

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER June 10th 2022

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SCHOOL

Uniform – please may we remind you to label all school uniform. Lost property has lots of unnamed uniform, which we will put out on display at the forthcoming open evening. Please check all uniform your child has does belong to them!

After school club – the club is full some nights this term. Please book ahead if required.

New classes – Children will be spending time in their new classes on Wednesday, June 22nd, please see letter attached.

Year 6 - the year 6 children will visit Malton School or Norton College on June 21st and 22nd. Secondary schools will get in touch directly about arrangements for this.

Village hall – we have been asked to remind children not to play in the grounds of the village hall as this is private property.

Mrs Martin – Mrs Martin, ATA, will be working in Keeper Wood each morning funded by our small covid recovery grant.

COVID

DfE guidance states: Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious, minimum 3 days.

If you are at all unsure, please contact school and we'll do our best to help you.

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Thank you to Will Watts for the Woodland Activity Club. This free club used a covid grant which covered this school year.

Local holiday clubs we are aware of are:

One Tree Tribe - admin@onetreetribe.com

Malton Community Sports Centre - 01653 605365

Skids for Kids, Seamer - 01723 865655

Fun Factory Scarborough - 01723 500511

Fire Station Malton - 01653 694768

SWIMMING GALA

Malton Swim Club have recently been awarded community sports club of the year and are keen to develop links with local primary schools in the shape of a fun swim gala. The aim of the gala is to give current club swimmers a first opportunity to swim competitively in an informal gala. Malton Swim Club are inviting pupils in Years 4,5 & 6 who are keen swimmers and whom are able to swim 25m independently to join in. Your child has expressed an interest if an invitation letter is attached. The gala is to be held on **Tuesday 12th July and registration is from 5:45pm**. Parents would need to bring their child to the event and stay for the duration. Please returned the attached form if interested.

FAIR TRADE

There is a Fair Trade stall in school from until Friday, 17th June selling small gifts. This may be an opportunity for children to buy Fathers' Day gifts. Prices are up to £7. We will open the stall on the Open Evening if there is anything left!

MENU CHANGE



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

BADGER WOOD

We had a lovely day at the Wildlife Park learning about the animals and understanding more about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores by looking at replica skulls and the teeth that they had.



KEEPER WOOD

Children in Keepers and Farthings got the chance to go to an archaeological dig in East Heslerton. The dig was looking for Anglo-Saxon remains. The children spoke to the people on the dig and got to see some trenches as well as artefacts that had been found including bones, pottery, and even a bone comb and knife blade. It was a fantastic experience for everyone.



FARTHING WOOD

Farthing Wood enjoyed playing rounders against 7 other schools. They played well and we were really proud of the sportsmanship shown.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

This week we have been learning to identify Elder, and taken local walks to pick the flowers to make cordial.

OPEN EVENING

We will be holding an Open Evening on **Monday, June 20th from 3.30 - 5pm** for parents to come and view their child's work from this school year and meet their child's new teacher if applicable.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

May we please remind you that West Heslerton is a nut free school. Please check that any food coming into school does not contain any trace of nuts. Traces may be found in chocolate spread and other fillings. This is to safeguard children with allergies.

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CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

- **Monday 13th June** - CU Team collect passports from school reception. These will be returned as soon as all information has been collated.
- **Friday 8th July** - YR6 Graduation at Scarborough Spa

ATTACHED:

Please see attached:

- Food choices for London Trip
- Swimming gala form – for interested pupils in Y4-6
- New class letter
- Swimming letter Y pre R - Y3

DIARY DATES

Monday, June 20 th	Open Evening 3.30-5.00pm
Wednesday, June 22 nd	New classes day
Friday, June 24 th	Parent Forum at 2.45pm
Monday, June 27 th –	Farthing Wood Visit
Wednesday, June 29 th	to London
Monday, July 11 th	Start of play week
Friday, July 15 th	Play performances, 1.30pm and 6pm for Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood.
Monday, July 18 th	Sports afternoon
Wednesday, July 20 th	Reserve sports afternoon
Thursday, July 21 st	Leavers' service at church.
Friday, July 22 nd	School closes for the summer.

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes and additions to these as the term

PARENT VOICE MEETING

Thank you to the 3 parents who attended the recent parent voice meeting.

We discussed:

- Changes to the menu that were last minute due to new food suppliers appointed by NYCC. The suppliers now seem to be into a delivery routine so further changes are not anticipated.
- Parents were concerned about parents stopping at the junction of High Street and Church Street to collect their children and children running out between cars to cross the road. We remind all pupils of where to cross the road in the village. Please can all parents check they are considering the safety of everyone?
- Parents asked if there was the opportunity for a uniform swap session. Many parents had children's uniform that had not been worn during lockdowns that is now too small. If anybody is able to help us out with organising an informal event, please get in touch.
- Parents asked about information for new starters. Parents of children starting next term will have received a letter inviting their child to a taster day in June. We will organise an Open Evening early in September for those starting after Christmas and after Easter. Pre-reception provision from January is likely to be 2 days per week due to increased pupil numbers.
- Parents questioned if clothing suppliers had altered as school uniform seemed different. School will investigate this.
- We discussed being a Forest School which for us means all children are learning outdoors every week. This is not the case in all schools who refer to themselves as forest schools. Parents really approve of the Forest School childcare club and weekly afternoon session.
- How is school supporting pupils learning after Covid?
- We have a high number of adults in each class to support all pupils to make academic and social progress. We are regularly checking pupils learning in class and using adults to fill gaps in pupils' knowledge and skills so that they make good progress.
- School has been employing an additional member of staff, Miss Trueman, to work with Mrs Woodward and Miss Johnson in Badger Wood.
- Mrs Wardell is a full time advanced teaching assistant working with Mrs Bickerton in Farthing Wood.
- Mrs Triffitt is a full time advanced teaching assistant supporting Miss Shackley in Keeper Wood. Governors are using the small National Tutoring Programme grant to employ Mrs Martin to work in Keeper Wood 4 mornings per week this term and 3 mornings per week throughout the autumn term (due to swimming) to support pupils' learning. All children receive a high level of adult interaction in school to achieve their best.

The next parental forum meeting will take place on Friday 24th June at 2.45. Please pop along for a cuppa and a chat.

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PLATINUM JUBILEE

The whole school celebrated the Platinum Jubilee by dressing in red, white and blue and enjoyed a celebration afternoon tea at lunch time. The children sang the National Anthem before sitting down for their lunch. The Union Flag with a picture of the Queen was flown. The children in Badger Wood collected things on the field along with flowers to decorate jubilee crowns.



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