

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER 26TH JANUARY 2024

BADGER WOOD

96.76%

KEEPER WOOD

98.26%

FARTHING WOOD

97.35 %

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 31st January, Parents open evening 3:30 – 5pm – see box below

Thursday 1st February, Pop up library

Wednesday 7th February, Y1 & Y2 Dodgeball MCSC

Friday 9th February, Coffee event 2.30pm – see box below

Thursday 22nd February, Pop up library

Thursday 7th March, World Book Day

Friday 8th March, Friends' Whole school disco, 3.30-5

Thursday 14th March, Pop up library

Wednesday 20th March, Bag2school collection

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes and additions to these as the term progresses. Please check the school website and Dojo for details.

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

A LOVELY COMMENT RECEIVED

Hello, I just wanted to message to let you know we thought the handling of the power cut was spot on, the school try so hard to remain open where others would close without a thought. We ended up having such a lovely fun day with some of the other children and mums. A lovely bonus to the weekend and some super memories made. You all do a wonderful job.

PARENTS OPEN EVENING

On **Wednesday 31st January**, come in meet staff, view your child's work and learning areas. From 3:30 – 5pm. This session will be followed by telephone calls after the half term break for those who have booked an appointment.

COFFEE EVENT

Friday 9th February at 2.30pm, join us – everyone welcome. Parents have requested a chance to swap World Book Day outfits so please bring these if you wish to exchange for something new for this year's event.

SENT HOME 29/01/24

Club letters
Parent evening letters

POWER CUT

Thank you all for your patience on Friday morning and apologies for the change of plan. Given the information I had at 7am, I decided to open school as the power was due back on by 10.30am. By the time staff had travelled to work, this estimate had changed to 3.30 or 3pm. We have recently managed several short breaks in power and parents have been grateful that we have opened school or stayed open. We can open for a couple of hours without phone lines by communicating via Dojo on personal phones, without electronic toilet flushes by pouring water into toilets and without heating by adding extra clothing layers, relocating to warmer rooms and doing activities requiring movement. The changed estimated power restoration time across our area just before the start of the school day meant that we would have no phone line, no heating nor flushing toilets, no hot water for hand washing and no cooked food for the whole day. This posed a far greater risk than a short outage at the start of the day. For these reasons we had to make the decision not to open. Apologies for the short notice of this decision, it was made as soon as we were aware of changes from the supplier.

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

FARTHING WOOD

We have been recreating life in the Middle Ages. We made layouts of a Medieval house then filmed our versions of family life. Next week we will be editing these to produce mini documentaries!



KEEPER WOOD

ART

The children have been researching Greek pottery, buildings and statues to decide what they would like to create. They will make a 3D sculpture of their design with a partner.



BADGER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOLS - Spring - week 2

We have thought about how birds survive in the winter and how we can help. We saw a live webcam and discussed the types of birds we saw. We have made our own bird feeders to help the local birds in our forest school area.



TIME TO TALK FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Thursday *1st Feb* is **Time to Talk** day. Launched by Mind and Rethink Mental Illness, it's the nation's biggest mental health conversation for friends, families, communities, and workplaces to come together to talk, listen and change lives. Reaching out to people and recognising potential struggles is a great way to help with the day-to-day obstacles we face in managing our mental health. You can download resources and read more information at timetotalkday.co.uk

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

BUSY BEE CRAFT CLUB
NORTON HIVE LIBRARY
01609 534 552
nortoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com

SATURDAY
Saturday 27th January
Winter Crafts
10.30am until 12.30pm

ON ARRIVAL
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CAR
ON THE KEY PAD
INSIDE THE LIBRARY

FOR CHILDREN
3 TO 11
YEARS

£1
PER CHILD



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.**



MEASLES UPDATE

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The following UKHSA guidance is available on GOV.UK:

1. [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education)
2. [Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-outbreaks-and-incidents)

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Friends of West Heslerton School Meeting Minutes - Monday 22nd January 2024

Present: Emma Pennock, Rachel Wells, Leanne Pickering, Hannah Vitty, Victoria Malthouse, Katie Golding, Anna Tindall, Emma Johnston, Rosie Pease

Apologies: Nicola Duffill, Louisa Todd, Chloe Stockdale, Natalie Cobb, Rachel Doherty, Anna Kemp

Annual Events to schedule:

Spring Bags 2 School – Wednesday 20th March
Spring Disco – Friday 1st March (reserve date Friday 8th March) 3:30-5pm. £2.50 per child to include drinks and snacks. Emma P to see if DJ Dave is available.
Children will put their song requests into box in school.

New Events to discuss:

Bingo Night – Malton Bowling Club, Monday 22nd April – Doors open 6:30pm, eyes down 7:30pm. £1.20 per book (up to 6 books per person). Raffle tickets £1 per strip or a mix for £2. We will need 55 prizes in total for the night – 10 for 1-line winner, 10 for 2-line winners, 10 for full house & 25 for raffle prizes. School will host a non-uniform day on Friday 12th April and ask pupils to bring bingo prizes.

Easter Egg Hunt / Trail – team up with West Heslerton Village Hall Committee to do a joint fundraiser – suggested dates were Saturday 23rd or Sunday 24th March. Emma P to go back to Sue Benthall.
School trip funded by Friends – Beach trip / Zoo visit / Woldies Nature Farm. Rachel W to speak to staff & pupils and confirm details. Date TBC.

AOB:

Recipe book to sell at Christmas – all families submit recipe ideas, formulate into a book & sell – Louisa T to look at cost of publishing the book.

Asda Foundation – Under 18's grant available – Rosie P to make a start with funding application, Rachel W to support with details and suggested that school could benefit from a new White Board & Trolley (approx. cost £1,200).

Next meeting:

Monday 26th February 2024 at 2.30pm

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

OUR GOVERNING BOARD

A team of up to 11 volunteer governors oversee the work of our school and set its direction.

The board is made up of:

Parent Governors - Tracey Reynolds, Louisa Todd and vacancy

LA Governor - Ann Andrews

Staff Governor - Jo Bickerton

Headteacher Governor - Rachel Wells

Church Governor - Ian Pennock and vacancy

Co-opted Governor - Emma Nutt, Jason Turnbull and Sarah Craggs

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. Governors have the following roles for this school year:

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

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.

WEBSITE - UNIFORM

With the success of the use of Dojo, our school website seems to be used less. However, it contains some useful information. The school menu has been updated for this term and can be viewed here [Uniform | West Heslerton CE VC Primary School](#)

PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Saturday **27th Jan** is **Parental Mental Health Day** - an opportunity for parents and carers to acknowledge and discuss their struggles, celebrate achievements and learn ways to connect positively to maximise young people's mental health.

You can visit the [Stem4](#) website for more information and to sign up to their webinar.

SWIMMING

For those families from whom payment has been received in full, where children missed any swimming sessions. Refunds for transport costs have been made via ParentPay.

Thank you for your continued support.

It's Slime Time!!

Packed full of fun, the party lasts 1.5hrs. I can come to your home or a hired venue, providing everything you need for a slimy success!



Your child will make fluffy scented ice-cream slime and gooey cupcake slime

Everything each child needs to make 2 different slimes.

Gift bags to take creations away.

Birthday headwear, including a special one for birthday child.

Face glitter & selfie props.

Protective wear, including aprons, tablecloth and trays.



Lots of fun & games!!

choose your own decorations, scents, and colours!

Just £10 pp based on a party of 10 or more

Give me a message today

£12 pp if less than 10

**Juliette
07414452425**

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