



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

NEWSLETTER 20TH SEPTEMBER 2024

BADGER WOOD

95.0%

KEEPER WOOD

97.79%

FARTHING WOOD

95.72%

DIARY DATES

Thursday 26th September, Swimming week 1 for Y1 – Y4.

- Pop up library
- Wellness drumming club Y3 – Y6.

Friday 27th September, McMillan Coffee Event 9-10am
All parents and pre-schoolers welcome. Cake donations please.

- Collective worship 10-10:30am all welcome

Wednesday 2nd October, Individual school photographs.

- Y5 & Y6 Football at MCSC.
- Open Evening 3:30 – 5pm, all welcome.

Thursday 10th October, FW STEM visit, please order a school packed lunch by 29/9 via ParentPay if needed.

- Stay and Play for Reception parents 9-10am.

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

SWIMMING

School swimming lessons will commence on **Thursday 26th September** for children in Y1 – Y4.

Have a good breakfast, children will need their swimming kits – no tights please.

FARTHING WOOD STEM VISIT

The children in Farthing Wood will be visiting Scarborough Spa on **Thursday, October 10th** for the Science and Engineering Festival. They will be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell. We will leave school at 10.15am 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 will provide a packed lunch if you wish. **Please consent to the visit on ParentPay by 29th September if you would like a school lunch request one when prompted.**

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.

AFTER SCHOOL FOREST CHILDCARE CLUB

All children can have a free session at the after-school forest club each term. To utilise your child's free after school club session, please contact the school office to book. One free session is offered per child per term, subject to availability. Thank you.

SENT HOME

- Parents Evening letters
- Young Voices Y3 – Y6 Tickets & T-shirt letters

POP UP LIBRARY

We really enjoy having an even wider range of books to choose from when NYC libraries visit us at school. The next pop-up library will be on **Thursday 26th September**. Dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

- Thursday 17th October
- Thursday 7th November
- Thursday 28th November

MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

FRIDAY 27th September from 9am, please feel free to stay for collective worship 10-10.30am. All welcome. 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 into the office on the morning of the event. We hope that slices to take away will be available too. Thank you.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Thank you to those parents who responded to our survey last term about parents evenings this school year. Approximately 25% requested parents evenings in person, 25% requested parents evenings by phone and 50% gave no preference to either method. Using these findings, we have planned the following for this term:

Open Evening Wednesday 2nd October to meet the staff your child works with and for children to show you their classroom. Children yet to join school are welcome to come and look round.

Telephone appointments prior to half term to discuss how your child has settled, any concerns you have and share their successes. **Please book your appointment via the forms coming home with your child today.**

We hope that this will match the needs of all families and you will support your child by attending these events.



YOUNG VOICES 2025

Years 3 - 6 will be taking part in Young Voices 2025. They will perform at Sheffield Arena, with a full orchestra, on **Tuesday 28th January 2025**. The bus costs for pupils will be met by Friends of School. Pupils will need to wear a white T shirt to the event. They can purchase special souvenir T shirts to wear if you wish. Please see the order form coming home with your child this evening. Parents and families can attend to experience this special event. Please see the form coming home with your child this evening to order tickets for adults. A Christmas gift idea perhaps? As this visit is beyond the school day, please give your consent for this trip on ParentPay. We will be sending further details home later this term. Please note that all **orders need to be received in school by Wednesday 9th October** and **payment for items ordered by Friday 18th October**.

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 may help you manage childhood meltdowns.

[My child has meltdowns | Place2Be's Parenting Smart \(youtube.com\)](#) my child has meltdowns.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday, 2nd October**, to take family and individual photos. Please bring any pre-school children you would like to include to school at 8.30am. Photos will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

During the morning at school, your child will have an individual photograph taken and a photo with their brothers and sisters at school. Proofs will be sent home before half term for orders.

FARTHING WOOD FOOTBALL

The children in Farthing Wood will be taking part in a Football event at MCSC on **Wednesday, 2nd October**. The children will travel with Fletcher's coaches and be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell. We will leave school at 12.30 and return for the end of the school day.

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact the school.

