



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

NEWSLETTER 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, School Christmas Dinner

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

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Pantomime, Jack and The Beanstalk

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, School buffet lunch

- Christmas party
- School closes for Christmas

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

Please check the school website and Dojo for details.

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

REMINDERS

Nativity for all children on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Two services: 1:30pm and 6pm.

Christmas dinner (for those who've previously booked) on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please pay on ParentPay for pupils in Year 3 to 6 if applicable,

The children will be attending the Jack and The Beanstalk Pantomime at Scarborough Spa on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. They will travel with Perry's 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December – sandwiches, sausage rolls, veggie sticks, nuggets etc. Please book on the day and pay on ParentPay.

Party on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – please bring a party outfit in a named carrier bag to change into after lunch.

**SCHOOL Christmas**

**MENU**

Roast Turkey, Christmas Chipolatas and Seasonal Stuffing  
or  
✓ Cheesy Leek Croquette

Mrs Claus' Roast Potatoes  
Rudolph's favourite Gravy  
A Merry Mix of Seasonal Vegetables

The Elves' Hand Decorated Chocolate Orange Christmas Cookie

Date Wednesday 20th December

**NYES Catering**

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

**It's Christmas Time!**

A Parent's Guide to Social Media  
A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures  
A Parent's Guide to Gaming  
A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming  
A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming  
A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers  
A Parent's Guide to Fake News  
A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: [info@skipsed.com](mailto:info@skipsed.com) Tel: +44 121 227 1941

**Skips** [www.skipsafety.net.org](http://www.skipsafety.net.org)

Developed in partnership with  
Home Office  
West Midlands Resilience Reduction Unit  
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

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## NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

**All Saints Church, West Heselton Wednesday 20th December 2023 @ 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.

### BADGER WOOD YORKSHIRE AIR MUSEUM VISIT

The children in Badger Wood will be visiting the Yorkshire Air Museum on **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** to understand the history of aviation.

They will be accompanied by Mrs Woodward, Miss Johnson, Mrs Taylor-Barber, Mrs Andrews and Miss Trueman . We will leave school at 9.00am and travel with Esk Valley coaches and return for the end of the school day. The children will all be provided with a packed lunch from school, please bring a water bottle.

Children will need a waterproof coat and sensible shoes. School carries insurance for all visits.

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary.

For this visit we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.50 per child, please pay on ParentPay.

Thank you

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Harry Sheader and Anna Hubey from MCSC for the gymnastic and sports clubs this half term.

New club groups will start in January. Those with sports club places have been messaged on Dojo.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to volunteers who have run Norton Hive Library throughout this term. Books were collected in during their visits this week. Any outstanding books not returned, please return to any North Yorkshire Council Library. Many thanks

### SENT HOME

- Christmas Card designed by Tia
- Primary Times
- Feast activities

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### 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. This year, we have adopted the following roles:

Co-Chairs: Ian Pennock, Tracey Reynolds

Vice-Chair: Louisa Todd

Governor with responsibility for SEND: Ann Andrews

Governor with responsibility for H&S: Ian Pennock

Governor with responsibility for wellbeing: Louisa Todd

Governor with responsibility for Early Years: Ann Andrews

Governor with responsibility for finance: Sarah Craggs

Governor with responsibility for Child Protection: Jo Bickerton

Governor with responsibility for church effectiveness: Ian Pennock

The board is made up of:

Parent Governors - Tracey Reynolds, Louisa Todd and Emma Nutt

LA Governor - Ann Andrews

Staff Governor - Jo Bickerton

Headteacher Governor - Rachel Wells

Church Governor - Ian Pennock

Should you be interested in joining the board, please enquire in the school office.

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.



### 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.



### FRIENDS RAFFLE

Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed to this year's Friends' Christmas Raffle. Together we have raised a grand total of **£1,195** what a brilliant effort!

#### **Friends Meeting Minutes Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Present** – Emma Pennock, Victoria Malthouse, Anna Tindall, Emma Nutt, Rachel Wells, Nicola Duffill & Emma Johnston

**Raffle Tickets** – tickets folded & money counted, 36 prizes including hampers and gift vouchers were allocated. Total raised £1,195. Huge thank you to everyone!

**Christmas Party** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1:30-3:25pm.

- Friends will organise traditional games and music (newspaper game, musical statues, musical bumps, colour corners). Prizes for the winners.
- Pass the parcel - Anna K has made parcel suitable for each class.
- Visit from FC confirmed (Anna T to sort thank you gift).
- Volunteers – Emma Pennock, Anna Tindall, Rachel Doherty, Victoria Malthouse, Emma Nutt, Natalie Cobb, Nicola Duffill).
- Music – Emma P to create playlist, Anna T to provide big speaker.
- Christmas Gifts – Emma N will bring these in on the day ready for FC to give out to each child.

**Next Meeting** – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 2:30pm.

### BADGER WOOD

We started our Forest School session by following stickman to collect sticks 30cm long - these are for our sleigh bell making session next week. When we arrived back we took part in some team work to put up the large tipi shelter.



### PARKING

Thank you to families who park in the village on Church Street and walk up to school. This alleviates the traffic queues at the top of High Street and vehicles speeding up / down High Street.

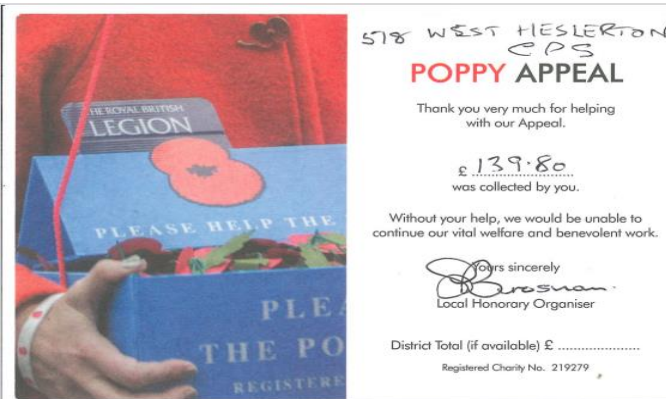
### FARTHING WOOD

This week we have: made mince pies, taken part in sports at Malton, made parachutes for an investigation into our resistance and played some Trust games.



### POPPY APPEAL THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Poppy Appeal. With your kind donations we raised **£139.80**.



### KEEPER WOOD

#### FOREST SCHOOLS

The children had to escape Santa's workshop. In groups, they needed to work out the clues and the digit code to escape.



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