



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

### NEWSLETTER January 27<sup>th</sup> 2023

#### DIARY DATES

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – Norton Library visit – see box for details.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** – 9-10 am. Phonics Stay and See in Badger Wood and hall for parents of Badgers and those in Year 2.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Year 6 SATS information meeting see box for details.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – Closing date for Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood parental lunch orders and payment.

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

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

#### WELL DONE FROM MRS WELLS

We are always on the lookout for superstars! Mrs Wells will be looking out for children displaying super skills each week. These will be life skills, often wider than those learning skills needed just in the classroom.

Please keep an eye upon Dojo messages to help us celebrate your child's skills with you.

This week I will be looking for great manners.



#### A LOVELY COMMENT RECEIVED THIS WEEK FRIENDS MEETINGS

My child only recently joined the school and I was a bit nervous about attending the meetings but I was made to feel so welcome. The meetings are very relaxed and informal so I feel comfy enough to add any ideas, however small (or random!) to try to raise funds for opportunities for our children in school. I like the fact that I have never felt under any pressure to get involved in any events as we all understand we have our own commitments. The meetings are a lovely chance to have a coffee, meet other parents and get to know more about school which I really do appreciate.

#### FRIENDS MEETING

Friends of school met again this week for a cuppa. We met to review the past events - panto visit and Christmas raffle which were well received. We planned future events - sponsored walk, Bag2school collection and Easter raffle. Please come along to join in with our informal group at any point, there is no obligation to sign up to do anything! Please see Dojo for dates of future meetings and events.

#### YEAR 6 SATS MEETING

Year 6 SATS meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 3:45 – 4:15 pm. We encourage all parents of Y6 parents to attend to find out about arrangements for this year.

#### STAY AND SEE

A Stay and See – phonics focus event will be held 9- 10 am on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** to see your child's phonic sessions. **This event is for all Badger Wood pupils 9 – 10 am and some pupils in Year 2, 9 – 9:30 am.**

### VISIT TO NORTON LIBRARY - REMINDER

All children will visit Norton Hive library on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### TEACHER STRIKES

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

### YOUNG VOICES

It's not long now until our visit to Sheffield. Children in Years 3 to 6 will travel with Fletchers coaches, accompanied by Mrs Durant, Mrs Bickerton, Mrs Wardell, Miss Shackley and Miss Johnson. We will set off from school by 11am. Children will have had the chance to buy a mid morning snack should they wish.

All children should be in smart school uniform to be easily identifiable with a warm, waterproof coat to keep warm and dry between school, the coach and the venue.

Children will need a large rucksack containing a packed lunch, a packed tea, water bottle and their Young Voices T shirt or a plain white T shirt. School will provide pack ups for those who have already ordered them. Children will need to pack their inhalers. All other medication must be passed to staff please.

Staff will Dojo families once the coach leaves Sheffield. All children will be coached back to outside of the Dawnay Arms for collection. It is anticipated this will be 11pm, updates will be posted on Dojo. It is not possible for children to return home with their parents as performing school groups will leave the arena using separate exits to the audience.

In case of emergency, please contact School who will be able to contact the school party.

Young Voices T-Shirts and tickets for those that ordered will be sent home as soon as they arrive in school. These are expected anytime now!

We are incredibly delighted that staff are giving up their evening and volunteering to accompany the children on this experience.

### YOUNG VOICES

Here is the playlist so that you can have a singalong at home should you wish!

<https://open.spotify.com/album/1MrGxAUWIWd9ZRXeIWwT9D>

Please can we request a focus on the below songs.

- Over the Hill Medley
- Disco Party
- Millagantics - The Elephant canon section...each time you sing this section, opt for either part 1 or 2 as we won't know until we get there which we will need to be. Also the 3 partner songs at the end...My Sister Laura, Bad Report & Sardines - similar practice in the part work...just focus on one of those songs every time the 3 part section comes up.
- Just Around the Riverbend

Thank you all.

### MEET THE GOVERNOR – CATH TRIFFITT

Hello, I am Cath Triffitt, staff governor and I am the Safeguarding/Child Protection governor. I have worked with children all my working life. My own children came to this school and I have always been an advocate of West Heselton. I qualified as an NNEB and have been a nanny, worked in a Special School and run a playgroup before working here at West Heselton. During my time here, I have worked across all the age groups and currently work with years 2,3 and 4.

I have always been a great supporter of our lovely, friendly school and the adults and children in and around it, and shall continue to be as we move into the future.

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

### BADGER WOOD

During busy brain time, everyone worked hard. Some children have chosen to make paper aeroplanes, and see how far they fly. Wonderful creativity and working together in all areas.



### KEEPER WOOD

#### PUPIL LED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Well done to these children, they delivered our first class collective worship (pupil led). They chose what they would like to do: it had to be based around our Bible story 'Daniel' and our Christian value Peace.



### FARTHING WOOD

In DT, we were analysing, investigating and evaluating games that use an electrical circuit. Next lesson we are going to plan then make our own game that incorporates a circuit.



### KEEPER WOOD PARENT LUNCH

We invite the parents of Keeper Wood children to join us at school for lunch on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. Parent meals are priced at £3.20 per meal. The menu for this day is:

- Roast Turkey or Chicken
- ✓ Quorn fillet
- Roast Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Medley of Seasonal Vegetables
- Homemade Bread
- Jam Roly Poly & Custard

And these meals will need to be ordered and paid on **Parent Pay by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** in order for school to purchase the fresh foods required.

### YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY

A Financial Resilience session will be held for parents and families in school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. This will take place in the school hall 3.30-4.15. The session will cover the many things we can all do to try to future proof our families, this is especially useful during these uncertain times.

### ATTACHED

FW Jorvik visit lunch slip, please return by **03/02/23**  
Club letters  
Gymnastic Development Club for those selected by H. Sheader.  
East Barnby Letter Years 3 and 4.

### FARTHING WOOD PARENT LUNCH

We invite the parents of Farthing Wood children to join us at school for lunch on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Parent meals are priced at £3.20 per meal. The menu for this day is:

- Chilli Con Carne
- ✓ Quorn Chilli Con Carne
- Rice
- Broccoli & Carrots
- Naan Bread
- Cheese & Crackers

And these meals will need to be ordered and paid on **Parent Pay by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** in order for school to purchase the fresh foods required.

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