



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

NEWSLETTER 22nd SEPTEMBER 2023

DIARY DATES

Monday 25th September, Children’s University assembly for all parents 9am

- Macmillan coffee event 9.20-10am

Thursday 28th September, Farthing Wood PE with Lady Lumley’s staff

Monday 2nd October, Family and individual photos

Wednesday 4th October, Open Evening 3.30 – 5pm for pre-schoolers and current pupils to view the school with their families

Thursday 5th October, Fairground Menu

- BW parent phone calls

Monday 9th October, BW parent phone calls

Tuesday 10th October, FW parent phone calls

Wednesday 11th October, KW parent phone calls

- FW to MCSC for basketball and netball

Thursday 12th October, FW STEM visit

- KW parent phone calls

Monday 16th October, Bag2School collection

Wednesday 18th October, Flu immunisations

Friday 27th October, Harvest Festival at 1.30pm at West Heslerton Church, all invited.

- School closes for half term

Monday 6th November, School begins

Wednesday 20th December, Nativity

- Christmas lunch

Friday 22nd December, School closes for Christmas

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 CHILDREN’S UNIVERISTY ASSEMBLY

Children’s University assembly for all parents, **Monday 25th September at 9am**. Everyone welcome, please join us and stay for cake at the **Macmillan Coffee event**.

PARENT PHONE CALLS OFFERED

Thursday 5th October, BW parent phone calls

Monday 9th October, BW parent phone calls

Tuesday 10th October, FW parent phone calls

Wednesday 11th October, KW parent phone calls

Thursday 12th October, KW parent phone calls

REMINDER OPEN EVENING FOR ALL

Open evening for prospective parents on **Wednesday 4th October 3:30pm – 5:30pm**. Please spread the word and share this with prospective parents.

FARTHING WOOD

Thursday 28th September, please can the children come to school in their PE Kit for sport activities with Lady Lumley’s staff. Thank you.

FARTHING WOOD

In Forest schools we worked upon our team building before enjoying some free time. Please ask your children about the pretzel game and wink and you’re gone.



REMINDER MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

Following the assembly for children and adults on **Monday 25th September**, we’d love to invite all families to stay for coffee and cake. This will be part of the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan. Donations of cakes to sell would be warmly received. Please pop these in to the office on the morning of the event. We hope that slices to take away will be available too. Many thanks.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on **Monday, October 2nd** to take family and individual photos. Please bring any pre-school children you would like to include to school at 8.30am.

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

KEEPER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOLS

After completely clearing our base, we found some forest friends.



OUR GOVERNING BOARD

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

REMINDER 48 HOURS RULE

Reminder of NYC rule, children to be kept off school for 48 hours in case of sickness / stomach upset. We hope this will prevent germs spreading and keep everyone healthy.

SCHOOL FUNDED MEALS

Universal free school meals funded by the DfE and our school are available to all **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** pupils. School meals funded by the DfE and our school are available to children in **Years 3 to 6** whose parents receive certain benefits.

School funded meals are available for all years for pupils whose families receive financial support. To qualify you must be receiving:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you qualify for any financial support shown above, we would encourage you to complete the North Yorks online form. This could enable our school to claim the Pupil Premium Funding to further support school activities even if you choose not to use the school lunch entitlement.

[Apply for free school meals](#)

You will receive an instant decision on whether your application is successful. If it is, North Yorkshire Council will fully process the application in 5 working days and notify the school. Once we have received this notification, your child can begin enjoying school funded meals.

Free school meals claims cannot be backdated. They are awarded from the date North Yorkshire receive the application, once eligibility is confirmed. If you are not entitled to free school meals, you will be notified in writing.

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

BADGER WOOD

FOREST SCHOOLS

We have taken a walk down the lane to collect some natural items for one of our activities next week, this has given us chance to look closely and explain why we chose the 4 items we chose to bring back. We have also had some free time to use our muscles and learnt a little bit more about slugs - just like the large one we saw on our walk!



FARTHING WOOD STEM VISIT

The children in Farthing Wood will be visiting Scarborough Spa on **Thursday, October 12th** for the Science and Engineering Festival. They will be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell. We will leave school at 10.30am and return for the end of the school day. The children will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks only in cartons please, no cans or bottles. School is able to provide a packed lunch if you wish, please return the attached form on **Friday 29th September**, thank you. 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.

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'.

