



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

NEWSLETTER 28th MARCH 2025

Our newsletter is also available to view on the school website at:

<https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/newsletters>

BADGER WOOD

97.11%

KEEPER WOOD

95.17%

FARTHING WOOD

93.3%

DIARY DATES

Monday 31st March, New Starter Day for pre – reception children starting after Easter.

- Gymnastics Club YR to Y2 week 6, last session this term.

Tuesday 1st April, Drama Club Y3 – Y6 week 6, last session this school year.

Wednesday 2nd April, Last day to buy roller disco tickets on ParentPay.

Friday 4th April, Easter service 1:30pm at church.

- Year 3/4 East Barnby Visit – Full payment due.
- School closes for the Easter break.

EASTER HOLIDAY

Tuesday 22nd April, School opens.

Thursday 24th April, Pop up library.

There may be changes to these dates. Please check the school website and Dojo for details.

FRIENDS' EASTER EGGS

The Friends have organised a Roller Disco for all pupils as an Easter Celebration. They have planned an Easter Egg Tombola on the day and would ask parents to donate Easter Eggs. Please bring these to school by Wednesday 2nd April or to the event.

EAST BARNBY REMINDER

Polite reminder: Full payment of outstanding balances for the Y3 & Y4 residential is due by **Friday 4th April**.

PARENTING SMART

Parenting can be joyful but also very hard. Each week we aim to bring you a link that may be useful to you to find your way. This week's short clip is about getting a child to listen.

[How do I get my child to listen? | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#)

EARLY BIRDS LAUNCH

We have recently received an NYC grant to trial providing **morning childcare** before the start of school. We're all set to provide childcare from 8am to 8:30 each school day. Our 'Early Birds' option will be provided by Miss Mitchell and Mrs G, teaching assistants known to the children. This will start straight after Easter. Please book via ParentPay as you normally would book the after school club. Children will arrive and be signed in by staff at the front door and play board games in the hall. At 8:30 staff will take them to the playground to play outdoors as they usually do before school. Initially, this 'Early Birds' option will be provided for up to 16 children each day at a highly subsidised cost of £2 per session per child. The Governing Board hope that this will help them to see if there is enough long-term demand for this service. Please get booking!

To view this club please log into your ParentPay account.

Click the three bars at the top left.

Click payer dashboard.

Select the name of the child.

Click clubs.

Select the days you need.

FAIRTRADE STALL

Thank you for supporting this charity stall. The stall raised an impressive total of **£319**, which is fantastic! We hope there will be some lovely surprise gifts handed over on Mothers Day. School are able to keep 10% so **£31** which will be used to purchase school playground toys.

Thank you to Janice Gwilliam from the Malton and Norton Fairtrade group for supplying the stall and the Farthing Wood volunteers for running it each breaktime.

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

48 HOUR RULE

We are experiencing high volumes of absence due to a nasty sickness bug. Please be vigilant and ensure isolation from others is followed: Pupils can return to school 48 hours after the last incident of sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you for your continued support.

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

No book bags are needed on **Friday 4th April** as we will be at church.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We are delighted to confirm that our Parent Governor Tracey Reynolds has been re-elected.

We are lucky to have a skilled board of Governors who are committed to the school. Our board is made up of:

Church Governors: Ian Pennock

LA Governor: Ann Andrews

Staff Governors: Rachel Wells, Jo Bickerton

Parent Governors: Louisa Todd, Emma Nutt, Tracey Reynolds.

Please contact all Governors at the school should you wish for them to help you or hear of your suggestions.

Should you or anybody you know be interested in a Governor post, please contact the school office.

BADGER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOLS

We played Springtime Bingo, had the story of the 3 little pigs and then Mrs Botham set us the challenge of building much stronger houses. One team had to build a tent type, one team an A frame and one team a teepee type shelter.

The wolf was not able to blow any of them down.

Well done everyone, great teamwork.



KEMPS HAIKU DISPLAY

Thank you to Kemps Bookstore in Malton for hosting a wonderful haiku display. Farthing Wood children have been very proud of their World Book Day poems on display in the shop for all to see.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Many changes are occurring nationally with benefit eligibility. We have been asked to tell all parents and guardians who do not have a current claim or eligibility for free school meals, to apply for this provision by the end of this month (March 2025), if you think your child may be eligible. This includes pupils currently in Year 2 who will need to pay for lunches from September. This is to ensure your claim and future funding are protected. **Only applications processed before 1 April 2025 will maintain transitional protection when moving on to other schools.** Parents can make an application for free school meals through the council's website [Synergy - Enquiry](#).

