



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

NEWSLETTER 17th MAY 2024

BADGER WOOD

95.24%

KEEPER WOOD

98.07%

FARTHING WOOD

98.64%

DIARY DATES

Monday 20th May, London Meeting for Y5 / Y6 3:30pm

Thursday 23rd May, Pop Up Library 9.30

- KW & FW History workshop – see ParentPay

Friday 24th May, School closes for half term

Monday 3rd June, School begins

Friday 7th June, Whole school trip to Albanwise

Wednesday 12th June, Busy Bodies session Y5 & Y6

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>

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. Please book soon to secure your free place. Thank you

REMINDER - SUPPORT PLANS

For those families with children with support plans, please return 1 signed copy of your child's support plan (sent home May 3rd). The 2nd copy is to keep. Many thanks.

REMINDER - TELEPHONE CALLS

Please note that all calls to school are recorded. Thank you.

SENT HOME

London residential consent letters
Busy Bodies letter Y5 & Y6 – Session 12th June
Primary Times



Speech Sound Development Workshop

When should I refer a child?

What types of speech sound difficulties do children experience?

How are speech sounds made?

How do speech sounds develop?

What can I do to support a child with speech sound difficulties?

This e-learning course is suitable for

* Professionals that work with children with speech sound difficulties

* Parents of children with speech sound difficulties

* Who live or work in the York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale Areas

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:
Free

Date and Time
Friday 7th June 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.

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

REMINDER WHOLE SCHOOL VISITS

We are delighted to be going on many trips next half term. Here is a brief overview. More details are included on Dojo for each event.

Albanwise visit - We are looking forward to visiting Albanwise and travelling around the Farm to see the hard work that goes into producing our food. Forest School kits, water bottles, sun cream and hats are needed please in a small rucksack. We'll be outdoors all day. Albanwise are funding this visit, **including lunch which will be provided there**. There is no charge for this visit.

Woldies - We are looking forward to visiting Woldies Farm, Wintringham, and walking around the nature areas to explore the natural wildlife in our area. We'll be testing our forest school skills in many exciting ways. Forest School kits, water bottles, sun cream and hats are needed please in a small rucksack that children can carry themselves. We'll be outdoors all day. **Please give your consent for this visit by May 20th on ParentPay**. Friends of School are funding this visit. We will have a picnic lunch whilst there. **Packed lunches can be provided by school if ordered on ParentPay by Monday 20th May**. There is no charge for this visit.

Beach - We are looking forward to visiting Scarborough South Bay beach, and walking around the rockpools to explore the natural wildlife on our local coasts. We'll be using our forest school skills in different ways in the beach environment. Forest School kits, water bottles, sun cream and hats are needed please in a small rucksack that children can carry themselves. We'll be outdoors all day. **Please give your consent for this visit by May 20th on ParentPay**. School sports funding is funding this visit. We will have a picnic lunch whilst there. **Lunches can be provided by school if ordered on ParentPay by Monday 20th May**. There is no charge for this visit.

Reminders nearer the time will be placed into newsletters. Details are accessible at any time on Dojo.

VIOLIN LESSONS

Dear Parents

I do hope that your children enjoyed seeing and hearing the violin music in assembly today. There is now the opportunity to learn the violin at West Heslerton CE Primary School with me. I am a qualified primary teacher with 14 years of teaching experience, and a lifelong violinist with a passion for spreading the love of playing music.

Learning a string instrument is hard work at times, but it brings many benefits, including improvements in memory, attention span and language processing, all of which supports their other learning in school. Children also learn to be patient and disciplined with their practice, building positive habits and seeing the rewards of their efforts. Above all, playing the violin should be a fun, rewarding activity with opportunities for making music with friends as well as individually.

Children will need a lot of support in the early stages of learning the violin, in a similar way to learning to read. They will need you to make time for a short daily practice and to help them with this. No expert knowledge is needed, as I will write in each child's practice book as well as sending short videos showing exactly how you can help. They will need less support once they reach a certain level of competency, but it is essential in the beginning to help children feel positive and motivated. The more they put in, the more they get out!

Lessons are £20 per individual 30 minute session, and children will need their own violin – I can advise about sourcing these and finding the correct sizes. Children of all ages can play and there is no 'perfect' time to start. Please send me a WhatsApp/Text/Email providing the information below, ideally by Friday 24th May, and I will be in touch.

Best wishes

Lucy Brunsden

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I am interested in music lessons for my child

_____ as follows:

- Violin, starting as soon as possible
- Violin, starting in September

Child's age:

Any previous musical experience:

Parent/Guardian name and contact information:

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

BADGER WOOD

The Badgers have all shown great teamwork and perseverance skills. They practiced doing an overhand knot/stopper knot and threading to create a beautiful caterpillar. Next, they added wings for their caterpillar to make a butterfly. Pressing flowers to make patterns on the wings was very popular and they had great fun flying their butterflies. Well done everyone!



KEEPER WOOD

Bug hunting and adventures at Devil's Hill.



FARTHING WOOD

We have been working on our new reflection area: weeding, moving planters, building up the dead hedge and clearing the decking.



Friends of West Heslerton School
Meeting Minutes - Monday 13th May 2024

Present: Emma Pennock, Emma Nutt, Emma Johnston, Anna Tindall, Nicola Fox, Rachel Wells

Apologies: Anna Kemp, Rosie Pease, Victoria Malthouse, Chloe Stockdale

Minutes from the last meeting:

Leavers Hoodies – EP to keep hoodies until May half term. Suggested each pupil pays £5 towards their hoodie and Friends cover the rest as per previous years. Most hoodies now paid for.

Bingo Night – Thank you to everyone who came along & supported, raised just over £700. Booking opens Jan 2025 for a slot next year.

New Events to discuss:

Albanwise Open Farm Day - Friday 7th June. Funded by Albanwise for pupils. Parents invited this year, £10 per person to include lunch. Proceeds to Friends. 21 parents have signed up & paid. Friends to send thank you letter after the event (AT).

Whole School trip - Woldies Nature Farm Thursday 13th June. Friends to fund this trip at cost of £664. School to pay for transport.

Open Evening – Wednesday 3rd July – uniform swap shop, please bring cash donations, proceeds to Friends.

Summer Fair - Sunday 7th July 11-3pm Heslerton Sports Club

1. Non uniform day on 28th June in return for soft toys for 'Teddy Tombola' or other small prize
2. School could help with cash floats to use on the day (RW)
3. Older children to volunteer in pairs on some of the stalls – RW to send out slips to parents
4. Ask sports club if they have a risk assessment / are dogs allowed on the field? (EP)
5. Distribute posters through local letter boxes / out to local schools (All)
6. Add 'cash only' to posters (EP)
7. Request to borrow tombola spinner from Village Hall (EP)
8. Contact local businesses for sponsorship / donations e.g. will Morrisons donate bread buns? (AT)

Play Performances – Friday 12th July 1:30pm & 6pm - Friends to sell refreshments at both performances (hot / cold drinks, cakes & lollies), cash only.

Sports Day – Monday 15th or Wednesday 17th July – Friends to sell cold drinks & lollies. Family picnic on the field afterwards.

AOB:

Easyfundraising app – encourage parents to download the app, £716 raised so far just by doing your shopping. RW to put on Dojo & EP on WhatsApp.

Interactive Whiteboard, trolley & Ipad docking station - Friends have agreed to fund the purchase of these. RW to let us know once order placed.