Where & When

- 29th November 2023 09:00-11:00 at [Padbury Avenue, Filey Children's Centre, Filey, YO14 0BA](#)
- 21st November 2023 13:00-15:00 at Whitby Children's Centre, Byland Road, Whitby, YO21 1HY
- 30th November 2023 09:00-11:00 at Briercliffe Children's Centre, 76 Briercliffe, Scarborough, YO12 6NS
- 23rd November 2023 09:30-11:30 at Norton Children & Family Hub, Grove Street, Norton, Malton, YO17 9BG

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

Helen.Hunter@northyorks.gov.uk or

Amancay.Topping@northyorks.gov.uk

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Many thanks to everyone who worked promptly to collect children early on Monday. School tried hard to remain open despite the flooding. We managed without our food order arriving and having no cook on site, with other school kitchens supplying packed lunches to all children. We had to admit defeat and make the decision to close due to wide spread disruption to the water supply. In these circumstances, we have no handwashing or toilet facilities. Luckily, normal service has now resumed!

We'd now need to check our records and ensure that we have updated permissions for children to go home with others in the case of emergencies such as this. Please complete the attached letter and return to school.

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

SENT HOME IN HARD COPY

- Emergency Closure letter & reply slip
- Friends letter
- Parental consultation forms
- Y6 Secondary school application letter
- Y5 & Y6 Open evening details for Norton College and Scarborough College
- FW STEM packed lunch slip

SENT HOME ON DOJO

- Flu vaccination information and consent instructions

NYC - Delivering Better Value in SEND – Survey for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND

North Yorkshire Council are currently running a survey that will help them better understand your views of special education needs and disabilities (SEND) support in North Yorkshire. NYC are inviting parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to share their views on what is working well and what can be improved.

Your response will be used to help NYC identify areas for improvement and inform an application for a grant from the Department for Education (DfE) to help further improve supports and services in North Yorkshire.

In line with the Local Area SEND Strategy, NYC want to put children and young people at the heart of this plan and your views as a parent or carer are important to make sure NYC are focussing on the right areas.

The survey will take around 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous. The survey will be open until **6th October 2023** and NYC encourage you to share the link with other parents and carers in your area so that we can hear the views of as many people as possible.

You can access the survey here: [North Yorkshire: SEND Survey for Parents and Carers \(office.com\)](https://www.northyorkshire.gov.uk/parents-carers/SEND-survey)

JUNIOR NETBALL
NETBALL SESSIONS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 4-6
WEDNESDAYS 5-6PM
01653 605365

MINI KICKERS
FOOTBALL FUN & LEARNING 3-6 YEARS
STARTS SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
01653 605365

UNDER 4'S 9:00-10:00 AM (AGB ONLINE 9:50)
UNDER 5'S 10:05-11:05 AM (CHECK IN ON RECEPTION)
UNDER 6'S 11:10-12:10 PM (CHECK IN @ 11:01)

MALTON COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE
ACTIVITY FOR ALL
01653 605365
SESSIONS RUN FROM 9:00AM-4PM, CHILDREN CAN BE DROPPED OFF FROM 8:30AM AM AND COLLECTED UP TO 4:30PM. CHILDREN WILL NEED A PACK UP AND DRINKS.

MULTISPORTS ACTIVITY DAYS
CHILDREN AGED 5-13
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
OCTOBER 30TH- NOVEMBER 3RD
CLIMBING WALL 4-5PM £7.50
ANY CHILD WHO ATTENDS AN ACTIVITY DAY IS ELIGIBLE FOR A DISCOUNTED PRICE OF £5.50 ON

DAYS -	1ST CHILD -	2ND CHILD
1-	£18.50	£75
2-	£22	£26
3-	£25	£36
4-	£28	£44
5-	£35	£50

NORTON HIVE LIBRARY
CAN YOU DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD?
CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS
★ Aged 3 to 16 years ★
Divided into 3 age Categories
The winning entry will be printed and used as very special Christmas card for the Library to send to all of our friends and colleagues.
All entries must be on A5 size paper or card and submitted to Norton Hive Library & Community Hub before the closing date of 12th October at midnight. Remember to write your name, age and contact 'phone number on the back of your design so we can let you know if you are the winner of our mystery prize.
★ **WE CAN'T WAIT TO TO SEE ALL YOUR WONDERFUL CREATIONS!!!** ★

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