inside. It turned out that the case belonged to Katherine Johnson, an American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights.



As the nights got darker, the children were encouraged to watch the changes in the shape/phases of the moon and observe some of the star constellations. There are some great apps to help with this such as: starchart, starwalk, starview, moon phase calendar.

The children have worked towards building their own Mars rovers, which involves bringing together lots of elements skills and knowledge from many curriculum areas, such as Design and Technology, Science, English, and Computing. They have written individual non-chronological reports about Mars rovers in the form of 'exploding books'.

Stem Fair

Farthing Wood children visited the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Fair at Scarborough Spa.

They had great fun, especially in the inflatable planetarium, which told them how a star is born and dies. They also saw a show from the science museum in London, about forces starring 'Phil the Frog' who taught us about Isaac Newton, air resistance, gravity and much more.

In R.E. the children have discussed is 'What do religions say to us when life gets hard?'. This involves the children learning in depth from different religions and spiritual ways of life about hard times and death. It is enquiry based and led by the children's own questions, so allowing the children the opportunity to talk about these ideas and emotions. The activities enable them to share their ideas and develop the understanding and skills needed to appreciate and appraise varied responses as well as develop their own.

The children had a very thought provoking discussion about 'soul'. What is a 'soul'? What does a 'soul' look like? Do animals have a soul? Where does a 'soul' come from? All the children really thought deeply about this idea and there are some interesting ideas about this.

KEEPER WOOD

The children in Keeper Wood have been studying 'Ancient Greece' working together in groups to research this topic.

They all enjoyed a Greek morning, tasting and making new food and being creative. All the children designed their own Greek plate using the traditional Greek colours of orange and black, creating wonderful masterpieces with some very intricate detail. They then had a Greek food tasting session where the children tried different Greek food.

Scampston Hall

Keeper Wood visited Scampston Hall. We worked with volunteers from Scampston to do 3 different activities. The children were able to plant wall flowers and tulip bulbs in the West Heslerton flower bed, using mathematical skills to divide the area into sections so that it would be symmetrical. The other activities included decorating a plant pot, planting their own bulb (that they then took home) and making a stick Santa. It was a very wet and muddy day but the children worked hard to complete the tasks.



NRICH WORKSHOP

The children in Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood visited Settrington School for a morning of maths puzzles, games and other activities.

There was an enormous amount of fun and mathematical learning that happened during the Roadshow and the children were equipped with skills that will last long afterwards. The activities were carefully designed to develop problem solving skills which help to support:

- Resilience
- Communication
- Strategic Thinking
- Curiosity
- Creativity





First Aid

Children in Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood spent time learning emergency first aid. There is an opportunity to add to their learning during our first aid club next half term.



BADGER WOOD

The Badgers topic has been 'Learning from our Past', with the moral focus of conflict, understanding what conflict means to us, what it can look like and how we can resolve it, through fairy tales.

They have looked at the stories of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Pinocchio and the Three Little Pigs and have done some lovely writing based on these tales.

The class learnt about Guy Fawkes and the reason we celebrate Bonfire Night.

Children in Need

All the Badgers and parents spent a great afternoon painting Pudsey Bears with Peagreen Pottery. It was great to see everyone joining in, painting, having fun and all in aid of charity. Thank you to everyone who joined us and donated, £51.87 was raised.

Forest School Christmas Celebration

The whole school worked hard in Forest Schools to create gifts for Christmas. Parents were invited into school to view their work and buy Christmas decorations. Friends of school held a raffle which raised £759 for funds. Refreshments were provided by Friends. Two former pupils, Izzy and Lucy, had a stall of home-made baking which they sold in aid of Cancer Research, raising £43.46. Farthing Wood and Rich explained about their work with the Woodland trust, its history and how they are working towards awards.

A lovely, busy and successful celebration was enjoyed by all. Thank you for your donations of cakes, prizes and for your continuing support.







FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Fitness fun

Friends invited all pupils to a Fitness Fun event after school run by Chris from Sniper for Fitness Fun. This included fitness activities, time to play and was followed by a tea of sandwiches, crisps, fruit and cake. Many thanks for organising this event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went along.





Friends have asked children to save 5p coins and bring them into school for a class to raise money to renew the playground markings.

Pumpkin Trail

Friends of School organised a Pumpkin Trail during the half term holiday. This was greatly enjoyed by those who went along to raise money for funds.

Christmas Cards

All children had the opportunity to design their own Christmas cards. £78.65 was raised for Friends of school.

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets were sold with some amazing prizes. £759 was raised.

Thank you to Friends of School for all their hard work organising events to raise money for extras children.

They have paid for trips, the panto and crackers and presents at Christmas, as well as organising the Christmas party.



