

## WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

### NEWSLETTER 24TH OCTOBER 2024

Our newsletter is also available to view on the school website at:

<https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/newsletters>

#### BADGER WOOD

93.99 %

#### KEEPER WOOD

93.97%

#### FARTHING WOOD

97.85%

#### DIARY DATES

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**, Harvest Festival at Church 1:30pm.

- School closes for half term.
- Friends Halloween party 5-7pm see poster for details.

#### HALF TERM

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**, School begins.

- Gymnastics Club begins for YR – Y2.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**, Bag2school clothing collection 9am.

Please drop donations in the parent shelter at any time prior.

- Stephen Joseph Theatre Drama Club begins for Y1 – Y3.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**, Y3 & Y4 Football at Malton Community Sports Centre.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**, Phonics session for parents of Reception children 9am.

- Swimming week 6 for Y1 – Y4.
- Pop up library at 2pm.
- Wellness Drumming Club Y3 – Y6.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**, Remembrance collective worship 10:30am to be followed by the national silence.

- Friends meeting 2:30pm.
- Gymnastics Club YR – Y2.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, Odd Socks Day.

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes so please check the school website and Dojo for details.

<http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>

#### CLUBS

Thank you to Harry Sheader Sports Club for Gymnastic Club Y3 – Y6 and to Stephen Joseph Theatre for Active Drumming YR – Y2.

Please book Forest After School Club for childcare for next half term – places are booked quickly and numbers are limited.

#### BADGER WOOD PHONICS SESSION

A fun phonics session will be held for parents of **Reception** children on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November** from 9am 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.

#### PARENTING SMART

Parenting can be joyful but also very hard. Each week we aim to bring you a link that may be useful to you to find your way. This week's short clip is on childhood escalation.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWhLJUB7\\_kk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWhLJUB7_kk)

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL REQUESTS

Please ensure that parents of all Year 6 pupils have requested secondary school placements online by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### POP UP LIBRARY

The next pop up library will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**.

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

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**  
**FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS**  
 In partnership with your school or organisation



West Heslerton C E Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



**PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).**



When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

**We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:**  
**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**  
 (No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

*The more we weigh the more we pay!  
 Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

**Please return your Bag2School on:**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

01609 780 222    www.bag2school.com    helpdesk@bag2school.com

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024 THEME  
 ANNOUNCED AS 'CHOOSE RESPECT'.**

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: 'Choose Respect'.

"From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives. This year, we'll teach children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree, and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'.

**Odd Socks Day 2024 is taking place on Tuesday 12th November** to avoid clashing with Armistice Day. Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks. We will be taking part in Odd Socks Day at school, to remind everyone that it's good to be different!

FRIENDS OF WEST HESLERTON SCHOOL

# HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY | 25 | OCTOBER

WINTRINGHAM VILLAGE HALL    £5 PER CHILD INC DRINK & HOTDOG  
 5 - 7 PM    FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

UNDER 7s MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

PLEASE SEND CASH IN A NAMED ENVELOPE TO SCHOOL IN EXCHANGE FOR TICKETS BY 11TH OCTOBER

**HALLOWEEN DISCO EVENT**

Sweet treats needed, please bring cakes, biscuits etc to the event!

**CHILDRENS UNIVERSITY**

Please join us for the Childrens University launch assembly on **Friday 22 November at 9am**. All welcome.

**MENTAL HEALTH T SHIRTS**

We work with Place2Be to support children's mental health here at school. Video links are shared on our school newsletter weekly to help parents. Place2Be have collaborated with Smiley to design a charity t-shirt, that launched on World Mental Health Day last week. The t-shirt is on sale NOW at [NEXT Online](https://www.next.co.uk/style/su355930/e32603#e3260) (in child and adult sizes), featuring the slogans 'Be Yourself' and 'Keep it Real' alongside the iconic Smiley. This collaboration champions authenticity and self-acceptance, encouraging wearers of all ages to embrace who they are.

Place2Be would be extremely grateful if anyone would purchase this T-Shirt using the shopping link <https://www.next.co.uk/style/su355930/e32603#e3260>

All profits will be donated to Place2Be, helping them continue their important work providing mental health support to children and young people around the UK.

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# Free Parenting Clinics

with  
Anisa Lewis  
Positive Parenting  
[www.anisalewis.com](http://www.anisalewis.com)

**November 7th @ 12.30pm**  
**Behaviour**

What is going on with your child's behaviour?  
Do you often question why your child is behaving in a certain way? Why are they hitting/kicking/lashing out? Why do they always shout? Why won't they listen?  
What is your approach to discipline like? Do you tend to react the same way each time?

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 7th November for her monthly Free Parenting Clinics, this talk is focused on behaviour and what we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

Book here:  
<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>  
or  
email: [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) for the booking link  
(The clinic will be recorded and sent out to those who register to attend.)

