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



### DIARY DATES

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April,** Bingo event at Norton to raise funds for school

Bikeability Y6
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Bikeability Y6
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Bikeability Y5
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, Bikeability Y5
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, CU passport check
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, May Day Bank Holiday school closed

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

## **REMINDER CAKE DONATIONS**

Cake donations would be very welcome please for selling at the Friends Bingo event. Please bring to the school office on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.** 

## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CHECK

Please can all children bring their Children's University Passports to school for a check on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. A box is in place in the hall to collect these, so that children can be rewarded for extra learning done in school clubs (e.g. Gymnastics, Multi sports), organised activities (e.g. Brownies, Cubs, swimming sessions etc) and activities completed over Easter (e.g. trip to Castle Howard).

## SUN LOTION AND HATS

Please can we remind families that children will need sun lotion, hats and a water bottle to ensure all children are safe in the sunshine.

Thank you for your continued support.

## OUR GOVERNING BOARD

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

The board is made up of:

Parent Governors - Tracey Reynolds, Louisa Todd, vacancy Co-opted Governors - Emma Nutt, Sarah Craggs, vacancy LA Governor - Ann Andrews Staff Governor - Jo Bickerton Headteacher Governor - Rachel Wells Church Governor - Ian Pennock, vacancy

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.

This year, 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 Early Years: Ann Andrews

Governor with responsibility for finance: Sarah Craggs Governor with responsibility for Child Protection: Jo Bickerton

Governor with responsibility for church effectiveness: Ian Pennock

Should you be interested in joining the board, please enquire in the school office.

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.

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



The course gives a brief overview of how speech sounds are made/develop and advice and strategies to consider when working with children with speech sound difficulties.

Cost:

Date and Time

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 \* 3.45pm – 5.15pm

To book a place, or check if you are eligible, please contact us at yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net

Please note this is an interactive session so you will need access to a camera and microphone to participate. This course is offered as part of the child's speech and language therapy provision.

### SCHOOL TIMINGS

A reminder to all of the timings for the school day: Gates open 8:30

School gates close and day begins 8:45 Registers close 8:55 (children arriving after this time will be marked absent for the whole morning)

School closes 3:25

Forest School club ends 4:30 or 5:30 Please can we ask all parents to follow these timings so that we can provide the best possible provision for all children?

## HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

The Council is currently consulting on changes to the North Yorkshire (NY) Home to School Travel Policy. This is available via the NY website <u>Home to school travel</u> <u>policy - consultation | North Yorkshire Council</u> This will affect those children using the school taxi and all those travelling to secondary schools on school

transport. The deadline for the consultation responses is 26<sup>th</sup> April

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## ALBANWISE VISIT REMINDER

The Whole School have been invited by Albanwise to visit the farm on a further Food to Fork visit, this time on **Friday 7**<sup>th</sup> **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.

## <u>Children</u>

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 30<sup>th</sup> April please.** 

## <u>Adults</u>

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## <u>Clothing</u>

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!

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

### FRIENDS OF WEST HESLERTON SCHOOL MINUTES - MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

<u>Present:</u> Emma Pennock, Chloe Stockdale, Victoria Malthouse, Emma Johnston, Anna Tindall, Anna Kemp, Nicola Fox, Rachel Wells

#### Apologies:

#### Minutes from the last meeting:

- 1. Spring Disco Thank you to all the volunteers & DJ Terry. Total amount raised was £47.50, not a big profit event but nice thing to do.
- 2.
- 3. Bags to School Collection Thank you for donations. £164 raised. EP to book in Autumn & Spring collections. Multiple bookings to get a better price. Suggested dates after October half term & before Easter hols 2025.
- 4.
- 5. Easter Trail & coffee afternoon joint fundraiser with Village Hall. Friends set trail, organised prizes & Easter Eggs for Tombola. VH committee organised refreshments & judged decorated boiled egg competition. £215 raised for Friends & £131 for VH. VH committee gave us larger share due to majority of attendance being school community & we did bulk of the work.
- 6.
- Leavers Hoodies EP to keep hoodies until May half term. Suggested that each pupil pays £5 towards their hoodie as per previous years and Friends cover the rest. RW to arrange collection of £5 via parent pay. Anna T to provide school with Friends bank details.

#### New Events to discuss:

Bingo Night - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, doors open at 6:30pm, eyes down at 7:30pm. Malton & Norton Bowling Club. Encourage family and friends to join in. Raffle prizes received on back of non-uniform day – thank you to all. Helpers required to set up at 6:15pm. Chloe S, Victoria M, Emma P, Emma T & Anna T to make cakes to sell on the night. Nicola F to confirm if we need a float & idea of cake costs. Emma P to make poster with these costs

Albanwise Open Farm Day - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Funded by Albanwise for pupils. Parents to be invited this year, £10 per person to include lunch. Proceeds go to Friends. Numbers need to be confirmed by end of April for catering purposes.

Summer Fair - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 11-3pm Heslerton Sports Club. Subcommittee meeting regularly, lots booked in including inflatables, hog roast & BBQ, emergency services, tug of war, face painting & ducking stool. If anyone has any ideas of other stalls or ways to fundraise on the day, please let us know. EP to ask banner maker to design an A4 poster to be distributed to parents and locally around notice boxes etc.

