

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## NEWSLETTER February 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

### SIAMS

#### (STATUTORY INSPECTION OF ANGLICAN AND METHODIST SCHOOLS)

Thank you to all parents who took the time to send comments to school for our recent inspection, Governors wish to share these comments with you to celebrate the good work here in school.

Our child has come home telling us what "perseverance" and "conflict" mean, as she has learnt about them. Her wonderful teachers, teaching assistants and all staff have had a huge impact on our child, helping her to feel settled, confident and happy at school.

We love how the older children care about the younger ones, and they all help each other.

Kindness, faithfulness and generosity are shown by the school on a regular basis.

The school do an excellent job of allowing the children to learn about the Christian faith and others. We particularly like the visits to the church and how grace is said by different pupils at lunchtimes.

Overall we couldn't be more pleased with the high standard this school operated within and would highly recommend it to anyone.

Our daughter is very secure in a loving school environment.

Our children enjoy coming to school, there's so many activities for them to enjoy.

All children are well looked after, nothing is too much for them and if you need to have a chat with a teacher about your child they always make sure they can see you.

My child is aware of the Christian values particularly as he has learnt the Makaton signs. It has made an impression and has made him more thoughtful.

The school helps the children to be kind, caring and happy members of the community.

The school has been amazing in supporting us all at this time. I cannot praise this school enough to friends and family. It continues to grow which is amazing.

The school has Christian values at heart.

All the staff are brilliant and have included all the hallmarks of a Christian life, ensuring he has settled into the school after not being happy at another. He is now a happy child who loves school.

All children are well cared for I really like how the children are recognised for their kindness. I would recommend this school to many people.

I am very happy with not only academic aspects of the school but how they have holistic approaches of the child and teach love, kindness and empathy.

Governors are expecting the full SIAMS report in approximately 3 weeks. We will send copies home as soon as this is released.

### CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

You may have heard a lot in the news recently about Coronavirus. As a school, we have been following advice from the government. Guidance is available to the public on:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

All students and staff should continue to attend school unless advised not to by public health officials.

We will continue to encourage all pupils, staff and visitors to wash hands often, avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands and cover any coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then binning the tissue.

If school receives notification of a confirmed case amongst the school population, we will follow advice from the local Health Protection Team. In most cases, closure of the school setting will be unnecessary.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World book day on **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, author or in their pyjamas ready for bedtime story.

**Please could all children bring a large potato!**

Please see attached Book Day voucher.

### YEAR 5 VISIT TO NORTON COLLEGE

Year 5 pupils will have a secondary school taster day on **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. They will travel to Norton College and spend a day sampling some of the exciting subjects on offer. Heselton staff will take them to and from the bus stop to Norton College staff. Coaches are provided by Norton College. Transport will return the pupils to the village, removing the need to cross the A64. Pupils will need warm coats, sensible shoes and their usual school uniform. **Pupils will need to take a packed lunch.**

An opportunity will be provided to visit Malton School next term to help families make an informed decision for secondary schools at the start of year 6.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

We were welcomed to All Saints Church by Rev'd Jo White for an Ash Wednesday service. She encouraged us all to think about improving ourselves and passing this on. The effect of us all doing this could be magical.

It was lovely to welcome adults to our service too. All children and adults were given the opportunity to have an ash cross on their forehead to forgive our past mistakes and focus upon doing things right throughout Lent.



### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

#### Friends of School meeting

There will be a on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at 8.45am. All welcome, come along and share ideas.

#### Friends Event - reminder

Friends of School will be holding a board games and hot chocolate event after school on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** from 3.30-5.30pm. This will replace the Forest After School Club on this day only and will cost £5 per child. Please return the attached slip to school with payment by **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** so that we can gauge numbers, thank you.

Friends are continuing to collect 5ps until the end of term.

### GENERATION TEA

Year 4 pupils attended February's generation Tea this week. We played games such as draughts, dominoes, jacks, ludo and pick-up-sticks. There was lots of chatter between everyone. Thanks to everyone for a fun time.



### PARENTAL FORUM

Mrs Wells will host a Parental Forum on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9.00am. All welcome for a cuppa and chat.

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

### BADGER WOOD

This week, we started writing riddles. We read them out so the class could guess who they were about.

In R.E. we continued learning about the Mosque and what makes it sacred. Reception children started learning about celebration.

### FARTHING WOOD

The word "leper/leprosy" has intrigued the class this week after reading the prologue to a book called, "The Island at the End of Everything" by Kiran Millwood.

We then moved on to a non-fiction text that told us a little more by introducing us to the history of the island of Spinalonga, just off the coast of Crete, in Greece. The children have had to use all their skills to be able to answer many PJ (point and justification) questions based on the texts we have read.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme this half term is Holy Week and Easter. We hope to investigate this in detail.

### KEEPER WOOD

This week in Keeper Wood the children have been focusing on editing their own writing independently. They did this by focusing on specific features at each editing station around the classroom. The children have now written their neat version of their letter, they are very impressive! They have worked hard with their handwriting and making sure that it makes sense for the reader.

The children have been continuing with their fractions work, this week they started looking at problems with fractions, this was quite tricky.

### DINNERS

Dinner on Tuesdays of week 3 will be Chicken Korma instead of Chicken Tikka as this has not proved popular.

### FAIRTRADE

Thank you for supporting the Fairtrade stall this week. We took almost £100, raising £10 for school Fairtrade resources.

Fairtrade fortnight continues next week, please lookout for products in shops.

### LENT



### ASTHMA -REMINDER

Please would you return the asthma letter, if not already done. One is attached for families who have not returned them. **It is a requirement that school have this information, so please return it as soon as possible.**

### **SCHOOL SAVINGS SCHEME**

At West Heslerton School we operate a savings scheme for parents to save as much or as little as they would like, either regularly or just from time to time.

We offer the children the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities, some of which we ask for a parental contribution and others we pay for from the school budgets. We are conscious that costs can add up and sometimes visits come along all at once! Saving just a small amount can spread these costs and some children have taken money home at the end of their time here!

If you would like to start a savings scheme for your child or family, please ask at the office.

### **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.

### **MIDDAY SUPERVISOR ASSISTANT - VACANCY**

#### **Required after Easter.**

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.

Closing date for applications: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### **ATTACHED**

Please see attached:

- Book Voucher
- Asthma letter if required
- Football Y4-6
- Dates for diary for this half term