

## WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

### NEWSLETTER 20<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

96.5 %

#### KEEPER WOOD

96.0%

#### FARTHING WOOD

96.05%

#### DIARY DATES

# 2025

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

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**, School reopens to pupils.

**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>

#### 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.

#### FAIRTRADE STALL



We ran our usual Fairtrade stall. This was supervised by older pupils who developed money skills. Everyone was able to purchase items for gifts, wrap and label these as surprises. 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. £283.97 to the Fairtrade Foundation.

Thank you to everyone for your support.



#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A big thank you to Mrs Sefton for a delicious Christmas Lunch! There are lots of photos of our delicious feast on Dojo.

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

### 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 being bullied.

[My child is being bullied. What can I do? | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

### FRIENDS

Thank you to Friends of School for their wonderful work this term including funding the pantomime tickets and bus this week. Thank you for a wonderful party and for goodies delivered by Santa! A great time was had by all.

### FOREST CHILDCARE / CLUBS

**Forest Childcare** spaces are open for next half term. Please book via ParentPay.

Clubs to develop new interests and hobbies for next half term are open for bookings.

We will have a Drama Club and Gymnastics Club next half term. These are free of charge. Please book via ParentPay to secure a place, no payment is required.

To view the **clubs** on ParentPay from a mobile phone, *click on the 3 horizontal lines on the top left hand of the screen, from the drop down list select Home – Payer dashboard – Select the child's name – Clubs.*

**Drama Club** next half term for **3 weeks** for pupils in **Years 3 – 6**.

The club will be run by staff from Stephen Joseph Theatre and will be free of charge. This will take place from 3.30pm – 4.30pm from **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 inclusive**. **There will be no session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January due to the Young Voices visit.**

**Gymnastics Club** next half term for **4 weeks** for pupils in **Years 3 -6**.

The club will be run by Harry Sheader Sports School, funded by school sports funding, free of charge to children. This will take place from 3.30pm – 4.30pm from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 inclusive**.

Numbers are limited, therefore, places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your support in a very busy and challenging half term. The support you give to your children, the staff, the Friends of School and to each other is amazing. Our school community is thriving and everybody benefits from this.

We wish you a restful couple of weeks away from here, a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

### NATIVITY