Whole School trip - Woldies Nature Farm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. RW to do risk assessments. Whole site to themselves. Friends to fund this trip at cost of £648. School to pay for transport.

Sports day refreshments – anyone got any fresh ideas? Picnic worked well last time, would be nice to do this again. Uniform swap was suggested & it was decided it was better to do this at the open evening on 6<sup>th</sup> July when parents have more time to browse.

#### AOB:

Recipe book – planning to sell at Christmas. Louisa T will be sending a template into the office this week ready to share with families to complete.

Grants & Funding - Anna T secured £100 grant from Malton & Norton Lions. RW to send a thank you letter to Malton & Norton Lions & McCain. It was suggested local businesses could sponsor parts of the Summer Fair in return for having an advertising board.

Interactive Whiteboard, trolley & iPad docking station - Friends have agreed to fund the purchase of these. They will predominantly be used in Keeper Wood but will also benefit the whole school. RW has confirmed that Governors recently approved this so will order & confirm costs.

Next meeting: Monday 13th May, 2:30pm

#### Early Years Communication and Interaction Drop-in for Parents

'Come and talk to us for advice and support around all aspects of your child's communication skills'. <u>Where & When</u>

- 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 1:00-4:30 at Eastfield Community Library, More than Books, High Street, Eastfield. Scarborough. YO11 3LL
- 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 09:00-12:00 at Norton Children & Family Hub, Grove Street, Norton, Malton, YO17 9BG
- 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 1:00-3:00 at Whitby & District Children's centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY

### Who will be there?

Helen Hunter - Speech, Language & Communication Needs Specialist Amancay Topping – Speech & Language Therapist Charlotte McIntyre – Speech & Language Therapy Assistant Zoe Green - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Please contact us to book a slot, or any queries please ring 07977 710109 or email <u>Helen.Hunter@northyorks.gov.uk</u> or Amancay.Topping@northyorks.gov.uk



## NYC SEND INSPECTION

North Yorkshire's education, health and social care services are being jointly inspected by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to see how well they meet their responsibilities towards children and young people with SEN and disabilities (SEND).

They would like to hear your views about the support that your child/young person receives and how it has helped your child.

You can provide your views by completing an online survey. What you share will be treated in confidence: **Parent/Carer** -

## https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer/10299835

Parent/Carer easy read version – https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer-EasyRead/10299835 Guidance, Easy Read and more information can be found:

Area SEND inspections: information about ongoing inspections - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Your views will help Inspectors to understand your child/young person's experience of the SEND arrangements in North Yorkshire.

The surveys will close at 9am on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.

## PARKING

To help keep everyone safe, please do not park in the top space near school, there is a sign in place! The road is very narrow for traffic to get through.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Thank you for your continued support of our childcare facility.

Bookings and cancellations for each session closes 48 hours ahead of each session. We can sometimes offer additional places for each day once bookings close if there is availability. Please phone school.

Please can an adult collect from the main school building and on time. This is so that we keep to staffing ratios.

ASC bookings for June / July will open on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. If ASC bookings are full for the sessions you require, please contact school. We may be able to add more staff if enough notice is given.



2024 – GROWING UP IN NORTH YORKSHIRE PUPIL SURVEY

Our school has agreed to participate in the 2024 Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey for young people. The survey has been running in North Yorkshire since 2006. In 2022, over 17,000 children and young people in North Yorkshire completed the survey.

The survey will be undertaken by children in Year 2 to 6. Your child will not be able to be identified from their answers. The data helps staff to review our provision in school and identify school improvement priorities. We use the information in a variety of ways, for example, to

- Learn pupils' opinions about learning and their enjoyment of lessons,
- Help us to develop our curriculum to improve pupils' health and wellbeing,
- Inform discussions with parents about aspects such as online safety.

The survey that we are using has been commissioned by the North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service, Public Health and North Yorkshire Police and is from the Schools Health Education Unit. Exeter.

The questions cover a wide range of your child's perceptions and behaviours related to learning and wellbeing, for example:

- **Enjoyment of lessons** •
- Attitudes and resilience for learning
- Relationships
- Growing up
- Emotional health and wellbeing including bullying
- Safety, including online safety
- Tobacco and vaping
- Alcohol
- **Healthy Eating**
- Physical activity

The North Yorkshire Children and Young People's Service ensure that the content of the guestionnaires is appropriate, with bespoke questionnaires for primary schools.

Each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school. Individual schools are not identified in any of the county reports.

I hope you will feel, as we do, that this is a very worthwhile survey which will support the wellbeing of all of our pupils, but do please contact the school office if you do not wish your child to take part. The survey will be carried out early in the summer term 2024.

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

#### **BADGER WOOD**

### FOREST SCHOOLS - week 1

We made our way up to the woods. We played 'Springo' on our walk up there. We then played the camera game to identify stinging nettles, thistles and lords and ladies. So much to see and a lovely walk out for everyone.



#### **KEEPER WOOD**

#### PE- NET AND WALL GAMES

The children practised some of the skills needed this term. We focused on footwork, light feet and being in the ready position.



#### **FARTHING WOOD**

A fun afternoon in the woods identifying trees, fungi, edible plants and birds.

