



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

**NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

Our newsletter is also available to view on the school website at:

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

**BADGER WOOD**

92.04 %

**KEEPER WOOD**

92.56%

**FARTHING WOOD**

94.48%

**DIARY DATES**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, Christmas dinner for all children who have booked a meal previously, see poster.

- Nativity at All Saints' Church for all children at 1.30pm and 6pm.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, Pantomime at Scarborough Spa: Cinderella.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, School buffet lunch

- Christmas Party 1:15pm
- School closes for Christmas.



2025

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**, Training Day.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**, School begins.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**, Pop up library.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**, Gymnastics Club Y3 -Y6 week 1.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**, Drama Club Y3 – Y6 week 1.

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes so please check the school website and Dojo for details.

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

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Harry Sheader Sports School and Stephen Joseph Theatre for providing the Gymnastic and Drama club this half term.

**NATIVITY**

On **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, the Nativity will be held at All Saint's Church West Heslerton at **1:30pm** and **6pm**. The afternoon Nativity will be more suited to pre-school children.

**All children need to attend as they all have a role in this production. Please have children at the church by 5:45pm in their school**

**PANTOMIME**

On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, all children and staff to visit Scarborough Spa to see this year's pantomime "Cinderella". We will leave school at 9am and return for a late lunch, please have a good breakfast!

We will travel with Esk Valley Coaches. Tickets and travel will be funded by Friends of School, we thank them for their support of this visit. What a treat!



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### 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. This week's short clip is about supporting a child during a bereavement.

[Supporting your child when someone dies | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

On **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, our Christmas party will start at 1:15pm. We would welcome any contributions of biscuits, crisps etc. for the party. Please bring these to the office any day next week.

Children should wear school uniform and change after lunch into party clothes brought from home. We are hoping for a visit from Father Christmas!

### YORK MINSTER CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

All children have created an individually named bauble to show what brings them peace and happiness. These have been placed on our tree at York Minster and displayed to the public on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** and run until **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Entrance to the Minster is free to participating organisations. 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.

Please vote for our Christmas Tree at York Minster using the following QR code.



### FAIR TRADE STALL

We have once again been fortunate enough to host our very own Fairtrade stall here at school. Pupils have been able to purchase a wide range of gifts and wrap these for free to help surprise friends and family over the Christmas period.

Thank you to Janice Gwilliam of the Malton and Norton Fairtrade Group for supplying a wide range of goodies. Thank you to Paige, Jess, Billie, Max, summer, Teddy, Amelia, Jake, Tyler, Jack, Edith, Kian, Mary, Beau, Immy and Ed for volunteering to be our stall holders.

We took an incredible £313.97 which will secure fair wages for many crafts people in less developed countries. School will keep 10% of our takings so £30 will go into our fund for new playground markings.



Thank you to everyone for your support.

### SWIMMING

Swimming lessons have finished for this term, all done! Lots of hard work and enthusiasm from the children. A **BIG Thank you** to all of the staff that have helped with transporting and supervising the children from school and during their lessons at the Ryedale Pool.

### SENT HOME

- Badger Wood and Y2 parental lunch letter

### FRIENDS' RAFFLE



A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Friends' Christmas raffle. It raised a fabulous £788!

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### KEEPER WOOD

#### FOREST SCHOOLS

The children used the greenery they collected in our local wooded areas to make a Christmas Gonk. They had to wire the twigs together and learnt how to make an easy Pompom nose. Well done everyone.



### BADGER WOOD

#### FOREST SCHOOLS

A gingerbread theme this week followed on from class work. Natural gingerbread people made from evergreen and deciduous examples. Then an orienteering gingerbread hunt for the numbers from zero to nine.



### FARTHING WOOD

Winning Dodgeball Team with the trophy! Fabulous attitudes and behaviour of pupils noticed by other schools too...well done Farthings!



### PHOTO REMINDER

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our nativity service next week. Whilst everyone is invited to take photographs to capture happy memories, these are not for uploading online. This is to protect all children at school.

**When you sneakily record your child's Christmas play...**

...it is likely a child in that school is at risk of abuse, or has been removed from a dangerous and chaotic life and has been placed into foster care or with adoptive parents.

If we then publicly post a picture or video with the child in the background... a friend shares it, the abusers see it, and they then know the child's school.

Potentially, this child then has to pack up their belongings, move to a new home, new school, new carers, new life. All to protect them from dangerous people in their lives coming after them. All because we needed to share it online.

Please, just follow school policy. They don't tell you not to record because they are miserable. They tell you this to protect vulnerable children.

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