Forest Schools

We are really pleased to have had Rich McGuinn, Hidden Horizons ecologist, continuing to support our weekly Forest School activities.

The children are working towards awards from the Woodland Trust.



Village Show

The annual village show took place during the holidays and the following children won prizes:

	1ST	2ND	3RD
Y6	Maisie	Rowan	Adele
Y5	William P	Poppy	Jess
Y4	Louie	George M	
Y3	Henry	Dexter	Tilly
Y2	Tom	Owen	Theo
Y1	Toby	George H	Jasmine
R	Edith	James	Jacob

Well Done!

Reading Challenge

Well done to the following children who took part in this summer's Reading Challenge:

Ty	Jacob M	Jamie	William P	Rosie	Ben
Edward	Dexter				

All children received a certificate in our weekly celebration assembly.

Remembrance

All the school observed the two minute silence on Remembrance Day.

We now have a remembrance garden where the children sowed poppy seeds on Remembrance Day – red for remembrance, blue for animals lost in the wars and black for all nationalities who gave their lives. We will watch for the poppies to grow next year.





Bags2school

Friends of School held a clothing collection which raised £207.20 for school.

Parent Evening

A parent evening was held for all families.

Stay and Play

Badger Wood hosted Stay and Play events for parents of children in Badger Wood throughout the term.

Photos

The photographer came to school to take family photos.

Open Afternoon

An open afternoon was held in October for parents new to school to come along and see school in action.

Music

All the children in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood have had the opportunity to learn the recorder with our music teacher Mr Chatto. Children have been learning keyboard and guitar in private lessons at school. Should your child wish to take part in various sessions provided by NYCC music service, please contact the school office for details and prices.

Parental Forum

Parental forums have been held where ideas were exchanged between parents and Mrs. Wells.

Book Fair

Thank you for your support for the book Fair. £423.00 was taken which gives us £42.30 for school to use for books.

Parent Information Evening

A Parent Information Evening was held to give parents the opportunity to explore spelling apps, times table rock stars online, amongst other online resources we use in school that can be accessed at home too. Thank you to those parents who came along to have any questions answered, explore together and learn in fun ways.

Eco Crew

Kiara, Skyla, Will and Benjamin have formed the Heslerton Eco Crew. During their break times and lunchtimes they have discussed ideas for a sustainable earth. They have encouraged pupils to collect single use flexible plastic e.g. fruit packaging, straws and have plans to reuse this to help less fortunate people in developing lands with this plastic waste.

School Clubs

There have been clubs held after school this term:

Gymnastics Club paid by PE Funding– Monday

Circuit Training Club run by Miss Shackley – Tuesday

Football Club paid by PE funding Wednesday

These are all popular clubs which the children enjoy. All clubs can be counted towards learning units for the Children's University. Please ask at school for details if your child is in years 1-6.

Charity

There have been a number of Charity Stalls in school this term, some run by the children and others by outside charities.

Blue Cross Stall - Jamie, Louie, Ben and Luke raised £78.50 for the Blue Cross animal charity.



RNLI Stall - Laura and Rosie raised £78 on their stall and Rosie's family kindly raised it to £100.



Cancer Research Stall - Isaac and Will N raised £58.40 for Cancer Research.



Hospice stall - Thank you to all who shopped for gifts at the hospice stall. A total of £112.80 was taken,



Salvation Army - We have collected over 100 Christmas gifts for the Salvation Army to distribute to the needy in Ryedale.



RNIB – we continue to collect stamps for the RNIB.



Fair Trade - £242.03 was raised at the Fair Trade stall, £24.20 of which is kept by school to support further Fair Trade activities.



Harvest Festival

The school's annual harvest Festival was held at All Saints Church West Heslerton and was well supported by family and friends. The children enjoyed taking part.

The service was introduced by Laura and Benjamin. The children sang "Conkers" whilst gifts were presented by the children.



Chloe, Ben and Louie asked "What kinds of things would you be willing to share?"

Year 2 read a poem: Seeds of Friendship.

Ty and Jamie read a Christian Perspective
The school then sang: "Cereals, Bread and Fruit"
after which Keeper Wood read a poem: Harvest Moon.



Dexter played "Mango Walk" on the clarinet.

Alfie, George, Tia-May, Skyla, Will N, Kiara and William P talked
school sang "Harvest Song".

Poppy and Rosie read Charlotte's Story and Veronique's Story.

Reception and year 1 children sang: "Busy for Harvest".

The Congregation joined in singing "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" before Prayers.

Luke and Isaac read about Challenge and Reflection.

The service ended with a school song: "Autumn Days".

Donations from the children were made into gifts for the residents of the villages and for those who attend the monthly Generation Tea.
Any surplus fresh produce was given to the Salvation Army.



