



“Children are at the centre of all we do.”

NEWSLETTER 8th MARCH 2024

BADGER WOOD

92.75%

KEEPER WOOD

95.63%

FARTHING WOOD

96.22%

DIARY DATES

Thursday 14th March, FW & KW visit to York Minster

- Pop up library

Friday 15th March, Red Nose Day – see box

Wednesday 20th March, Bag2school collection – see box

Friday 22nd March, Easter Service 1:30pm

- School closes for Easter

Tuesday 9th April, School begins

Thursday 11th April, Pop up Library

- Multi Sports club week 1

Monday 15th April, Friends meeting at 2:30pm everyone welcome!

- Gymnastics club week 1

Monday 6th May, May Day Bank Holiday school closed

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>

REMINDER FARTHING WOOD AND KEEPER WOOD YORK MINSTER

The children in Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood will be visiting York Minster on **Thursday 14th March**, to find out about the life of a medieval pilgrim.

They will be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton, Mrs Wardell, Miss Shackley, Mrs Triffitt and Mrs Andrews. We will leave school at 11.15am and travel with Fletchers Coaches and with an expected return time of 4pm.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch if not ordered through school by Friday 1st March, drinks only in cartons please, no cans or bottles. These will need to be in rucksacks please.

Children will need a waterproof coat and sensible shoes. School carries insurance for all visits.

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary.

PACKED LUNCHES

If your child has a packed lunch, please will you ensure that they have a drink and any cutlery required please? NYC catering have informed us that they are unable to supply this to those not purchasing a school meal. Many thanks.

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 8th March – children can wear a red nose or red nose day t-shirt if they wish. We will not be collecting for this event but donations can be made online should you wish.

EASTER SERVICE

Come along and join our whole School Easter Service at All Saints' Church, West Heslerton on **FRIDAY 22nd MARCH** at 1:30pm. This service will be lead by Keeper Wood. Everyone welcome.

Pupils will be able to go directly home from church with their parents and families at the end of this service should families wish to collect them. Those with parents unable to attend will return to school for collection in the usual way.

Thank you

WEBSITE – OUR CURRICULUM

With the success of the use of Dojo, our school website seems to be used less. However, it contains some useful information. The curriculum tab found here [Our Curriculum | West Heslerton CE VC Primary School](#) is an easy way to look at our curriculum for information should you need to.

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

CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY



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COMMUNICATION SURVEY - NEWSLETTER

Thank you to the families who returned the communication survey. It was an overwhelmingly positive response, thank you for all of your lovely comments. The following are the main points reported to us about the newsletter and actions suggested.

Things families liked about the newsletter

The regular production and publication each Friday so parents know when to check it.

The layout – boxes, headers, not too much writing.

Good mix of text and photos.

Good to see what other classes are getting up to.

The upcoming dates/ calendar.

The list of items being sent home.

It pops up on Dojo.

Including the Friends' Meeting minutes on the newsletter.

Suggestions that we have completed

Please can we have dates with more notice – please see Dojo for this, dates are on for the term ahead already and are regularly added.

Suggestions to improve the newsletter that we have not yet been able to complete

Star of the week/month section/ Headteachers award – this is included each Friday in Whole School collective worship and included in class stories. We are aware that the newsletter is often very long!

The layout as 1 long list – most parents preferred the current layout as it was easier to view on phones.

COMMUNICATION SURVEY – WEBSITE

Thank you to the families who gave feedback on the website. It seems that it's not used so much but there were lovely comments about the site. The following are the main points reported to us about the website and actions suggested.

Things families liked about the website:

Useful information – school meals, phone number, policies, uniform details and holiday dates.

Nice feel – bright and welcoming, represents the school well.

Functionality - well laid out and easy to find what you're looking for.

Good to see photos of children on here.

Suggestions to improve the website that we have completed:

Implementation and progression documents have been added to the curriculum pages.

A proof read has been undertaken.

Able to book Forest School Club online (via ParentPay).

Suggestions to improve the website that we will complete as part of the routine updates:

Update the photographs

COMMUNICATION SURVEY – DOJO

Thank you for completing the communication survey. Everyone seems to love Dojo! The following are the main points reported to us about Dojo and the points we will pass on to developers.

Things families liked about Dojo:

One place for all messages including the newsletter.

All the dates of events with plenty of notice. Reminders of dates.

Easy to contact staff and quicker than phoning school.

Great to see photos of what is happening in school, these spark conversations about what children have done during the day.

Great that it sends out reminders about upcoming events.

Everyone was really positive about Dojo!

Suggestions to improve Dojo that we have passed on to developers:

Set up family groups so that messages can be seen by both parents .

Notifications for messages do not always show up – staff find this too at times.

A quick reference or search feature would be useful.

Other suggestions

Families may appreciate surveys digitally in future. We will investigate this.

VISIT FROM OUR MP

We were fortunate to keep up our links with Mr Kevin Hollinrake when he visited school during democracy week. Children in Farthing Wood were engaged in discussions around current affairs and how we all have the power to help create change.



ALBANWISE VISIT

The Whole School have been invited by Albanwise to visit the farm on a further Food to Fork visit, this time on **Friday 7th June**. We will be exploring crops, animals and careers at Albanwise, travelling to different fields and meeting lots of producers and exploring some of the technology used. The children had a great time last year, their feedback was so positive, they just wished their parents could have come along too!

We have discussed this with Albanwise who wish to invite parents to join their children for this day out. This will raise funds for Friends of School. Parents will be able to travel round the farm and take part in activities with their children.

Children

Albanwise have kindly offered to pay for the cost of the bus for children and all charges so this visit will be offered free of charge to all students. **Parents will need to give permission for their child to take part in this visit on Parent Pay by Tuesday 30th April please.**

Adults

Parents wishing to attend will need to make their own way to the farm. Adults will need to have a good level of mobility as they will need to be able to climb onto and off of trailers.

Adults will need to book their place and pay for the adult ticket in cash at the school office. This is a £10 charge which includes lunch and all activities. Please send the correct money in a sealed envelope marked:

FRIENDS

Name of adult

Name of child

With any food allergies clearly listed on this envelope.

Bookings need to be made by Tuesday 30th April please as numbers are required for catering purposes.

Catering

A special lunch will be provided by Albanwise, free of charge to all children and included in the cost to parents, using the ingredients we see being produced. This will cater for all diets we have been informed of.

Clothing

Everyone attending will need waterproof coats, wellies, water bottles, sun hat and sun cream in rucksacks ready for every eventuality! Children will need to wear the top half of school uniform to help us to identify everyone. Long trousers, joggers / leggings will need to be worn to protect legs from crops and sunshine please. No dresses please.

We are looking forward to sharing a fun filled day of fresh air and (hopefully) English sunshine!



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BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



West Heslerton C E Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

*The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

Please return your Bag2School on:

Wednesday 20th March 2024 by 9am



01609 780 222



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com

FAIRTRADE & LOCAL CRAFT FAIR



Local Crafts, Cards, Wood carving

Pottery, Recycled goods

Fairly Traded crafts and chocolate

Fair Trade Refreshments

Fair Trade accessories and clothes



Saturday March 16th

10am to 3.00pm

The Friends' Meeting House, Greengate, Malton

YO17 7EN

Free Entry

www.maltonandnortonfairtrade.org

CONTACT DETAILS

If there are any changes to telephone numbers or contact details please let the office know. This is to ensure we have the correct contact details when needed.

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