



“Children are at the centre of all we do.”

**NEWSLETTER 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

**DIARY DATES**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, Norton Hive Pop up Library

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, Tree planting Keeper Wood & Farthing Wood

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**, School closes for Christmas

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**, School begins

Please see the box below for all of our Christmas dates.

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes and additions to these as the term progresses.

Please check the school website and Dojo for details. <http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>

Thursday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to order a <b>school Christmas Dinner</b>
Wednesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fairtrade Stall</b> opens
Friday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Please return raffle tickets and funds to Friends</b>
Monday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Post Boxes</b> will open for cards. Please write the recipient’s name and class on the envelope.
	<b>Friends raffle draw</b>
Friday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fairtrade Stall</b> leaves
Wednesday, December 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Christmas Dinner</b> for children. Please return the Christmas Dinner letter attached.
	<b>Nativity</b> at All Saints’ Church West Heslerton at 1.30pm and 6pm. The afternoon will be more suited to pre-school children. <b>All children need to attend as they <u>all</u> have a role in this production. Please have children at the church by 5.45pm in their school uniform, thank you</b>
Thursday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	All children and staff visit to <b>Scarborough Spa</b> to see “Jack and The Beanstalk”. We will leave school at 9am and return for a late lunch, have a good breakfast! We will travel with Perry’s Coaches. Tickets and travel are funded by Friends of School, we thank them for their support of this visit.
Friday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>School Buffet Lunch</b> followed by the <b>Christmas Party</b> . We would welcome any contributions of biscuits, crisps etc. for the party. The children should wear school uniform and will change after lunch into party clothes brought from home. We are hoping for a visit from Father Christmas!
	<b>School closes for the Christmas holiday.</b>

**CHANGES TO ROUTINE**

Please phone the school office with messages about changes to arrangements. Emails and Dojo not always accessed in class time. Phone messages are always checked at end of the day. Thank you

**TREE PLANTING**

**Farthing Wood** and **Keeper Wood** children will be tree planting on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. Please wear warm clothes!

different format, please contact the school office.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES

Thank you to Steve Tarling from the Churches Conservation Trust for some great workshops exploring St Andrew's Church, East Heselton. All children took part in a range of activities for Remembrance.



## MEET THE GOVERNOR – RACHEL WELLS

I'm Rachel Wells, Headteacher Governor. I have been a governor here at school since I was appointed as Headteacher here in 2001. I've worked in education since 1993, both in the UK and abroad. I'm passionate about ensuring that children receive a quality, rounded education - school should be so much more than academic results and just English and maths! I work hard to ensure that families are supported and kept informed so that everyone thrives. If you'd like to talk to me, make suggestions or send a quote for our newsletter, you can contact me at school - please pop in, Dojo me or phone 01944 728286.

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

## FRIENDS MEETING

### Friends of West Heslerton School AGM Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### Present:

Rachel Wells, Emma Pennock, Emma Nutt, Anna Tindall, Anna Kemp, Nicola Fox, Louisa Todd, Katie Golding, Victoria Malthouse, Chloe Stockdale

#### Apologies:

Emma Johnston, Natalie Cobb

#### Review of 2022/23 activities:

- Pumpkin trail – successful event at the village hall, lots of families attended.
- Christmas Raffle – very well supported, special thanks to Anna T for emailing local businesses to get some fabulous prizes.
- Pantomime – the whole school enjoyed a day out at the pantomime at the Spa in Scarborough.
- Bags2school – one in autumn & one in spring, easy way to make money.
- Spring Disco – DJ Terry worked well, children enjoyed the event.
- Sponsored walk – very well attended and supported event, everyone had a fabulous day and the sun shone! Thank you to Mrs Wells for planning the route! Welcoming families onto the field afterwards for refreshments worked well & raised extra funds on top of the sponsor money raised.
- Sports Day – refreshments on the field & uniform swap shop, thank you Louisa T.
- Leavers Hoodies – each Y6 leaver had a hoodie made in the size and colour of their choice.

#### Finance Update:

Opening balance on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 - £3,455.35

Total income between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 & 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - £2,842.29

Total expenditure between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 & 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - £997

Float to be kept with treasurer - £20.10

Closing Balance on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 - £5,280.54

#### Headteacher's report:

The Friends of West Heslerton School have provided great social and financial support to the pupils, staff, governors and parents throughout the year.

The Friends Committee enhanced school social activities during the year. Children and their families greatly enjoyed these social occasions and these activities provided additional events that school alone could not have provided, thank you.

Friends' funds were used to provide further activities that school would not have been able to provide alone. Fundraising included raffles, selling refreshments, and 2 Bags2School collections where community members donated unwanted textile items. These activities provided funding for all children to have the opportunity to travel further and experience activities they do not routinely have the chance to have. The Friends' financial contribution towards covering all transport costs and tickets for our visit to the Scarborough Spa Pantomime were vital to ensure every child could take part. Thank you for your financial support for these events.

I would like to thank all members of the committee and those parents who have regularly attended meetings and been involved in organising activities. Without this committee, these events would

not have taken place and every child would have had missed out on great opportunities provided. I'd also like to thank the committee stepping down for their hard work over many years. They have started and maintained some fantastic fundraising celebration activities and left the organisation in great shape for future years.

I'd also like to thank all parents and community members who have attended events and shown their support for the school. Without you, these events would not have been the great successes they were.

#### Committee:

- Chairman & Secretary – Emma Pennock
- Treasurer & Vice Chairman – Anna Tindall

#### Annual Events to discuss and schedule:

- Spring Bags 2 School
- Spring Disco / Easter Egg Hunt?
- Leavers Hoodies

#### Future Events to discuss:

- Christmas Raffle – prizes will be distributed at the Friends meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Nicola F will look to source some boxes / trays to put hamper goodies into.
- Crackers for Christmas Lunch – Emma P will source 90 crackers for the whole school.
- Panto – Mrs W to confirm cost of tickets and transport.
- Christmas Party & Gifts (selection boxes) – the party will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1:30-3:15pm, volunteers needed for this event. Emma P will source selection boxes for all pupils, Mrs W to confirm any dietary requirements.
- Sponsored walk
- Sports day

#### AOB:

- Ensure parents aware of where the Friends' money is going at the start of the school year.
- Mrs W to look at revised quote for playground markings.
- Recipe book to sell.
- Tea towels with child's self-portrait to sell.

#### Next meeting:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 2:30pm.

### **RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 LEAVING SCHOOL**

When leaving school, please will you ensure all children collected by adults are supervised. There have been concerns raised this week about unsupervised younger children running down the High Street when it is slippery and dark.

### **SUPPORT FOR ANXIETY**

We all struggle with anxiety from time to time. This link is provided to help parents support their children and themselves with strategies to use should you need this. <https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/resources/>

### **SENT HOME**

Christmas pack