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

FRIENDS MEETING MINUTES – MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Present: Emma Pennock, Chloe Stockdale, Anna Tindall, Nicola Duffill, Katie Golding, Emma Johnston, Rachel Wells, Emma Nutt

Apologies: Victoria Malthouse, Rosie Pease

Welcome to old & new parents – EP opened meeting, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Send slips out to all parents to see if anyone wants to join Friends' WhatsApp group. Poster to explain what we do to go on newsletter (RW).

Minutes from the last meeting:

Summer Fair – raised £1093, an event we might do biannually. Now we have built up materials to host, it would be easier next time. Feedback was positive.

Play Performances & Sports Day Refreshments – cold drinks & lollies sold at both events, £284 raised. Used up stocks left over from summer fair. Friends provided ice lolly for all children & staff on sports day.

Frozen Fridays – idea from Mrs Woodward. Did 3 Frozen Fridays before end of term, charged for first two, made approx. £100 profit and then on the last day we made sure all children & staff got a free ice cream to celebrate the end of term. Feedback positive & something we would like to do occasionally next summer.

Upcoming Events to discuss:

Macmillan coffee morning – Friday 27th September, 9am. Donations of cakes welcome please.

Halloween activities – Friday 25th October at Wintringham Village Hall, 5-7pm. Disco party instead of pumpkin trail this year. DJ Terry £120 & VH £68 (KG can get a discount living in the village). £5 per child includes hotdog & drink. Initial WhatsApp poll very positive, 27 parents said they would support the event. Won't raise as much money as the pumpkin trail but will be nice to have an event. Optional fancy dress, tea/ coffee & cakes available to parents. Ask parents for donation of any props / decs we could borrow to decorate the hall. Sell tickets in advance, Friday 11th October deadline for ticket sales. Ratio needs to be 1 adult to 15 children, Badger Wood Parents must stay with their child, Keeper & Farthing Wood children can be dropped off. Open to Friends & Family, all welcome. EP to update poster with extra info. Tickets can be bought at open evening on 2nd October or cash in named envelope can be sent into School.

Bag2school – Collection on Tuesday 5th November by 9am, please start having a clear out, RW confirmed it will be advertised on DOJO & newsletter with a list of what they do and don't collect.

Panto – Thursday 19th December. Cinderella at Scarborough Spa. Friends to pay for tickets & travel. RW to organise.

Parents Evenings – feedback for parents on last week's newsletter, inclusive approach to accommodate all families. Open evening Wednesday 2nd October, Friends will have a presence here selling Halloween tickets, questions can be answered & refreshments available.

AOB:

Interactive Whiteboard for Keeper Wood – building work currently ongoing in Keeper Wood for a new partition wall. The request has been sent to IT but no update for now.

Meeting day & time – popular meeting days were Mondays and Tuesdays from the last poll we did, it was discussed that Monday's preferred due to French & Music lessons happening in school on a Tuesday afternoon.

Grants & funding – Asda rewards & Easy fundraising. RW to keep plugging these on the newsletter. EP to send Asda Cashpot poster to use on newsletter.

School wish list – what would school like Friends money to be used for? RW to ask for ideas at the next staff meeting.

Next meeting:

Monday 14th October 2:30pm

AGM – RW to draw up formal agenda.

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

RECEPTION STAY & PLAY

Parents of Reception children are invited to stay and play with their child and have a look around the Badger Wood classroom on Thursday 10th October, 9-10am.



Has your child had their eyes tested yet?



This leaflet provides important information on looking after your child's eyes and booking an eye test for children

Children in North Yorkshire should visit an optician for a free eye test

When should you get your child a free eye test?

Ideally children should start having regular eye tests from the age of 4. But they can be tested at any age, even if they can't read or speak.

How do you book a free child's eye test?

Please book your child an eye test at an opticians, even if you have no concerns about their vision. To do this contact your local opticians - use this link for local practices [Find an optician - NHS](#).

What will it cost?

Children under 16 are entitled to NHS-funded (FREE) eye tests. If your child needs glasses, they will receive a voucher to help with the cost.

Why should you get your child's eyes tested?

- ✓ Being able to see clearly will mean your child is able to learn and develop at school and socially.
- ✓ Eyes are still developing in early childhood. An eye test helps pick up and treat any problems. This can help to **avoid** or **prevent** longer-term eye problems.
- ✓ Even if you think your child has normal vision it is still important to get their eyes tested.
- ✓ They are no longer tested in school.

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