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

NEWSLETTER 20th OCTOBER 2023

DIARY DATES

Thursday 26th October, London 2024 deposit deadline **Friday 27th October,** Harvest Festival at 1.30pm at West Heslerton Church, all invited.

School closes for half term

Sunday 29th October, Friends Pumpkin Trail Monday 6th November, School begins Wednesday 8th November, FW & KW to Cineworld

- Phonics info evening for Decention revent
- Phonics info evening for Reception parents
 Monday 13th November, Friends non-uniform day
 Wednesday 20th December, Nativity
 - Christmas lunch

Friday 22nd December, School closes for Christmas. 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 and Dojo for details. <u>http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk</u>

FAIRTRADE

We are a big supporter of Fairtrade here at school. Next half term we will host a Fairtrade stall so that children can purchase surprise Christmas gifts for their families. More details in November.

FARTHING WOOD AND KEEPER WOOD CINEMA VISIT

Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood children will experience a trip to the cinema on **Wednesday 8th November.** We'll be seeing The Railway Children at Cineworld, York as part of our remembrance activities. The transport will be provided by Esk Valley Coaches and funded by school fund. We have secured cinema tickets from Into Film. There is no cost to parents. Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. No snacks please, can everyone have a good breakfast.

REMINDER HARVEST FESTIVAL

The school Harvest Festival will take place at West Heslerton All Saints' Church on **Friday, October 27th 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 in the community next half term. Children can go home from church with an adult at the end of this service. **No bags on Friday please** as we will be at church.





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

MEET THE GOVERNOR – LOUISA TODD

Hello there, how are you? I am Lou Todd and I have been elected as the Vice Chair to the Governors. It is such an honour to be able to support the school and I am excited to support the changes that will not only benefit the students and the teachers, but the parents too.

I work for the Cabinet Office as a programme manager in the Government Commercial Function - I have an extensive portfolio of continuous improvement and working in efficiency, which supports the school too. Prior to this I have worked in Civil Engineering and served for 16 years in the British Army in the Royal Corps of Signals. Outside of work, I love taking my family travelling in our campervan, Rowena, so if you do see us out and about, do wave and I will certainly wave back.

If you would like to raise concerns, have ideas or would like a general chat - please contact the office or grab me on the school run. Thank you xx

PHONICS EVENING

A fun phonics evening will be held for Reception children their parents on **Wednesday**, 8th **November** from 3.45pm in the school hall. Please come along with your child 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.

BADGER WOOD

Our book this week, Pumpkin Soup, has inspired the children in many different areas. We have seen many delightful pumpkin drawings, and had great discussions about the story. Well done everyone.





REMINDER - TEDDIES NEEDED PLEASE

Do you have a less loved soft toy at home looking for a new home? Friends of School would love donations for a teddy tombola at the Pumpkin Trail. Please bring your toys to school - there's a box in the hall for donations.

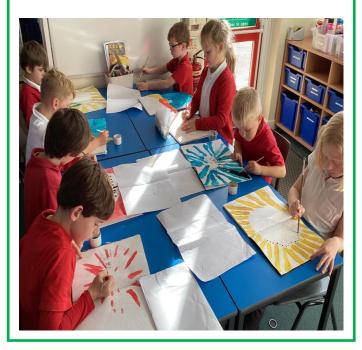
BAG2SCHOOL

A big thank you to everyone who donated.

FRIENDS NON-UNIFORM DAY!

Non-Uniform Day **Monday 13th November.** Wear your own clothes to school. Bring a small gift for Friends to make into a range of Christmas hampers. You may choose to bring something like a chocolate orange, shower gel, Christmas decoration etc, all donations welcome!

KEEPER WOOD Roy Lichtenstein inspired Pop art work.



SENT HOME

-Friends Pumpkin Trail details
-Forest School booking form
-PG film permission to those children in KW & FW for whom we haven't had a response
-Emergency contacts details to those children for whom we haven't had a response
- Primary Times

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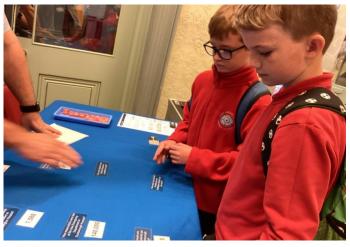
FARTHING WOOD

We had an absolutely fantastic time at Scarborough Fair finding out how STEM is used in the wider world.









FLU CATCH UP CLINICS

All children whose parents had requested a flu vaccination were vaccinated by health staff in school on Wednesday this week.

For those wishing to be vaccinated but not in school or for those families who missed the deadline, please request an appointment by emailing the team on <u>scarborough@v-uk.co.uk</u> with all the following details;

Child's name, date of birth, school, year group and parent/carer contact number. NHS staff will contact the parent/carer to book an appointment.

Please note, all clinics are APPOINTMENT ONLY

Monday 30 Oct 2023 - 10am - 2pm Thursday 02 Nov 2023 - 10am - 2pm Monday 13 Nov 2023 - 3pm - 4pm Tuesday 28 Nov 2023 - 3pm - 4pm Tuesday 12 Dec 2023 - 3pm - 5pm <u>AT:</u> Cayley Court, Eastfield, YO11 3YJ

SPORTS CLUB PLACES

Club places for gymnastics and multi sports have been confirmed via Dojo

SAFEGUARDING

At morning drop off please can parents / carers who wish to bring their children right up to school say goodbye to their children at the bottom of the ramp. This ensures all adults on the school site are safeguarding checked by school or appropriate bodies. Thank you for your continued support.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Friends of School can raise funds without it costing parents anything at all! Please download the Easy Fundraising app on your phone or device and search for Heslerton Primary School Friends. Set that as your cause and the app automatically collects donations directly from companies on shopping websites used!

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POPPY APPEAL

We are delighted to provide poppies and a range of items from the Royal British Legion to help pupils prepare for Remembrance Day. Some items are limited and sold on a first come, first served basis. Items will be offered at morning breaktime from Monday. Children will need correct change please for the Legion's donation box.



October Half-Term at the NYMR



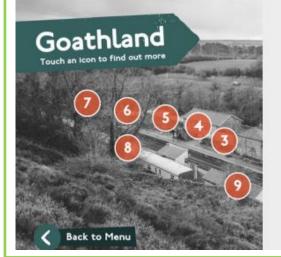
Free family crafts

Join us during October Half-Term for some family fun! Drop in and make a lantern to guide your way home. Free to join and no need to book, just pop in between **10am and 2pm**. Most suitable for ages 5-10 **Monday 30th October and Friday 3rd November**, Learning Coach at Goathland Station **Tuesday 31st and Thursday 2nd November**, Classroom on Platform 2 of Pickering Station

Free story sessions

All aboard the story train! On **Wednesday** Ist November, IIam- 12:30pm we will be adventuring into fantastic storyworlds in our Learning Coach at Goathland Station. Come along to this drop-in session, no need to book.





Station Stories App

Download our new free Station Stories app to discover Goathland Station.

Make the most of your stop in Goathland using the hot spot tour to find out about the stories behind the buildings around the station. Discover the people who have and still work here in the 'Who works here?' feature. The app also includes an audio described tour option.

Three family-friendly games to play!

Free to download from the App Store and Google Play -Download before your visit or at the station by connecting to our free Station WiFi.