



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

NEWSLETTER 1ST DECEMBER 2023

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 6th December, Fairtrade stall opens

Friday 8th December, Friends raffle ticket and fund return date

Monday 11th December, Christmas post boxes open

- Friends meeting at 2:30pm
- Friends raffle draw

Friday 15th December, Fairtrade stall leaves

Wednesday 20th December, School Christmas Dinner

- Nativity at All Saints' Church at 1:30pm & 6pm

Thursday 21st December, Pantomime, Jack and The Beanstalk

Friday 22nd December, School buffet lunch

- Christmas party
- School closes for Christmas

Tuesday 9th January, School begins

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes and additions to these. Please check the school website and Dojo for details.

<http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>

FRIENDS RAFFLE

Friends have collected many great vouchers as prizes for the Christmas Raffle. These include:

North Yorkshire moors train family pass
Jorvik

Burton Agnes hall and Gardens

Scarborough fair family pass

Palace cinema

Sledmere house

Scampston hall

Sewerby hall

Askham Bryan wildlife park

Voucher deans garden centre

If you need any further tickets, please contact the office by phone.

Please return ticket money and stubs to the office by

Friday 8th December - the draw will take place on Monday afternoon.

PUNCTUALITY AT SCHOOL

School gates open at **8:30am**, children should be here for **8:45am**. Those arriving after this get a late mark.

Those arriving after **8:55am** are classed as absent.

Please do your best to arrive on time.

YORK MINSTER

A small group of pupils from Farthing Wood represented school to decorate our tree at York Minster this week. We worked with Malton and Norton Fairtrade Group to create a real tree inspired by Fairtrade items. Our tree is tree 11, located in the Chapter House of the minster.



Access to the tree festival is free for all those organisations taking part in the event. If you are free, please pop along to view the trees from many schools, charities and organisations. You will need to clearly state that you are from West Heslerton CE for free access. There are many trees to view and it is a magical place to be. The event is running from Dec 2nd to Jan 6th.

VILLAGE HALL

West Heslerton Village Hall committee are looking to decorate the hall for Christmas. Sadly, they have very few decorations. We would like to ask the community if anyone has any spare decorations that we could use please. We really would like the hall to be full of festive cheer as we start our December programme. Please bring these to the school office. Thank you.

REMINDERS

Please use the pedestrian gate to access school to keep everyone safe.

Please leave time for journeys. In icy conditions you may have to park in the village and walk up to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

RELIEF TEACHING ASSISTANTS

We are always keen to hear from people who would wish to join our team. We are currently looking to appoint some relief teaching assistants. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to assist in classrooms supporting teachers. There are no set hours for this role, we'll get in touch when we need cover in classes or at lunchtimes. A clear DBS will be required for safeguarding reasons. Please contact the office for a person specification and application form.

FARTHING WOOD AND KEEPER WOOD

TEAM TREE PLANTING 🌲 🌲

Well done to Keepers and Farthings for planting over 300 trees. There were over 5 varieties of trees.



FARTHING WOOD AND KEEPER WOOD

TREE PLANTING 🌲 🌲

Albanwise came to help us plant trees in Keeper Wood, West Heselton. It was a chilly morning but the children worked really hard!



BADGER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOLS (week 11)

We have gone a little larger with the shelter building - enough to fit one of our team in! We had all remembered that a shelter needs to be warm and dry.



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FEAST

Free activities for children and young people this Christmas holiday

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in.

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or is made eligible by exception (see the [website FAQs](#) for details), you will receive a voucher from their school. This will enable you to book school holiday activities that are part of the FEAST programme for free, using the online platform HolidayActivities.

To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, [visit the FEAST website](#).



SCARBOROUGH DISTRICT

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A selection of activities available in your area

ARCADE: GRUE - SCARBOROUGH LIBRARY

Help build a wonderland of recycled, upcycled materials

TA DA'ANCE HOLIDAY CLUB - ST JOHN'S PARISH

Jam packed days of dance fun

CLOSER COMMUNITIES ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas celebration for children with SEND

EVERYONE ACTIVE HOLIDAY CAMPS

Multi-sports, activities, food and fun

DESAPLINE MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

Activities with an emphasis on holistic health, fitness & wellbeing

NIGEL CARSON SPORTS CAMP

Multi sports coaching and team building games

Book your FREE space now!



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RYEDALE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

A selection of activities available in your area

GENERATE THEATRE COMPANY

Drama workshop to learn all about the theatre



SKIP2BFIT

Child-centred games, sports and fun



MALTON COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

An exciting camp to try new activities and sports



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A Community Fridge is open in Rillington

For a variety of reasons, local businesses have surplus food products. Rather than these items going to landfill, our aim is to share them, through the Free Fridge, to the community.

Please note this is not a Food Bank.
Our fridge is open to everyone.

Open every Thursday 10:30 - 12:00
in Rillington Church Rooms.



FOREST SCHOOL KITS

Forest school kits, reminder that warm clothing will be needed at school. Many children complained of being cold in our outdoor sessions last week.
Thank you

SENT HOME

Sports Club letters

SAVE THE DATE – MASTERING NUMBER WORKSHOPS

- Monday 22nd January, Reception
- Wednesday 24th January, Year 1

SHINE21 CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023

10AM-3PM

FREE ENTRY

PICKERING MEMORIAL HALL
POTTER HILL,
PICKERING,
YO18 8AA

Over 20 Stalls
Raffle
Tombola
Games
Brass Band
Tea, Coffee,
Hot chocolate
Cakes & Mince Pies

All proceeds go to Shine21 (charity 1191103) who are supporting families with children 0-7 years who have Down Syndrome in York & North Yorkshire.

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