



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

NEWSLETTER December 9th 2022

DIARY DATES

- Wednesday 14th December** – Nativity
- Christmas dinner.
- Thursday 15th December** – Pantomime.
- Friday 16th December** – Christmas party.
- Last day of term – **book bags not needed**
- Thursday 5th January** – School reopens.
- Police visit in Badger Wood.
- Monday 9th January** – Key Stage 1
Gymnastic Club.
- Thursday 12th January** – Key Stage 2
Multiskills Club.

Dates for next term are available on the website and on Dojo.

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

REMINDERS

Nativity for all children on **Wednesday 14th December**. 2 services: 1:30 and 6pm. Please see separate box for information.

Christmas dinner for those who've booked on **Wednesday 14th December**. Please pay on Parent Pay for pupils in Year 3 to 6.

The children will be attending the Dick Whittington Pantomime at Scarborough Spa on **Thursday, December 15th**. They will travel with Shoreline Suncruisers by coach. Please arrive at school on time for the bus! A snack will be provided by school mid morning. We will have a late lunch on our return, please have a good breakfast.

Buffet on **Friday 16th December** – sandwiches, sausage rolls, veggie sticks, nuggets etc. Please book on the day and pay on Parent Pay.
Party on **Friday 16th December** – please bring a party outfit in a named carrier bag to change into after lunch.

SCARLET FEVER

There has been lots in the news about Scarlet Fever. The link below may help parents know a little more to keep vigilant. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment/scarlet-fever-factsheet>

The first symptoms of scarlet fever often include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. Please seek prompt treatment. In school we encourage children to wash their hands often and flush used tissues away.

Accidents involving scrapes will be washed thoroughly to reduce the risk of infection at this time. Children and adults with scarlet fever should not return to school until at least 24 hours after starting treatment with an appropriate antibiotic.

Further details from the UK Health Security Agency – please see separate letter accompanying this one.

GOVERNOR VISIT REPORT

I attended the school to look through SEND procedures, look over the number of pupils with SEND needs and staffing levels across the school. All Education support plans are up to date and shared with parents. These are discussed with and signed by parents termly. Meetings with parents are recorded in a log which is up to date. The Covid catch up grant is being used to employ an additional adult to support pupils in Keeper Wood. This is a large group who have missed much education due to Covid. Attendance and absenteeism across the school is monitored closely by the school and the DfE. Attendance reports were sent to all families on 4th November. These are sent each half term. Next visit we will review attendance for each child again and look over the progress of each child.

Ann Andrews, SEND Governor

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

All Saints Church, West Heslerton Wednesday 14th December 2022 @ 1:30pm and 6pm

CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BRING ANYTHING EXTRA WITH THEM TO SCHOOL, OTHER THAN A WATER BOTTLE AND A WARM COAT, ON THIS DAY DUE TO ATTENDING CHURCH ALL DAY.

AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE -

The whole school will arrive at Church (Badger Wood children will be in their costumes and possibly may have some of their school clothes in a bag, plus their coat to take at the end of this performance) at just before 1:30pm and once children are in position we will then open up the front door of the church so that families can take their seats.

After this performance if you wish for your child/children to leave with an adult who was at the performance in church then please contact the office so that staff are aware of these arrangements. The rest of the children will walk back to school with school staff, ready to be collected at the end of the school day (3:25pm) as usual.

EVENING PERFORMANCE -

Staff will open the front door of Church for adults and children at around 5:45/5:50pm ready for as close to a 6pm start as possible. Children will sit in the same positions they did for the afternoon performance. (Badger Wood children will be seated at the back of the church with staff as per the afternoon).

After this performance we will ask that an adult collects their child/children from the front of church so that staff can check everyone has left safely.

COSTUME INFORMATION -

Badger Wood children will already have changed into their costumes for the afternoon performance. They will then come home in their full outfits afterwards, so will need to come back ready in the costume for the evening performance. Any costumes provided by school will then need to be washed and returned as soon as possible before the end of term (sorry for the tight turn around but the costume box goes away at the end of term).

If we have missed any information that you would like to know or you have any issues or questions then please just message or pop to the office.

RECYCLING

We collect used batteries for recycling to save landfill becoming contaminated. We collect used stamps (with approx 1cm of paper all around them) to fundraise for the RNIB. Both collection boxes are in the entrance hall. Please collect up items over the holiday and pop bits in to help us improve life for others.

FOREST SCHOOL CLUB

Children attending Forest School Club will be cooking outdoors on 12th, 13th and 15th December. If your child is attending the forest School Childcare Club on Wednesday, please send them with a packed tea for a picnic before collection so that they are not too hungry at the nativity service!

FRIENDS FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to all that took part in the Friends raffle, we raised £771!

The toy stall raised £52.02!

Well done everyone, thank you for your continued support.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Sports club places have been confirmed on Dojo. These are popular so if your child does not want to continue, please let us know as we have a waiting list. Thank you.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Thank you to all those that have returned their library books, please can any outstanding ones be returned.

YORK MINSTER

Each West Heslerton Primary School pupil has their work featured on our very own Christmas Tree inside York Minster this festive season. Every child has been involved in creating a mini picture of themselves to hang on the tree. Older pupils have created other features to help visitors to the festival understand where our community lives.

All participating students and families will gain free entry to the festival. You need to state you have taken part in tree 2. 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/>

CHRISTMAS SERVICE REVISED SUMMARY

- **11th Dec 6 pm** Candle-lit Carol Service St Martin's, Scampston
- **15th Dec 7.00 pm** Carol Service St Hilda's, Sherburn
- **18th Dec 10.30am** Café Church with Christingle Sherburn Methodist Chapel
- **18th Dec 6.00 pm** Carol Service All Saints', Thorpe Bassett
- **19th Dec 6.30 pm** Carol Service St John's, Yedingham
- **24th Dec Christmas Eve 4 pm** Family Crib St Andrew's, Rillington Service
- **24th Dec Christmas Eve 4.30 pm** A short-animated FAMILY film: 'It's a Boy' Sherburn Methodist Chapel
- **24th Dec Christmas Eve 6.30 pm** Communion All Saints', Thorpe Bassett (Traditional)
- **25th Dec Christmas Day 9 am** Communion St John's, Yedingham (Traditional)
- **25th Dec Christmas Day 10 am** Worship round the Crib Sherburn Methodist Chapel

FEAST ACTIVITIES FROM NYCC

NYCC Have asked us to share the following information:

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 sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education. To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, visit [the FEAST website](#). There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what's on!

PE KIT

In January, children should come to school in PE Kit on days they are doing PE;
white T-Shirt, black joggers or shorts, zipped fleece for warmth (school fleeces are available from Edge Clothing or use a fleece from home) trainers. Hair should be tied back and earrings removed please.

ATTACHED

- Primary Times
- Menu for Spring 2023
- After School Club booking form for next half term – please note, places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.
- Children's University activity sheet
- Programme of Church services

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

NEW YEAR NEW JOB?

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