

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER January 20th 2023

DIARY DATES

Monday 23rd January – Friends meeting – everyone welcome 2.15 pm.

Monday 30th January – Norton Library visit – see box for details.

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

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

VISIT TO NORTON LIBRARY

All children will visit Norton Hive library on Monday 30th January. It will be a busy morning with coaches travelling up and down the A64, providing each class with a separate session at the venue based upon their current topic. The library will be shut to the general public during this time. Please arrive at school on time, late arrivals may have to miss their visit so that we keep to schedule. Due to the busy morning, snacks will not be offered so please ensure your child has a good breakfast.

Anyone who is already a member of the library should bring their current card with them to school for the trip. If you cannot find it, please organise for a new one at the library ahead of our visit.

We're looking forward to expanding children's knowledge from our own school library to those in our community.

After half term, those children who have joined the library will be offered a choice of books from Norton library. These will be chosen at school and returned to school. Further details will follow.

YEAR 6 SATS MEETING

Year 6 SATS meeting on Thursday 2nd February 3:45 – 4:15 pm.

A LOVELY COMMENT RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Morning. I just wanted to send a message of appreciation to you for always doing what you can to work with me and around me. I would have most definitely left the area a long time ago if it wasn't for the kindness and competence that you and your team show me. I know it's just a dojo message but I really wanted to show you my gratitude. Thank you for everything.

STAY AND SEE

A Stay and See – phonics focus event will be held 9- 10 am on **Tuesday 31st January** to see your child's phonic sessions. **This event is for all Badger Wood pupils and some pupils in Year 2.**

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Friends meeting on **Monday 23rd January 2.15pm** everyone welcome.

Do come along, have a catch up, meet new families and share ideas for future events.

PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Appointments will be sent out via DOJO.

MEET THE GOVERNOR - TRACEY REYNOLDS

I have been a governor at the school since February 2021 and co-chair since 2022. I have two girls at the school. I am passionate in ensuring that West Heslerton Primary School has at its heart the desire to meet the needs of every individual where 'everybody matters' and forging growing links within the community after a long absence due to Covid. Outside the school I have been a designer for over 20 years travelling the world and lead my freelance practice from home in Malton. I also am also a lecturer at Leeds Arts University. Life is busy! But if you would like to talk to me, catch me at the school gates, pop into reception at school or phone the school to book an appointment with me 01944 728286.

YOUNG VOICES UPDATE

Thank you to all those families who have managed to set up a free Spotify Account in order to access the Young Voices 2023 Play List:)

Please keep singing - on the walk home from school, cooking dinner, in the shower, walking the dog etc. as there are only 3 weeks to go until our performance as part of one of the world's largest choirs at Sheffield Arena! This week's focus for song practice is: Go the Distance, Over the Hill & Disco Party.
Happy Singing everyone!

Mrs Durant

T-Shirts and tickets are expected next week we will send home to all families who ordered last term.

FARTHING WOOD

Farthing Wood will be visiting Jorvik Viking Centre and Dig on **Wednesday, 22nd February**. The children will travel by coach and will be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell.
Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact the school. Please ensure the children wear sensible shoes and have a warm coat. School will pay for the coach to and from York (£300). We would ask for £9 per child to cover entry costs to be paid by **Friday 10th February**. This has been requested on Parent Pay.

TEACHER STRIKES

Teacher strikes have recently been announced. The strikes announced **will not affect** any days at Heslerton CE. Your child's high quality schooling will continue as usual. We hope this will help all families to plan ahead.

JOB VACANCY AT SETTRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please see the below link on NYCC further details:

<https://nyccjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/5182/0/375203/20225/research-school-administrator-settrington-all-saints-church-of-england-voluntar>

PARKING

Please do not park on the zig zags or at the top spot outside school as the road is too narrow. Please park considerately at all times to ensure the safety of everyone.

PARENTAL COMMUNICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to find out how useful our communications are: We would like to receive comments upon our newsletter, the school website, including layout, ease of use and information available. We'd like to have feedback upon Dojo.
Please complete and return the attached questionnaire.
Many thanks.

