

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 22nd 2019

FAIRTRADE

There will be a Fairtrade stall in school once again selling small items for the children to buy for Christmas. This will be here from **December 3rd – December 13th**.

TOPIC LANDING-FOREST SCHOOL CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating this term's work with a Forest School Celebration on **Friday, December 13th from 2pm**. The children would love to share their work with you and there will be Forest School Christmas crafts to buy. Friends of school will provide tea and coffee.

SCAMPSTON BULB PLANTING

The children in Keeper Wood will be visiting Scampston Hall Gardens on **Wednesday, November 27th** to plant bulbs in the school gardens there. They will travel after an early lunch with Fletchers Coaches and be accompanied by Miss Shackley and Mrs Wardell. The children will need their Forest School kits.

HOSPICE STALL

Next week we will be hosting a Christmas Stall on behalf of St Catherine's Hospice. There will be a range of things to buy, from 99p to £6.99, with most things around the £2/£3 mark. Pupils are welcome to purchase gifts for family. All proceeds will go to St Catherine's Hospice.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year our Christmas Appeal will be closer to home as we will work with local churches to support those in need in Ryedale. We would like to ask for a donation of Christmas food or a Christmas gift which we are collecting in the box in the school hall.



FRIENDS

Friends' raffle

Friends of school are selling raffle tickets for a Christmas Draw. There are some amazing prizes so please sell as many tickets as possible. A book is attached and further books are available from the school office. The draw will take place at the Topic Landing.

Friends are continuing to collect 5ps so please have a good look in purses, drawers etc. before the end of term.

BEWERLEY PARK

There will be a meeting for children and parents on **Thursday, November 28th** from 3.30 – 4pm to give more information about the upcoming visit to Bewerley Park.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Football

The last football club will be on **Wednesday, November 27th**.

Benchball

There will be a Benchball Club for children in years 3-6, commencing on Wednesday, December 4th and continuing until February 12th. Please see attached letter.

HESLERTON AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The focus next week is making Christmas decorations. All welcome, please book your place at the office.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

There will be a university passport check on **Thursday, December 5th**. Please bring passports and evidence to school that day, thank you.

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

BADGER WOOD

This week in English, we have been looking at the Three Little Pigs story. We did a recount from the third little pig's perspective and then looked at it through the wolf's too.

We used money in maths to buy from our shop and work out the change.

We finished the week making Christmas crafts in Forest schools.

FARTHING WOOD

This week has seen us finish our coded space games using the Hopscotch app, finding out that multiplying a fraction by a fraction gives an answer that is smaller rather than bigger (which is different to multiplying whole numbers) and carry on using our 'sentence stacking' technique to write our pieces based around the characters Liam and Florida from our class book 'Cosmic'. In addition to all this we have also begun to look at gears and pulleys – so we can now begin to design and make Mars Rovers over the next few weeks

P.E.KITS

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has a warm outdoor P.E. kit in school, thank you.

PE kit should comprise of:-

White T-shirt, Royal blue or black shorts

P.E. shoes suitable for indoors or outdoors

Spare jumper, sweatshirt or tracksuit for cold days

Please ensure these are named!

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. Why not book for Christmas shopping!

KEEPER WOOD

In maths this week we have been working on division techniques and the children are starting to understand the link between division and multiplication. We need to know our multiplications to be able to answer division questions.

The children have been working really hard in their swimming lessons and this week all their hard work paid off as they were assessed by their own swimming teachers. They had to complete various tasks in the water and were tested on their understanding of water safety.

Year 4 were invited to Generation tea in the village where they distributed harvest gifts. On their way they delivered food parcels to local residents.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done to Badger Wood who raised £51.87 for Children in Need at their Pudsey afternoon.

Thank you for your support.

BLUE CROSS STALL

Jamie, Louie, Ben and Luke raised £78.50 for the Blue Cross animal charity.

Thank you for supporting us and our charity.

Jamie, Louie, Ben and Luke

MEET THE GOVERNORS: ANN ANDREWS Co-opted governor

Six years ago I was approached by a North Yorkshire County Councillor and asked if I would consider becoming a governor at West Heslerton School.

After visiting the school and meeting Mrs Wells, the staff and pupils I was very impressed and pleased to accept the position of a governor.

I was an early years practitioner for 26 years, parent support officer and staff governor for 12 years in an outstanding school in the West Midlands and am now retired. I am passionate about forest schools and giving children the opportunity of learning outside the classroom.

I have the privilege of working in school voluntarily every Thursday which has enabled me to get to know the staff and children and to experience first hand the team work and commitment of everyone involved in the school.

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We are now building up to Christmas and below are the dates of all the local Christmas services and events for your information. There will be banners at each church advertising the services happening there. As always the Buckrose Carrs newsletter will help get the information to everyone.

Here are the dates:-

West Heselton

1st Dec 6pm-Advent carol service

16th Dec 10am - Carols at the cafe

Yedingham

16th Dec 7pm - Carol Service

25th Dec 10am - Christmas day service

Thorpe Bassett

22nd Dec 4pm - Carol Service

Rillington

5th Dec 6pm - Light Switch On

15th Dec 11am - Carol Service.

17th Dec 10am - Christmas at the Cafe

24th Dec 4pm - Family Nativity

Scampston

15th Dec 11am - Carol Service

24th Dec 11pm - Midnight Mass

Sherburn

16th Dec 7pm - Beer & Carols

19th Dec 7pm - Carol service

24th Dec 2pm - Family Nativity

SWIMMING

Next week will be the last swimming for the reception to year 4 children. This will be a fun session!

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR ASSISTANT - VACANCY

Required as soon as possible.

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor to work 4 hours per week, from 12 noon to 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at school.

The role involves supervision of the children during lunch and in the playground after lunch.

For an application form and further details, please enquire at the school office.

Applications close at 12 noon **on Friday, November 29th**.

BOOK PEOPLE

The Book People have started a scheme called Big Book Boost where rewards can be earned for schools. For each £10 spent school will receive £1 towards books. Please see attached flyer.

DIET SHEET -reminder

Please return any diet sheets as soon as possible, thank you.

ATTACHED

Please find attached:-

- Raffle tickets
- Benchball Club letter –years 3-6
- Book People flyer