## WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## **NEWSLETTER 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

95%

KEEPER WOOD
97.22%

FARTHING WOOD

100%

#### **DIARY DATES**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September,** Gymnastics Club begins for Y3 to 6 (booked via ParentPay)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September,** Drumming Club begins for Reception to Year 2 (booked via ParentPay)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, Friends meeting 2:30pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Swimming week 1 for Y1 – Y4

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes so please check the school website and Dojo for details. <a href="http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk">http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk</a>

#### SPONSORSHIP DETAILS FROM MISS SHACKLEY

Miss Shackley has a challenge planned for this weekend. If you wish to sponsor her, details are: <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/page/hannah-shackley-">https://www.justgiving.com/page/hannah-shackley-</a>

<u>1697134453588?utm\_medium=fundraising&utm\_c</u> <u>ontent=page%2Fhannah-shackley-</u>

<u>1697134453588&utm source=copyLink&utm cam paign=pfp-share</u>

## NEWSLETTER

We write a detailed newsletter each week. This is published on Fridays. It is displayed on Class Dojo on the whole school story for all families to access. It is also added to the school website

here <a href="https://www.heslerton.n-">https://www.heslerton.n-</a>

yorks.sch.uk/parents/newsletters A printed copy is placed onto the noticeboard at the Village Hall. Please check it each week so that your child can get the most from their schooling.

## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

To encourage good attendance from all pupils, we have a weekly cup awarded to the class with the best attendance. We will also be finding ways to praise those individuals with 100% attendance each half term. Please encourage your child to attend school as often as possible. Attendance at school has been shown to link to better progress and outcomes for children. If you are unsure if your child is well enough to come to school, this information may be useful <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/">https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/</a>

#### **SCHOOL FUNDED MEALS**

Family circumstances change all of the time and the cost of living is impacting us all. Use this QR code to find out confidentially if your child could have meals funded by school. Children qualifying for school funded meals may also qualify for additional free musical instrument tuition and support with residential trips.

Find out if you are eligible to receive free school meals and apply in a matter of minutes by scanning here:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Catering

#### **PARENTS EVENINGS**

Thank you to those parents who responded to our survey last term about parents evenings this school year. Approximately 25% requested parents evenings in person, 25% requested parents evenings by phone and 50% gave no preference to either method.

Using these findings, we have planned the following for this year:

## Autumn Term

Open Evening to welcome all parents into school, meet the staff your child works with and for children to show you their classroom.

Telephone appointments prior to half term to discuss how your child has settled, any concerns you have and share their successes.

## **Spring Term**

In-person parents evening appointments will be offered to welcome all parents into school. Your child will be able to show you their work. Staff will discuss their progress and targets and any arising concerns you may have.

#### **Summer Term**

Open evening for all parents to come into school, meet the staff your child has worked with and for your child to show you their work. For those children moving classes, there will be a chance for you view their new classroom and meet the staff for the year ahead.

School reports will be sent home (with assessment results where applicable) to share your child's successes.

We hope that this mixed approach will match the needs of all families and you will support your child by attending these events.



#### **Gymnastics Club**

Starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September for Y3- Y6, please sign up via ParentPay.

#### **BOOKBAGS**

School bookbags are given to each child at the start of each new class. Please replace these if they get damaged. These cost £8 from school. Please request one via the office and pay via ParentPay.

#### **MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT**

FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9am, stay for collective worship 10-10.30am. All welcome. This will be part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan. Donations of cakes to sell would be warmly received. Please pop these into the office on the morning of the event. We hope that slices to take away will be available too. Many thanks.

## **SWIMMING**

Swimming starts for Y1 – Y4 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Have good breakfast, children will need their swimming kits – no tights please.

#### **VIOLIN LESSONS**

There are a couple of spaces available for any pupils wishing to learn the violin. These are private lessons funded by parents but hosted in school. For more information, please get in touch with Lucy Brunsden on 07803340189 or lucybrunsdentutor@gmail.com

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

#### **RELIEF TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

We are always keen to hear from people who would wish to join our team. We are currently looking to appoint some relief teaching assistants. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to assist in classrooms supporting teachers. There are no set hours for this role, we'll get in touch when we need cover in classes or at lunchtimes. A clear DBS will be required for safeguarding reasons. Please contact the office for a person specification and application form.

### **OPEN EVENING**



## **FOREST SCHOOL KIT**

Items to be in school by **Friday 13**<sup>th</sup> **September** for all children or as attending after school club.

Children will need the equipment listed below.

- A small rucksack (to be used during sessions and to store the below items in)
- ✓ A spare water bottle to be kept in the bag when we go out and about.
- ✓ Waterproof leggings/trousers
- ✓ A warm top
- Gloves
- ✓ Hat warm for cooler weather

## To have every day.

- ✓ Wellies
- ✓ Waterproof coat

## **Drumming Club**

Starts Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September for YR- Y2, please sign up via ParentPay.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Please book ahead on ParentPay as places are filling fast!

## **POLITE NOTICE**

The disabled parking space at school is for blue badge

holders only. Please use the disabled space if you have a disabled badge. Please use the pedestrian access path when coming to

school. This keeps the car park safe for everyone.

Thank you.

#### **FRIENDS OF SCHOOL**

Friends of Heslerton School raises money for Extra events and treats for all children. Friends of Heslerton School organise social events and fundraising activities which raise money for events such as the Pantomime, gifts at Christmas and other fun activities.

Friends meetings are held in school during the term to discuss and plan future fund raising and fun events for the school. All parents and families are welcome to these and they usually start with a coffee or tea!

Please come along and get involved.

The first meeting will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm.

# Friends of West Heslerton School Meeting Agenda – Monday 16th September 2024 from 2.30pm

Present:

Apologies:

Welcome new parents:

Minutes from the last meeting:

## Review of last term's events:

Summer Fair

Play Performances & Sports Day Refreshments Frozen Fridays

## Upcoming Events to discuss:

Macmillan coffee morning Halloween activities Bag2school Pantomime and Travel Parents evening?

## AOB:

Interactive Whiteboard for Keeper Wood update Meeting day & time Grants & funding

School wish list

Next meeting:

Monday 14th October 2.30-3.15

#### **OUR GOVERNING BOARD**

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

We have adopted the following roles:

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 EY: Ann Andrews Governor with responsibility for Child Protection: Jo Bickerton

Governor with responsibility for church effectiveness: lan Pennock

Should you be interested in joining the board, please enquire in the school office. We currently have one vacancy for a Parent Governor

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.