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Friends of West Heslerton School
Meeting Minutes - Monday 24th March 2025

Present: Emma Pennock & Rachel Wells

Reception parents stay & play – Weds 21st May - Poster / invitation explaining who Friends are & what we do. EP & AT can put this together & send for RW approval?

Bank account has been used lots for events recently and balance is decreasing. This year needs to be more money raising than spending.

Roller disco – EP to ask KS how many tickets have been sold. Deadline for ticket sales Weds 2nd April. Parents asking for extra tickets can pay cash on the day. Easter egg donations for tombola (RW put reminder on Dojo & EP on WhatsApp). EP to buy refreshments Fri before once numbers confirmed.

Bag2school - 8th May – encourage families to have a clear out and confirm what can be put into bags (WhatsApp & Dojo).

Non uniform day – Fri 23rd May – encourage families to bring in raffle prizes for bingo.

Albanwise Open Day – this will take place on a Sunday this year.

Open evening – 2nd July – is there something we can do at this event to encourage new recruits?

Sponsored walk – Fri 4th July – walk to Keeper Wood & do some activities in the wood? RW to create and send out sponsor forms on 6th June.

Summer School Trip – staff feel that there is plenty going on in summer term so will not have a trip this year.

Leavers hoodies – KW happy to organise again. £5 from each family towards cost. Look in future to use Edge Clothing.

Next meeting 28th April in school @ 2:30pm – EP to send agenda latest Weds 2nd April.

SENT HOME

Leaving & Arriving at school policy and slip Y2

KEEPER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOLS 🌲

We moved our base from the top of the woods, to near the Farthings. Great teamwork, using the rope ties. 🧶



FARTHING WOOD

In Forest School we had circle time then started our weaving, using Viking techniques. We then spent time enjoying the woods.



IN OUR PLACE

In our place is funded in North Yorkshire to provide free access to learning about childhood development. Please see the details of support available to parents in our area. Information is available from inourplace.co.uk



March 2025

Inourplace is funded in your area to provide your family with free access to expert learning about childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children and make sure they thrive.

Here's a quick round up of what we think is great on [inourplace](#) this month

Emotional health learning for teens and preteens

Preparing for the move up in school



Understanding your brain and feelings (for teenagers only!)

Listen to what teenagers think of our online courses for teens

[Listen to what teenagers think of our online courses for teens](#)



Moving up

A digital hub of resources for parents of nursery, Reception and Year 1 children to support them to thrive as they move up in school

[Take a look at our digital hub](#)

Anxiety: all feelings welcome



Understanding anxiety

A Clinical Psychologist's view on anxiety and how to keep it in check

[Take a look at this](#)

Support with a prem baby



Understanding your preterm or sick baby

Two online courses to support you and your baby's emotional health in hospital and at home. Written by Neonatal Care Specialists and Consultant Clinical Psychologists

[Take a look at this](#)

A wellbeing guide for SEND parents



Understanding your child with additional needs

Your space for thinking about parenting with specialist information for SEND parents and other SEND wellbeing and support for your child

[Take a look at this](#)

The impact of the pandemic: 5 years on



Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child/teenager

For parents of children and teens to understand the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on development and emotional health

[Take a look at this](#)

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Hi Rachel,

The easyfundraising App is the **easiest way to raise donations for Heslerton Primary School Friends** on your phone or tablet.

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WEST HESLERTON C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL SUN SAFETY POLICY

“Children are at the centre of all we do”

We encourage everyone in our school community to live life well reflecting Christian attitudes and values and working in partnership with families as part of a wider, caring community.

The hallmarks of a Christian life lived well are shown in the fruits of the Spirit – But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22 – 23

Aims

West Heselton Primary School believes in sun safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

Staff

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the dangers of the sun and how to protect their skin.
- Encourage children to wear hats, keep hydrated and apply sunscreen where appropriate.
- Hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible, and encourage children to use shady areas during breaks, lunch hours, sports and trips. Sunbathing is definitely discouraged.
- Act as good role models by practising sun safety.
- Remind children and parents about sun safety through newsletters, letters re visits and activities for pupils.

Parents

- Dress their children in named clothes that provide good sun protection.
- Apply sunscreen before bringing their child to school.
- Provide a named sunhat for use in school.
- Provide named sun cream for their child to apply in school.
- Ensure their child has a named water bottle with a sports top for water.

Children

- Stay hydrated by drinking water.
- Wear a hat in the sun.
- Make use of the shaded areas outside.
- Be able to apply their own sun cream.

Date of review: Spring 2024

Date of next review: Spring 2027 or sooner if required