

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER January 24th 2020

BEWERLEY PARK

The children in Farthing Wood will be spending next week at Bewerley Park in the Yorkshire Dales. They will go with Mrs Woodward and Mrs Wardell. We hope they have a fabulous time and come back with lots to tell us about.

PUPIL LEAD COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Thank you to Ty, Isaac and Will who planned and delivered the first of our pupil worship sessions this term. We heard Bible scripture from Genesis, found out about the work of the Blue Cross charity, and prayed for all animals, especially those in Australia affected by fire and flood. Our pupils delivered their worship really confidently, created a lovely atmosphere and our congregation of pupils listened and responded with fantastic manners. Well done everyone.

HISTORY CLUB

There will be a "Roman Mystery" after school club run by staff from Malton Museum next half term. Pupils in Years 3 to 6 are invited to join in an exciting adventure to explore how the Romans lived.

Pupils will plan and produce a play and include a fun song with sign language to expand the theme of Roman life.

West Heslerton School will host this club on **Thursdays for 6 weeks starting on 27th February** 3.30 to 4.30pm. During the final session those attending the club will present the short play to their parents from 4.15. Please see attached information.

DISCO

Friends of school will be hosting a disco for all pupils. This will be held in the hall on **Friday 7th February from 3.30-5pm**. £3 per child to include a drink and snack. Further details next week.

TEST UPDATE EVENING

We will be holding a parent information evening on **Wednesday, February 5th from 3.45-4.15pm**. This is for parents and pupils of years 5 and 6 to give a test update and answer questions. The meeting will take place in Farthing Wood classroom.

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 necessary. . Please can we remind all children to keep their longer hair tied back. Thank you.

YORK LITERATURE FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

The Mount is holding a free creative writing workshop on **Wednesday 25 March** from 4.15pm-5.15pm for budding authors and poets in celebration of the 2020 York Literature Festival. Pupils are invited to attend, especially if they are keen poets or writers of short stories. There are only limited places available and tickets can be booked via Eventbrite <https://childrens-creative-writing-workshop-at-the-mount.eventbrite.co.uk>

CRISP PACKETS

Amelia's parents have asked if we could collect crisp packets in school for Bereaved Children Support, York. The packets are recycled and money is raised for this charity.

Please bring any empty crisp packets to school where there will be a box for them and we will pass them on regularly. Thank you.

RSPCA STALL

Thank you to all those pupils who volunteered on the RSPCA stall last week and to all who shopped with us. We almost sold out of goods, raising £20.15 for this animal charity.

BADGER WOOD

This week we went to a gymnastics fun afternoon. We learnt lots of balances, jumps and rolls and had a fantastic afternoon. We have carried on learning the story of The Little Red Hen.

FARTHING WOOD

We have had an interesting start to our English work on 'balanced arguments' this week, hearing the 'for' and 'against' views from all sides of the school community about the use and amount of screen time for children. In our whole class debate there were some great points and counter-arguments put across. It was amazing to see the confidence of all the children at speaking clearly and concisely in a formal tone to an audience. The subject of our debate was quite apt considering the class will be having zero screen time next week at Bewerley Park! The children are going to make sure they are well rested this weekend, ready for a full week of fun and excitement in the outdoors.

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, please contact the school office or speak to Tom or Lucy at the After School Club. Children need to be registered before they attend. 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.

OUTDOOR INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

We have been asked to pass on a free e-copy of Family First, the UK's largest family title - Enjoy https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff-issue_5_digital130120

ATTACHMENTS

- Parent evening letter
- History Club – years 3-6

KEEPER WOOD

Keeper Wood have been busy this week in the great outdoors. They researched about one of the world's most famous monuments, Stonehenge. They have also been looking at Colin Booth the sculptor so we tied these together and in teams they created their very own West Heslerton version out on the field. It was very atmospheric with the watery sun as a back drop. Thank you for the kind donations from your recycling!



We have moved onto measure in maths and we have been using cm, mm, m and km to measure different things in and around school. The children measured 1 km in our school ground using a metre wheel. They worked out how many laps we would need to do to complete this.

MEET THE GOVERNORS:

Lu Powlesland - Parent Governor

I am a Parent Governor and I am also Vice-Chair of Governors. I have been a Parent Governor since my daughter joined West Heslerton School, her early years in reception now seem like a long time ago - she is now in Year 9 at secondary school, and my son is in his last year at school.

As a parent I feel very lucky that my children have been able to flourish and grow at West Heslerton. Through my 10 years as a Parent Governor the school has become a Forest School and it is great to see the way in which the whole school take part in Forest School activities on a Friday - pupils have so much understanding about the natural world.

I'm very proud to be a Governor of our great school and I am going to be very sad when my son moves on to secondary school in Autumn 2020 and I lose my everyday connection with our caring school community.

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