# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**NEWSLETTER December 6<sup>th</sup> 2019** 

#### CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas celebrations have now begun with decorating the Christmas tree. There will be a post box in school from Monday for children to post cards to each other if they wish to do so.

The children in Keeper Wood will visit Hope Central on Wednesday.



# FAIRTRADE

There will be a Fairtrade stall in school once again selling small items for the children to buy for Christmas until **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.** 

# **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 until **December 13<sup>th</sup>.** 

# **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Volunteer helpers are needed for the Christmas Party on **Friday, December 20th**. Please let the office know if you can help, thank you.

# YEAR 6 MATHS

Please see attached a Parental information sheet and parental consent form regarding a maths study for year 6 pupils.

Parents need to complete the form if they wish for their children to opt out and return it to school by **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

# LIBRARY BOOKS

Please will you return all library books next week, thank you.

**TOPIC LANDING-FOREST SCHOOL CELEBRATION** 

We will be celebrating this term's work with a Forest School Celebration on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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, coffee and Christmas refreshments. **Friends would welcome donations of Christmas baking please on Friday.** 

# **Cancer Research Stall**

Home baked cakes to take away will be produced and sold by Izabel and Lucy, former pupils of the school. Funds raised will be donated to Cancer Research.

# 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, books are available from the school office. Please return all ticket stubs by Friday morning, thank you. The draw will take place at the Topic Landing not as stated on tickets.

# SCHOOL CLUBS

Next week is the last week for gymnastics, circuits and benchball clubs this term. The following new clubs will take place after school next half term: Gymnastics – Monday for reception – Y3 First Aid – Monday for years 4,5,6.

Cricket – Tuesdays for reception – Y3

Benchball will continue on Wednesdays. Please see attached letters and booking slips. There will be opportunities for sports clubs for other ages after half term.

# ATTACHED

Please find attached:--Club letters

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

### **COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

The children in Badger Wood will be singing at West Heslerton village hall on **Monday**, **16**<sup>th</sup> **December**.



### 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!

#### SWINTON AND DISTRICT EXCELSIOR BAND

Swinton and District Excelsior Band are holding an Open Evening on Friday 10th January from 6.30pm. We are a local village brass band and have a training band which meets most Fridays between 6.30 and 8.30pm. We teach you how to read music and play a brass instrument, we will even loan you an instrument. There are no charges or subscriptions to pay you just need to commit to practising at home and coming along each Friday. If you'd like to find our more come and see us, have a go at some instruments and ask any questions you might have with absolutely no obligation. Ideally learners should have their adult front teeth, there is no upper age limit so adults are equally welcome. To book a slot or if you have any queries contact Steve and Tracey on 01653 696417 or email tpopam1@yahoo.co.uk or have a look at our Facebook page.

#### PARKING

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our school Christmas events over the next 2 weeks. Please could all families arrive in plenty of time for events to allow time to park safely and walk to school or church. We would ask you to consider our local residents when parking during these busy times.

# **GENERATION TEA**

Pupils in Year 3 went to Generation Tea this week. They worked with older residents to prepare for Christmas. Pupils made and wrote cards, wrapped gifts, made snowmen decorations and learnt to box up sweet treats as gifts. Thank you to all those Generation Tea members who provided craft supplies and goodies for pupils to bring home. We hope all families enjoyed these









Children in year 4 decorated Christmas trees for local churches, including Ganton.