

## WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

### NEWSLETTER November 25<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### DIARY DATES

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Friends AGM 2pm and communal wrap.

- Last gym club this term.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – New starters taster day.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Last multi skills club this term.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity at 1.30pm and 6pm.

- Christmas dinner.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Pantomime – Dick Whittington.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas party.

- Last day of term

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – School reopens

There may be changes and additions to these as the term progresses. Please check the school website for details <http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>

#### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

From September 2022, all schools have a duty to focus heavily upon attendance and punctuality. Rachel Wells is the attendance and punctuality champion for Heslerton School and is responsible for sending all late arrival and absence details daily to the DfE. We have shared attendance details for last half term with each family and will do this again at the end of this term. We would ask all families to check this and ensure that your child is here at school on time as the number of families arriving late is increasing and causing issues.

Please drop your child at school from 8.30am. All children must be here by 8.45 as learning tasks start then and classroom messages are shared. Lessons commence at 8.50. Children arriving after this time are missing out on valuable learning. Other schools are making children make up the time lost through breaktimes! Whilst we do not wish to do this, punctuality must improve please.

#### GOVERNOR VISIT REPORT

I attended the Harvest Service at the church. All the children participated in the service that was well attended by both parents, extended family and local residents. It was nice to see the church packed.

The staff and children had prepared prayers, songs and written excerpts which the older children lead. The songs were enhanced with routines, and it was a joyous occasion to have everybody together in church. The school had organised a collection of boxes of store cupboard items to donate at a later date to local residents. The service was well received by everybody and certainly was a fitting end on the final day to the first term at school.

West Heslerton Primary School has at its heart the desire to meet the needs of every individual where ‘everybody matters’. It is back to building and growing links within the community after a long absence due to Covid.

The school is welcoming to everybody and showcased a strong awareness to help others in need by casting the net beyond the school gates. The older children showcased this by taking great pride in delivering and distributing the boxes after half term.

Tracey Reynolds, Joint Chair of Governors

#### YOUNG VOICES

Thank you to those parents who have purchased items through school for young voices. We look forward to our items arriving in the forthcoming weeks. The Young Voices shop has opened online today to the public. It can be found here <https://shop.youngvoices.co.uk/collections/clothing>

Here is the playlist so that you can have a singalong at home should you wish! <https://open.spotify.com/album/1MrGxAUWIWd9ZRxeIWwT9D>

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

### FARTHING WOOD

Our Science experiment involved testing different materials to investigate the best thermal insulator. We carried a fair test, made scientific predictions and recorded our results in a table.



### KEEPER WOOD

#### MONEY MATTERS

Brendan and Rachel came into school from Yorkshire Building Society, to talk to the children about money. There was lots of discussion about how you earn, save and spend money. The children were thinking about where they spend their pocket money.

Many thanks to Yorkshire Building Society for visiting school to deliver money workshops to Keeper Wood. It was hard work and lots of fun!



### BADGER WOOD

MATHS - Year 1

It's all about the number 9 this week.

'9 is made of ..... and .....

'..... and ..... make 9'

We have used a 9 frame to help us say and record the number sentences.



### FRIENDS

Friends AGM and communal wrap, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. All welcome.

We will run a small toy stall to raise money on behalf of Friend. This will commence at breaktimes from Monday.' items for sale at £2, £1 or 50p

### FAIRTRADE

Thank you for supporting the Fairtrade stall we raised £196.10 Wow!

We have purchased items for story sacks for everyone to enjoy from the 10% commission for school.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone that donated to Children in Need we collected £74.54.

### RECEPTION

Book Trust have supplied a book for each Reception pupil. These are coming home with your child today. These are provided free of charge to help each family to keep and enjoy reading together at home.

### YORK MINSTER

Each West Heslerton Primary School pupil will have their work featured on our very own Christmas Tree inside York Minster this festive season. Every child will be involved in creating a mini picture of themselves to hang on the tree. Older pupils will create other features to help visitors to the festival understand where our community lives. All participating students will gain free entry to the festival. You may wish to plan a visit to York during December to view their achievements. Details of the festival can be found here: <https://yorkminster.org/whats-on/event/the-york-minster-christmas-tree-festival/>

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*A warm welcome to everyone  
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**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH  
WEST HESLERTON**

# **Advent Carol Service**

**SUNDAY  
27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022  
AT 6.30 P.M.**

*Seasonal light refreshment  
served on arrival*



*St John the Baptist Yedingham  
Carol Service - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30  
Christmas Day mass at 9.00 a.m.*