

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER October 11th 2019

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The school Harvest Festival will take place at All Saints Church, West Heslerton on **Friday, October 25th at 1.30pm**. All children will be taking part in this annual harvest celebration with readings and songs.



After the presentation of gifts, the children will be singing a selection of harvest songs.

All children are asked to bring small gifts of produce from home, which are then distributed to the elderly of the parishes at our Generation Tea and those in need through the Salvation Army. May we please ask that these be in a decorated box and not too heavy as the children will be carrying them down to the church! All children will need a warm coat and sensible shoes for walking to the church.

Children will be able to go home from church if parents are there to collect them.

PARKING

We have once again received complaints from residents about parking:

“**Drivers are blocking driveways** – if people had to leave their homes for an appointment they are blocked in. Please could we point out to parents to let other people who may collect (e.g. grandparents), know not to block driveways.” A suggestion was made that we ask year 6 parents to all wait at the bottom of the hill.

Please respect the residents of the village and park responsibly, thank you.

FAMILY PHOTOS

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday, October 15th** to take individual and family photos. Parents with pre-school children are welcome to bring them at 8.30 for photos with their siblings.

HOCKEY EVENT

The children in **Badger Wood** will be taking part in a hockey event at MCSC on **Wednesday, October 16th**. We will be leaving school at 12.30pm and returning for the end of the school day. All children will need a P.E kit to travel in and to take part in activities. The children will travel with Fletchers Coaches and will be accompanied by Mrs Reeves and Miss Johnson.

NRICH WORKSHOP

The children in **Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood** will be visiting Settrington School on **Wednesday, October 23rd** for a morning of maths puzzles, games and other activities.

They will be leaving school at 9.45 and will return for lunch. **Registration for these two classes will be at 8.30 that morning.** Have a good breakfast!

The children will travel with Fletchers Coaches and will be accompanied by Mrs Woodward, Miss Shackley, Mrs Triffitt and Mrs Wardell.

If your child requires an inhaler please ensure this is with them. No money will be required. School carries County Insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency, please contact school.

STAY AND PLAY

Badger Wood will be having a Stay and Play afternoon on **Thursday, October 24th at 2pm**. This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents of children in years R, 1 and 2 to come into school and join in with their child's activities for the afternoon. All are welcome, come along and enjoy time with your child in their school setting.

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

BOOK FAIR AND PARENT EVENING

The Book Fair will open for parents only on **Monday, October 14th from 1.30-2pm**, prior to the Friends meeting. We will also open the Book Fair during Parents' evening on **Tuesday, October 15th**. The after school club is open if you need to use this during this time.

Children will get the opportunity to look at the books during break times.

A good opportunity for early Christmas buying!

PUMPKIN TRAIL

Save the date!

There will once again be a Pumpkin Trail in West Heslerton on **Thursday, October 31st**, starting at the village hall. Further details will follow.



FOOTBALL CLUB

There are a few spaces at Football Club on Wednesday after school for children in years 1-6. Please ask at the office if your child would like to come along.

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.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Friends of School will be holding their AGM on **Monday, October 14th at 2pm**. Please arrive early if you wish to view the Book Fair.

All are welcome to come along and share ideas; tea and coffee will be served.

TAG RUGBY EVENT

West Heslerton years 5 and 6 had a great day on Wednesday, October 9th playing tag rugby at MCSC. West Heslerton B came first and West Heslerton A came third.

The B team beat Norton A team 4-3 in the final.

A team: Alfie, Chloe, Poppy, Benjamin, Luke, Skyla, William P and George.

B team: Jamie, Louie, Laura, Tia, Ty, Isaac, Ben and Will N.

Report by Will N

OPEN EVENT

Open event 1.30 to 3pm, Monday 21st October.

Our friendly village school invites prospective pupils and their families to view all that we have to offer during our open event from 1.30 to 3pm on Monday 21st October. Come along and see our facilities, meet our friendly team and feel our warm ethos. If you can't make it to our Open Event on this date, please contact the school to arrange a convenient appointment.

Please pass the word to any families who may be interested, thank you.

ECO CREW

We are still collecting single use plastic and bottles and we are going to make a recycle sign. There have been lots of great ideas, including:

- A pig
- A bottle
- A kitten
- A horse
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Kiara, Will P, Benjamin and Skyla

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following children who completed this summer's reading challenge:

Ty	Jacob M	Jamie
William P	Rosie	Ben
Edward	Dexter	

The children were presented with certificates by the library in an assembly.

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

BADGER WOOD

All Badgers have done fantastic learning in maths this week, as they have been focused on subtraction and 2D shape. The classroom has been very busy in challenge time as the Badgers produced posters, tables, calculations to show their growing knowledge in both aspects.

In English Badgers have begun working on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have text mapped the story, and then the year 1s and 2s developed this into writing their own story based on the fairy tale. Next week we will be looking at writing a letter from Goldilocks to baby bear to say sorry!

We enjoyed our learning in science this week... lots of drawing around people and making the human body to then label them to help us think about where everything is outside our body, but also inside our body and not forgetting which parts of the body we use in our 5 senses. Lots of scientific vocabulary used to explain the different aspects and learning!

Next week.... we continue to look at subtraction and 2D shapes, letter writing and we are looking forward to going to Malton Sport Centre for our Hockey afternoon!

KEEPER WOOD

This week in Keeper Wood we have been discussing the importance of reading and doing lots of activities that include reading.

We have been discussing what we have read, asking and answering questions to show our comprehension skills. The children need to show their understanding as well as being able to read. We have had a huge amount of children moving stages in CLICs, Learn its and Safes this week, Well done!!

FARTHING WOOD

This week Farthing Wood went to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Fair at Scarborough Spa. We had great fun, especially in the inflatable planetarium, which told us how a star is born and dies. We also saw a show, who had come up from the science museum in London, about forces starring 'Phil the Frog' who taught us about Isaac Newton, air resistance, gravity and much more.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Orders will be sent on **Monday, October 14th** so final orders with payment to the office first thing Monday morning please.

BAGS2SCHOOL

There will be a Bags2school collection on **Friday, 8th November** so have a good sort out! We will send bags and further information once these arrive in mid-October. Funds raised go to the Friends of School.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Governing Body is made up of Governors appointed by the Local Authority, Governors representing the staff, the Headteacher, representatives of the local community and Foundation Governors.

What Do Governors Do?

The Governors' work affects most aspects of the school's work. They establish, with the Headteacher, aims for the school, and approve policies – for the curriculum, behaviour and discipline, for example; and are responsible for the school's budget, the appointment of staff and the use and maintenance of the premises. More generally, they are expected to be in touch with the local community and to help guide the school to meet the community's educational needs. They are also expected to help the school explain to the community what the school is trying to achieve for their children. Details of our Governors are on the school website at www.heslerton.n.yorks.sch.uk

NON-UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday, October 18th**. Children may come to school in their own clothes and bring a donation for Friends of School. These will be used for fund raising at a later date.

Please may Friends ask for:

Badger Wood	alcohol
Keeper Wood	tombola prize
Farthing Wood	Tombola prize

Many thanks.

ATTACHED

Please find attached:-

- School website questionnaire
- Gymnastics club - YR-Y2
- Book fair flyer
- Dalby Forest flyer