



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

NEWSLETTER October 7th 2022

DIARY DATES

Monday, 10th October – School photographs – see box below

Thursday, 13th October – Farthing Wood STEM TRIP– see box below

Monday, 17th October – Flu immunisations – see Dojo for links

Friday, 21st October – Harvest Festival 1.30pm at Church – see box below.

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes and additions to these as the term progresses. Please check the school website for details <http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>

THANK YOU

Dear parents

Many, many thanks for all the wonderful gifts and best wishes that you gave me on my last day at West Heslerton school. I have enjoyed every one of my 27 years at the school, it has been like a family to me. I wish all of you and your children the very best for the future.

Julie Mason

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The school Harvest Festival will take place at West Heslerton church on **Friday, October 21st at 1.30pm** please join us, all welcome.

We would be happy to receive donations of store cupboard produce. Tins and packets will be shared with local older residents. If your child is able to decorate a small shoebox, we'd love to deliver goods in these. As always, we ask you to give what you can. We recognise that times are tricky.

FARTHING WOOD STEM VISIT

The children in Farthing Wood will be visiting Scarborough Spa on **Thursday, October 13th** for the Science and Engineering Festival. They will travel with Esk Valley coaches and be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell. We will leave school at 10.30am and return for the end of the school day. The children will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks only in cartons please, no cans or bottles. School is able to provide a packed lunch if you wish, please return the attached form on **Monday 10th October**, thank you. Children will need a waterproof coat and sensible shoes. School carries insurance for all visits. Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary.

FLU IMMUNISATION

Children who have been registered for this will receive their immunisation in school on Monday, October 17th. **Last date to consent is Monday, October 10th**. Please see the event listing on Dojo on Monday, October 17th for links and passwords needed to register your child.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on **Monday, October 10th** to take family and individual photos. Please bring any pre-school children you would like to include to school at 8.30am.

REMINDER

Pupils doing PE or sports clubs should wear their PE kit to school; white T-Shirt, black joggers or leggings and trainers. Children will need a fleece for warmth. We will need to phone parents to collect their children if they are not appropriately dressed.

IQ CARDS – CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER 2022

Your child has been very creative making a Christmas design. This unique design is available to purchase on different items, please see the enclosed sheet for details.

Your payment must be made to the school with the order via Parent Pay as per the instructions on the sheet. Please return and pay for all order by Friday, October 14th, thank you.

Please support the school by ordering. Any queries please contact the school office.

PHONICS EVENING

A fun phonics evening will be held for Badger Wood and Keeper Wood children and their parents on Wednesday, 2nd November from 3.45pm in the school hall. Please come along to discover what phonics is, how we teach phonics here and pick up some useful tips to help your child with their reading at home. We'll include snippets of activities from class sessions for adults to see. Nobody will be tested!

mat, please contact the school office.

BADGER WOOD

We have had a visitor this week who came to help us with our current topic 'All About Me'. Dr Doherty talked about the bones, muscles and organs in our bodies (and even made the skeleton talk). He showed us some of the equipment he carries in his bag. He showed us how he would use an otoscope to check our ears and throats. He also showed us all what he would use a stethoscope for. The class asked lots of interesting questions and were keen to tell everyone of their own experiences.

Thank you, Dr Doherty, for taking time out of your day to come and talk to us.



KEEPER WOOD

Everyone had a great time at MCSC playing football or dodgeball.



FARTHING WOOD

The Science Bus came from Malton Secondary School and we were amazed when we watched Dr Free do some fantastic chemical changes. We had a go ourselves and made an elastic band and slime. It was tonnes of fun!



MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENT

A big thank you to all that joined us for our MacMillan coffee event we raised £121.50. Thank you for your continued support and fantastic baking!

ABSENCES

Please telephone the school office if your child is late or ill. We need a phone call every day to ensure safety.

Dojo messages and emails are not always checked first thing in the morning.



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

IPAD MINIS FOR SALE

We have surplus stocks of older iPad Minis after replacing some here. These are being offered for sale to parents and families. These are Versions 9 and 12, come with a Survivor cover so very tough. These iPads do not support the latest apps. However, they can still be used to do many tasks: cast films from the internet on smart TVs, browse the internet. Play internet games e.g. Spelling Shed, TT rockstars.

We have 31 of these to find homes for so would like £10 donation to school for Version 9 and a £15 donation to school for Version 12. These machines will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

As the cooler weather approaches, we'd like to be able to get children home promptly and safely should the weather turn bad. Please see the letter coming home with your child to explain how closures are advertised to avoid setting off on early morning unnecessary wintry journeys and allow your child to travel home with others should this help in bad conditions.

PARENTS EVENING CALLS

A big thank you to all those who joined their class teacher in telephone calls to discuss how their child had settled in.

Thank you for your helpful comments in helping us all work together to support your child in the best possible way. If your child's teacher discussed a support plan for your child, this is included in the pack coming home with your child today.

ENCLOSURES

School closure procedure
Sports Club letters for Nov/Dec
IQ Christmas designs - orders to be returned to school by 14th October
Farthing Wood visit lunch form – please return Monday 10th October
SEN support plan if your child is included on the SEN register