

## WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

### NEWSLETTER September 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

#### PUPIL PREMIUM

Where pupils are entitled to Pupil Premium they receive free school meals and extra funding into school for their support, including visits etc. You may be entitled to this if your circumstances have changed and you fit the criteria required. This entitlement will last at least until March 2022. Please see the form attached. This may be brought into school for us to forward. Forms are available in school at any time if changes occur.

#### PARENTAL FORUM

There will be a Parental Forum meeting at school on **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am**. This is an informal get together to meet each other with Mrs Wells and have a chat over a cuppa. All welcome.

#### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

There will be a meeting of the Friends of Heslerton School on **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**. All are welcome to come along, have a cuppa, meet new parents and join in discussions regarding fund raising events. Even if you can't commit to help, come along and meet other parents and have a listen to what we do.

#### Fund Raising Event

Join the Friends of School **from 3:30-5:30 on Thursday 26th September** for a fun-packed event. There will be no after school club staff on this day, all after school club bookings will be automatically transferred to this event for this date only. Everyone invited. More details to follow next week.

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All children who requested a place at Football Club have a place.

Gymnastics club was oversubscribed, please see attached note regarding your child.

#### SWIMMING

Swimming commences on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**. All children from years R-4 will be swimming. Please make sure they have a good breakfast!

#### ECO CREW

Kiara, Skyla, Will and Benjamin have formed the Heslerton Eco Crew. During their break times and lunchtimes they have discussed ideas for a sustainable earth. They would like all pupils to collect single use flexible plastic e.g. fruit packaging, straws in their (environmentally friendly) cardboard box in the hall. Over the next few weeks they'll show us their plans to reuse this to help less fortunate people in developing lands with this plastic waste.

#### McCAIN FAMILY FUN RUN SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

The Fun Run Trophy is up for grabs for small schools. We can win this again (for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year), by entering the highest number of runners or walkers (adults and children) in this year's McCain Fun Run.

There are 2 races available – a 1.6k fun run and a 2.5k run. Mrs Wells will run both races with children if adults do not want to take part. To enter the Fun Run, please register and pick up your numbers at the fun Run desk at the Spa on the day from 9am. Please let school know if your child is running and we will send a school kit home for easy identification. If you're not running, please come along and cheer on Team Heslerton!

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

### **PARENT VIEW**

Parent View is an online questionnaire for you to give your views about this school at any time of year. Please log on at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> to answer 13 quick questions. Your views are used by staff and governors at school to help with your child's education.



### **GUITAR LESSONS**

There is an opportunity for children to have guitar lessons on Wednesday mornings with Dan Hardcastle. This is a private arrangement, please see attached letter which should be returned to school as soon as possible.

### **PARKING**

May we ask that you please respect our neighbours when parking and ensure that emergency vehicles are able to have access at all times. Older children may walk down to the village if the correct form has been completed. Please park at the bottom of the hill, leaving space at the top for larger vehicles to pass, thank you.

### **HEADLICE**

We, like all schools, have head lice transmitted between pupils. These parasites are easily transferred from head to head but tricky to get rid of completely. These seem to have reappeared in school, please check your child's hair and treat if

### **NUTS**

We would like to remind you that West Heslerton is a nut free school due to allergies in school. Nuts must not come into school in any form, e.g. packed lunches.

### **BIG ART PROJECT**

May we ask that you please respect our neighbours. If anyone else has completed the Big Art Project sheet sent home at the end of term, please return it to school on Monday for certificates to be produced by the organisers.

### **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 regular sessions, please complete a half-termly booking form. To book other sessions, please contact the school office or speak to Tom or Lucy at the After School Club. All children have been issued with a free voucher for 1 free session this term. Voucher places are limited each session, please book early to avoid disappointment. Children need to be registered before they attend their sessions. Additional 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.

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### **BADGER WOOD**

What a busy but fun week we've had.

It was nice to settle back into routines this week; the year 1 and 2 children have done a good job of setting the example for the younger and new children in the class which is great to see.

In maths this week we began our number journey looking at numbers 0 - 10, 0 - 20 and even 0 - 100! The children enjoyed using and exploring different equipment to help them with their work.

In Science we developed our season's knowledge and began our 'observation over time' investigation looking at how our surroundings change throughout the seasons - keep an eye on the seasons display to see how our surroundings change throughout the year and seasons!

We enjoyed Forest Schools and developing our habitat knowledge. Last week we made our very own Bog Babies, this week we painted them and started building our own habitats for them. We used our own scientific knowledge as well as learning more about the Bog Baby from the book to help us build the perfect habitat.

Next week:

We are all things computers - so any junk modelling boxes of different shapes and sized would be greatly received!

### **KEEPER WOOD**

We have had a busy first week back at school getting into our new topic 'Ancient Greece'. The children have been thinking about different things they would like to research into. They worked together in groups to research this information.

We have been doing lots of work with place value in maths (and will continue to do so), looking at thousands, hundreds, tens and units/ones.

Next week we are going to launch our topic with a Greek morning, where the children will be tasting and making new food and being creative. The children don't need to buy anything or dress up

### **FARTHING WOOD**

We are now really stuck into our work based around Earth in Space for this term. Last week the children have spent a whole morning trying to find out the owner of a suitcase, which belonged to someone who contributed towards the space race, by piecing together the clues of the items inside. It turned out that the case belonged to Katherine Johnson. I will leave your child to tell you more about who she was!

Some information about the RE unit of work this term:

Our unit of work is 'What do religions say to us when life gets hard?'. This unit involves the children learning in depth from different religions and spiritual ways of life about hard times and death. It is enquiry based and led by the children's own questions, so allowing the children the opportunity to talk about these ideas and emotions. The activities enable them to share their ideas and develop the understanding and skills needed to appreciate and appraise varied responses as well as develop their own.

### **ATTACHED**

Please find attached:-

- Gymnastics club places
- Guitar lessons
- Free school meals application form
- Holiday Club flyer
- Filey School flyer