BADGER WOOD PARENT LUNCH REMINDER

We invite the parents of Badger Wood children to join us at school for lunch on **Wednesday 8th February**. Parent meals are priced at £3.20 per meal. The menu for this day is:

Mince Beef & Dumplings
✓ Mince Quorn & Dumplings
Medley of Seasonal Vegetables
Sliced Bread
Baked Baby Potatoes
Marbled Sponge & Custard

And these meals will need to be ordered and paid on **Parent Pay by Friday 27th January** in order for school to purchase the fresh foods required.

PE

Please can children to come school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. PE kit consists of: White T-shirt, black shorts, leggings or joggers, sports trainers. For safety hair should be tied back and earrings removed.
PE takes place on the following days, Badger Wood on Tuesdays, Keeper Wood on Thursdays and Farthing Wood on Tuesdays. In addition, sports trips also require a full PE kit worn on the day.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Thank you to those who have returned these. Please sign and return with your child by 27th January if you have not done so already.

ATTACHED

Parental communication feedback

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

BADGER WOOD

YEAR 1 – multi sports at Malton Community Sports Centre

The children have taken part in football, dodgeball, beanbag throwing and basketball. We all had a great time and look forward to going again in the Summer term.



This week we have been making the most of our icy outdoor area, and watching the effects of water turning to ice overnight. The children have worked hard to free the frozen dinosaurs from the ice. Great concentration skills in all areas during busy brain time. Well done everyone!!

KEEPER WOOD FOREST SCHOOLS



The children had to work in teams to create a shelter for themselves. They had to consider the wind and the different resources they might use.

FARTHING WOOD

It was fantastic to be with Mr Watts again for Forest School. He will be with us all term as we look at the food, shelter, tools, weapons, clothing and navigation systems of The Vikings. We went on a walk in the local area today thinking about how it would have looked over 1000 years ago and the types of resources that would have been available. We also had some fun climbing through a hollow tree trunk and seeing the work being done at Keeper Wood.



CHOIR

Come and join the
Ryedale Primary Choir



LAUNCH EVENT: Fun free day of music for ages 7 to 11
Monday 13th February 2023, 10am to 3pm
Pickering Community Junior School, YO18 7AJ

Following a series of music holiday clubs held over the past year, we're now launching an exciting new primary choir in association with Ryedale Festival.

Children taking part will attend fun free music sessions (mostly during school holidays), meet and sing with professional musicians, and perform each year as part of the prestigious Ryedale Festival.

The choir will be led by choral conductor, tutor, and musician Caius Lee who leads a number of successful junior choirs.

Please register your child now for our launch event by contacting us at info@rsmf.org.uk



Dates this term:

Launch event: Monday 13th Feb, 10am to 3pm, Pickering Community Junior School, YO18 7AT

Rehearsals: Tuesday 11th/Wednesday 12th April, 10am to 3pm and Friday 28th April, 3.30pm to 6pm

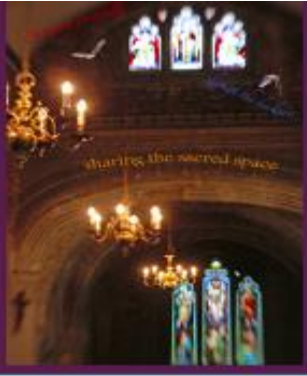
Performance: Saturday 29th April, 3pm TBC (with rehearsal from 12pm), St Peter's Church, Norton . Further dates to be confirmed later

Please get in touch with any queries:

Richard Shephard Music Foundation, www.rsmf.org.uk, 01904 557297



ON A WING AND A PRAYER: A CELEBRATION OF BATS AND CHURCHES



St Peter's Church, Wintringham, YO17 8HU

1-27th February 2023

On A Wing And A Prayer is a community art installation celebrating the long-standing relationship between bats and churches. The installation is a tribute, not just to bats and the historic churches they inhabit, but also to the communities who share their space with these remarkable animals. Weaving words, sound and images, the multimedia experience evokes the spirit of bats in churches.

The work, created by artist/photographer Ilene Sterns for the Bats in Churches Project, is now on tour and can be viewed in St Peter's throughout February. The church is open daily from 10am to 4pm.

This is a free event but donations to the church are most welcome.

No booking required – just turn up!

Further information at <https://batsinchurches.org.uk/events/on-a-wing-and-a-prayer/> or contact Rose Riddell rosemary.riddell@churchofengland.org

Event supported by the Bats in Churches project and funded by Heritage Fund

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