



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

NEWSLETTER 28th NOVEMBER 2025

Our newsletters are available to view on the school website at:

<https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/newsletters>

BADGER WOOD

92.98%

KEEPER WOOD

95.05%

FARTHING WOOD

100%

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 2nd December, Fairtrade stall opens.

Wednesday 3rd December, FW Dodgeball at MCSC.

Thursday 4th December, Pop up library – collection only.

Friday 5th December, Final day to return Friends Raffle tickets and funds.

Monday 8th December, Christmas post box opens.

- Friends raffle draw.

Friday 12th December, Fairtrade stall leaves.

Wednesday 17th December, School Christmas lunch.

- Nativity at All Saints' Church West Heslerton at 1:30pm and 6pm.

Thursday 18th December, Whole school visit to Scarborough Spa to see the pantomime Beauty and the Beast, late lunch.

Friday 19th December, School buffet lunch followed by the Christmas party.

- School closes for the Christmas holiday

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Monday 5th January, Training Day for staff.

Tuesday 6th January, School opens to all pupils.

YORK MINSTER CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We have again been lucky enough to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at York Minster. All children have created an individual bauble linked to The Colours of Christmas, these have been placed on our tree at the Minster. You can hear the story

here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ze66ZTtvQPU>

The festival will open to the public on **Saturday**

29th November with a special family friendly

Saturday service at 10am on this date. The

festival will run until **Sunday 5th January 2025**.

Entrance to the Minster is free to those linked to school. Please pop along and state 'West Heslerton School' for you and your family to access this marvellous festive event and view your child's work on display.

FARTHING WOOD DODGEBALL

The children in Y5 & Y6 will be taking part in a Dodgeball event at MCSC on **Wednesday, 3rd December**.

The children will travel with Perrys coaches and be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell. We will leave school after eating lunch at 12.30 and return for the end of the school day.

Please wear warm PE kits to school for this event.

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact school.

PARENTING SMART

Parenting can be joyful but also very hard. Each week we aim to bring you a link that may be useful to you to find your way. As the evenings have become darker and children are more likely to spend time indoors, this week's short clip is on childhood supporting healthy gaming.

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EARLY BIRDS

With the change in the weather, adults may need more time to get to work. Our Early Birds facility is available to book until 9pm at night for the following day. For £2 per child, you can drop your child at school from 8am to give more travel time. Your child will play with others in the hall with our teaching assistants before joining the whole school for an outdoor play at 8.30.

POP UP LIBRARY

On **Thursday 4th December**, Norton Hive pop up library will be in school. This visit will be to collect books only. Please send books into school in advance if necessary so that they can all be collected.

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

FRENCH CONVERSATIONAL SESSIONS!!!

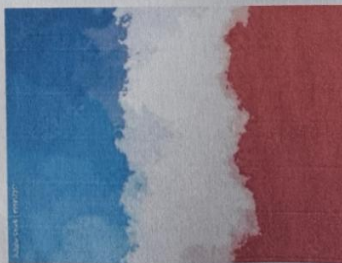
Practice your French enjoying company and conversations with an experienced native speaker.

Two sessions per week on a Thursday afternoon from 2-3 and 4-5.

£10 a person.

There will be 6 people per session.

If interested contact Victoria Cordingley on 07551167821.



A LOVELY PARENT COMMENT RECEIVED

This afternoon was lovely. So nice to hear the children singing and all so happy!

A LOVELY COMMENT RECEIVED

Dear Mrs Wells,
Just to say I had such a lovely welcome from you, your staff and children yesterday and thoroughly enjoyed my time with you all!
Best wishes and here's to seeing you soon I hope!
David Lawrence

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

A fabulous afternoon with award-winning conductor David Lawrence, learning new songs, refining known ones and performing to an audience. Thank you to David for visiting us and to all the family members who joined us, it was a special afternoon.



OUR GOVERNING BOARD

A team of up to 11 volunteer governors oversee the work of our school and set its direction. Whilst the whole board is responsible for the work of the school, we have identified specific governors to keep a closer eye upon key areas.

We have adopted the following leadership roles for this year:

Co - Chairs: David Shackley & Louisa Todd.