After School Club

The after school club continues to flourish thanks to Tom and Lucy. This term has seen a visit from young puppies which were a great success. Fruit trees have been planted in the wildlife area so hopefully a fruit harvest next year. Lookout for other exciting activities and visitors next term!

Generation Tea

Monthly generation teas have been held for residents in the village hall with Key Stage 2 pupils enjoying craft and chat with the older people in the villages.

Children in years 5 and 6 joined the Generation Tea playing Bananagrams and other activities.

"We went to Generation Tea and learnt about Dementia. Elizabeth talked to us about how people with dementia can be affected differently, how they may feel and how they have their most recent memories taken first. Dementia doesn't care what age you are. We pledged to be dementia friendly, we wrote a promise and gained a dementia friendly badge to wear to show others that we care and can help them."

By Farthing Wood



SPORT

Cross Country

School once again hosted an inter school cross country event.

All pupils were a credit to the school, both in their behaviour and their effort in this activity. Well done everyone!

Scarborough Fun Run

There was once again an amazing turnout for this annual event. West Heslerton CE Primary School was successful in having the most participants in the small school category and won the small schools' trophy again. Congratulations to everyone who took part and many thanks again to those who cheered us on.



Swimming

Children in years Reception to year 4 have visited Pickering Pool for swimming lessons. All the children have made progress this term and the younger ones have gained in water confidence. Well done to all the children who swam their very best and tried so hard, keep it up!! The children were presented with their certificates in assembly.

Tri Sports Event

The children in years 3 and 4 will be took part in a Try Sports event at MCSC. They tried basketball and football. All the children worked really hard within their teams especially as they had to work with children from a different school that they didn't know.

Well done Keeper Wood!

Netball

The children in years 5 and 6 took part in a Netball event at Norton Primary School.

"We had 2 teams and we played High Five Netball. There were 7 teams in total, Heslerton B came 3rd and Heslerton A came 2nd.

We had some good goal shooters and defence. It was a very soggy afternoon but we all had fun."

Farthing Wood

Tag Rugby

West Heslerton years 5 and 6 had a great day playing tag rugby at MCSC.

West Heslerton B came first and West Heslerton A came third. The B team beat Norton A team 4-3 in the final.

A team: Alfie, Chloe, Poppy, Benjamin, Luke, Skyla, William P and George.

B team: Jamie, Louie, Laura, Tia, Ty, Isaac, Ben and Will N.

Report by Will N

CHRISTMAS 2018

Hope Central

Children in Keeper Wood visited Hope Central to follow the Christmas Story.

Christmas Dinner

Children and staff once again enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, thank you to Miss Stones. We tucked in to:

Roast turkey and stuffing with sausages, roast potatoes, fresh carrots, peas and gravy followed by Christmas ice cream.

Crackers were provided for all by Friends of School.



Nativity

Parents, families and the wider community were invited to a Carol Service at West Heselton church.



The service started with a prelude by William P. The congregational Carol "Once in Royal David's City" was sung with the school choir singing verse 1.

The Christmas story was told by Jasmine, Toby, Chloe S, Abbie, Finley, George H, and Melissa.

School sang "Little Donkey", "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "It Was on a Starry Night".

Music was played - Farthing Wood – recorders, Good King Wenceslas-Thomas T on piano, Pat a Pan - Rosie on piano, Jingle Bells- Dexter on clarinet and Will N on guitar, Three Kings- Tilly on piano, Keeper Wood recorders and Jingle Bells - Alenka on guitar.

The choir sang "We Three Kings" and Badgers sang "Away in a Manger".

The congregation joined in singing "O Come all ye Faithful" during which a collection was taken. Rev'd Joe led the prayers.

The service ended with the postlude - Laura on keyboard.

Thank you to Mrs Benthall and Mr Chatto for arranging the service and practising with the children.

The children in Badger Wood acted the nativity tableau:

Mary	Mary	Joseph	Max
Gabriel	Paige	Donkey	Annabelle
Inn Keeper	Jacob M	Shepherds	Sophia
Angels	Amelia		Summer Y
	Jessica		Imogen
Star	Edith	Sheep	Summer H
			Jacob W
Kings	Lewis		
	Edward		
	James		



Panto Visit

The whole school visited Scarborough Spa to see this year's pantomime – Cinderella. Cinderella is a classic rags to riches tale, as along with her best friend Buttons and her Fairy Godmother they outwit the very Ugly Sisters and win the heart of the dashing Prince Charming.



The school enjoyed the performance and many thanks to Friends of School for providing such a treat for all the children.

Christmas Party

The autumn term ended with a Christmas Party for all. The children had a party lunch followed by games and a visit from Father Christmas! Thank you to Friends of School for organising this.

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

