

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER January 17th 2020

CHILDLINE

The NSPCC visited school this week to lead a Childline assembly for all pupils. The children in Farthing Wood followed this up with a workshop. Thank you to the NSPCC for their time.

MENU CHANGE

There is an error on the menu for week 3. The pudding on Thursdays will be Chocolate Sponge and Chocolate Sauce.

PARENTAL FORUM

Thank you to the 3 parents who joined the parental forum this week. We discussed:

Dog muck on the grassed area near the parent shelter. We will ask our caretaker, Mr Sean Spencer, to keep the gates closed after school to prevent this happening. Whilst this situation seems to have improved, we will monitor this.

Nits have been doing the rounds again. Please can we remind all children to keep their longer hair tied back.

Parking seems better, thank you to all those parents who wait at the bottom of the hill for pupils in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood, it really does help ease congestion. Please can we remind parents that High Street continues beyond the school, please don't block the road by parking there.

Ofsted changes were discussed. Parents were pleased that inspections will look in depth at learning in school and there will be less Ofsted focus upon test results.

Forest Schools continues to be a very special part of Heslerton Primary. Parents praised this.

Scrap donated to school has raised about £30 so far. Please keep donating unwanted metal items.

The community cafe is a great local resource to have. It runs each Monday in Heslerton Village Hall. Please pop in if you can, everyone is very welcome.

Please pass on any other questions or arising issues via the office at any time.

Mrs Wells will be available to talk to parents at the Parental Evening on **Tuesday 11th February** from 3.30 onwards.

The next planned Parental Forum will be held on **Friday 20th March at 9am**. Please join us for a coffee and a chat ahead of Mother's Day.

GENERATION TEA

Years 5 and 6 were joined by Nicky Grunwell from St. Catherine's hospice on Wednesday. Nicky told us and the Generation Tea goes all about the hospice. In groups, pupils and residents wrote acrostic poems to help describe the hospice's work. We have talked about fundraising for the hospice. If you have any ideas, please get in touch.



DRUGS TALK

We would like to invite parents of all children to come along to a drug awareness talk on **Monday, January 20th from 2.15-3.25pm**.

The children in years 5 and 6 will be participating in a drug awareness lesson prior to this talk.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Friends are continuing to collect 5ps, so if there is any money left after Christmas, check for 5p coins please!

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

BADGER WOOD

On Monday there was a break in in Badger Wood. There was corn and feathers all over the floor and we found out it was the Little Red Hen! Since then we have learnt the story and made actions to help us to remember.

We have also been learning about multiplication in maths and how to group.

FARTHING WOOD

Farthing Wood have been busy working in topic teams this week. They have been deciding about the family that they would like to add to the ongoing street display in class. They have decided on the make-up of the family and are in the process of completing a biography of each of the members. The only stipulation that they had to work with was that each family had to have a link to North America...which has meant squeezing in some addition History and Geography too!

HESLERTON AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Heslerton After School Club is open to all pupils from 3.30pm-5.30pm Monday to Thursday to relax and have fun with their friends. All children will need to bring a named water bottle, forest school kit and wellies. A snack will be provided.

To book, please contact the school office or speak to Tom or Lucy at the After School Club. Children need to be registered before they attend. Sessions cost £8.00 per child. At the end of each session, please collect your child from the wildlife area or buzz the front door.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our exciting childcare provision.

RSPCA STALL

The toy stall will continue next week during morning break times with proceeds going to the RSPCA. All toys are donated, second hand toys, priced from 50p to £3. We hope that this will give the opportunity to pupils to volunteer, stop these toys going to landfill and give these toys a new home. We'll let you know how much we raise to help animals.

KEEPER WOOD

Keeper Wood have had a very busy week this week, as we have been looking at a lot of new information to support our topic.

The children have been researching 'Skara Brae', they have found out what it is, where is it and what it tells us about our past.

They have been focusing on their comprehension skills and will continue to do this all year, they focus on finding information in the text to answer the questions and using the vocabulary to do this. They have been doing this in our guided reading mornings, as well as other activities.

In maths we have finished our multiplication and division section (although we will always be practising our times tables and fact families) with scaling problems. They used bar models to show this, to demonstrate that something is 3x bigger or heavier or somebody has 5x more than someone else.

Finally they have also started looking at Colin Booth a sculptor artist and we hope to build something similar to Stonehenge based on his work.

If the children have been asking to bring boxes in and you are happy to do this, this will help us with our project.

Thank you for your continued support.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Richard and Tracy from Scarborough Children's University joined us today to explain the Children's University scheme to us.

This scheme is free of charge and open to all children from year 2 and up.

Please see the attached information.

CRISP PACKETS

Amelia's parents have asked if we could collect crisp packets in school for a charity which helps bereaved children. The packets are recycled and money is raised for this charity.

Please bring any empty crisp packets to school where there will be a box for them and we will pass them on regularly.

Thank you.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Governing Body is made up of Governors appointed by the Local Authority, Governors representing the staff, the Headteacher, representatives of the local community and Foundation Governors.

What Do Governors Do?

The Governors' work affects most aspects of the school's work. They establish, with the Headteacher, aims for the school, and approve policies – for the curriculum, behaviour and discipline, for example; and are responsible for the school's budget, the appointment of staff and the use and maintenance of the premises. More generally, they are expected to be in touch with the local community and to help guide the school to meet the community's educational needs. They are also expected to help the school explain to the community what the school is trying to achieve for their children. Details of our Governors are on the school website at www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

MEET THE GOVERNORS: Cath Triffitt - Staff Governor

I have been a staff governor at West Heslerton now for a number of years, through working at school as a teaching assistant. I have special responsibility as Child Protection Governor and also represent the staff at governing body meetings.

I grew up in West Heslerton and am passionate about our lovely school and the wellbeing of all involved within it. My own children came to school here and have many happy memories of their time.

As a governor I am involved in supporting the schools' vision for its future and the ethos of the school. It can be hard work at times but very interesting and rewarding, knowing that you are helping the school to maintain the high standards set by everybody.

SCRAP COLLECTION

Please put any of these items in the bin provided outside school.



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WASTE ELECTRICALS: METALS:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLAT SCREEN TVS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PANS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DVD PLAYERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CUTLERY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KETTLES & TOASTERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GARDENING EQUIPMENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MICROWAVES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RADIATORS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMPUTERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAPS & BBQS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VACUUM CLEANERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTERIES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HAIRDRYERS & IRONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> METAL PIPING

(ANYTHING WITH A PLUG!) (ANYTHING METAL!)

X SORRY, NO GAS BOTTLES OR FRIDGES

Mobile Scrap Metal Dealer www.scrapman.co

ADULT LEARNING

NYCC have a range of courses running in our area aimed at developing adults in Ryedale. Details can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning

ATTACHMENTS

- swimming gala letter – y5/6 pupils who volunteered
- Children's University information sheet
- Children's University registration form, if not already registered, pupils Y2-6k