Vice -Chair: Dr. Jo White.

Should you be interested in joining the board, please

enquire in the school office. We currently have one vacancy for a Parent Governor.

Should you wish to ask a question of the board or bring something to their attention, please contact the Governors via phone at school or via the contact form on our school website.

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FRIENDS

Friends of West Heslerton School

Meeting Minutes - Monday 24th November 2024

Present: Emma Pennock, Anna Tindall, Victoria Malthouse

Apologies: Anna Kemp, Rachel Wells, Rosie Pease, Nicola Fox, Kerry Stonehouse, Chloe Stockdale

Minutes from the last meeting:

- AGM – EP & AT continue as Chair & Treasurer. AT gave financial overview.

Annual events to discuss:

- Bag2school – November collection raised £152. Next collection is booked for Wednesday 11th March, 9am. RW to add to Dojo calendar.
- Non uniform day – Friday 28th November, families encouraged to bring raffle prizes to make up hampers in lieu of wearing their own clothes.
- Christmas Raffle – All tickets due in by Friday 5th December ready for drawing on Monday 8th December 8:45am. AT to send list of gift vouchers to EP so that these can be advertised on WhatsApp.
- Christmas Lunch – School have 58 crackers already. EP to get 24 crackers from Morrisons - £3.50 per box of 12.
- Christmas Party – FC booked in, Friends will provide music & party games (toilet rolls, newspaper & hats, gloves scarves needed on the day). Families encouraged to donate snacks to be shared out. AK has made pass the parcels. RW to add to Dojo calendar with request for snacks.
- Spring Disco – Booked Glow Crazy Disco. Thursday 12th March, 4pm – 6pm at Ganton VH. £65 deposit paid & balance of £160 to pay on the day. VH booked, £11 per hour (booked 4 hours). Suggest we charge £5 per child to include drinks and snacks. RW to add to Dojo calendar.

Future events to discuss:

- Quiz Night – Friday 6th February, 7pm at West Heslerton VH. £5 per person to include supper, teams of 4-6 people. Donations for the supper welcome in advance. 'Suggested donation' bar on the night. RW to add to Dojo calendar.

Next Meeting:

- Monday 8th December, 1.30pm (hamper wrapping & raffle draw).



SWIMMING

Thank you to the classroom teams for taking the children in Y1 – Y4 to Ryedale Pool for their 10 swimming sessions. The final fun session including water slides was a huge hit!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

NYC have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. Vouchers entitle your child to free places on FEAST activities this Christmas holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on activities on offer in our area.

Families can request places from Monday 17 November, but bookings won't be confirmed until Friday 21 November. This short wait gives everyone time to browse activities and express interest before places are allocated. You should hear back within a week to let you know if your child has a place. This new approach helps make things fairer, giving every family an equal chance to enjoy FEAST activities and meals.

SENT HOME

- Primary Times

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

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Younger Primary School Children

Every two years since 2006 North Yorkshire Council has done the Growing Up in North Yorkshire survey with children and young people in schools across North Yorkshire to find out what they think about various aspects of health, wellbeing and learning/education.

This flyer aims to share the main findings from our last survey and to direct families to information, support and services that may be helpful.

The below facts are about **6-7-year-olds**

Online Safety

4 in 5 said they know how to keep themselves safe online.

1 in 4 said that they have friends online that they don't know in real life.



Talking about internet use and safety helps to protect children from risks.

Oral Health

4 in 5 said that they cleaned their teeth at least twice on the day before the survey.



Good oral health can keep children free from toothache, infection and cavities.

Sleep

2 in 5 said they have a TV in their bedroom, and most of them are allowed to watch it after they go to bed.



Managing screen use and technology-free bedrooms and bedtimes can help your child get a good night's sleep.

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

1 in 3 said they worry about their family and 1 in 5 worry about how they look.

But this is much less than in 2022!



Helping children to understand their feelings and ways that they can manage them can be helpful for the future.

Physical Activity

1 in 5 children said they have not had swimming lessons yet.

More boys than girls found physical activity and sports easy.



Staying active has been shown to improve physical and mental health. Help your child to find ways to stay active that they enjoy!



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