## FAIR TRADE POSTER

# Christmas FAIRTRADE & LOCAL CRAFT FAIR

FairTrade chocolates, crafts, Christmas cards and clothes. Fair Trade Refreshments. Many local crafts.

**The Friends' Meeting House, Greengate, Malton**  
**Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> 10am to 3pm**

Fairtrade clothes. Local art and crafts

**Free entry**  
[www.maltonandnortonfairtrade.org](http://www.maltonandnortonfairtrade.org)

We are a Fairtrade Town

# BOYS GYMNASTICS TRIALS

We are inviting all boys born in 2020,2019,2018 & 2017 to come and trial for our high standard Development Program.

Within the trial the boys will be tested on:  
Strength.  
Flexibility.  
Coordination.

Location: Wolds Gymnastics Club, Driffield, YO25 6PN  
28th October 14:00pm-15:30pm

Book via email: [admin@woldsgymnasticsclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@woldsgymnasticsclub.co.uk)  
Please include Name, DOB, contact number.

£10 cash on the day.

### REMEMBRANCE ACTIVITIES

Poppies and items from the Royal British Legion are available in school next half term. Please request these at the office prior to the start of school. Pupils can donate at morning break for the following items:  
Paper poppies – donation of your choice  
Reflective poppies suggested minimum donation £1  
Slap bands suggested minimum donation £2  
Key tags suggested minimum donation £3

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.** We would like to invite all parents and families to a welcome back assembly. This will be lead by Martyn Watts from Sledmere House to explain the role of the Wagoners during the war effort. This will help us to learn about the role local people had in the Great War and give us all some thinking time ahead of the Remembrance services coming up.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November,** Remembrance collective worship 10:30am to be followed by the national silence. All families and community members welcome.

### YOUNG VOICES 2025 Y3 – Y6

Parents can sign up here to the Young Voices room online. This is where all the song lyrics and music can be accessed ahead of our stadium performance next term:  
<https://ymusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=ODU0OC8xNzI5NTA3Njlx>

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**Friends of West Heslerton School AGM Minutes**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Present: Emma Pennock, Rachel Wells, Anna Tindall, Victoria Malthouse, Katie Golding, Nicola Duffill

Apologies: Rosie Pease, Shelly Harrison, Natalie Cobb, Naomi Dale, Laura Witty, Chloe Stockdale, Anna Kemp

Review of 2023/24 activities:

- Pumpkin trail – successful event at the village hall, lots of families attended.
- Bags2school – one in autumn & one in spring, easy way to make money.
- Christmas Raffle – very well supported with prizes from families and local businesses.
- Christmas Party – Father Christmas paid us a visit & all the children received a chocolate selection box. Friends organised music & games.
- Pantomime – the whole school enjoyed a fully funded trip out at the pantomime at the Spa in Scarborough with transport included.
- Spring Disco – DJ Terry worked well, children enjoyed the event.
- Easter Trail & Coffee afternoon – teamed up with the Village Hall committee to run this event & split the profits.
- Bingo at Malton & Norton Bowling Club – thank you to all who donated cakes & prizes, it was an easy way to make money.
- Albanwise Farm Tour – 21 parents attended, educational day.
- Woldies – the whole school were treated to a day out courtesy of Friends.
- Summer Fair – lots of effort to organise but fab day had by all, something to do biannually.
- Sports Day – the whole school were treated to ice lollies and we sold refreshments left over from the summer fair.
- Play performances – refreshments were sold.
- Frozen Fridays – thank you Mrs Woodward for the idea, it worked well on the sunny Fridays towards the end of summer term, something to repeat next year.
- Leavers Hoodies – each Y6 leaver had a subsidised hoodie made in the size and colour of their choice.

Finance Update:

Opening balance on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 - £5,280.54

Total income between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 & 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 - £4,855.86

Total expenditure between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 & 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 - £2,654.46

Float to be kept with treasurer - £363.06

Closing Balance on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - £7,845.00

Headteacher's report:

RW thanked the committee for social and financial support for the whole school throughout the last year. Friends' funds were used to provide activities that school would not have been able to provide alone. RW also thanked all parents and community members who have attended events and shown their support for the school. Without you, these events would not have been the great successes they were.

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## Committee:

Currently Emma Pennock & Anna Tindall with support from all other volunteers. It was discussed whether we can continue to run with only two 'official' committee members. It was agreed that this was the best way forward.

- Chairman & Secretary – Emma Pennock
- Treasurer & Vice Chairman – Anna Tindall

## Annual Events to discuss and schedule:

- Halloween Disco – sold 63 tickets at £5 each, DJ £130 & VH £68 plus refreshments & sundries to purchase so likely to break even. RW confirmed there are two vegetarians to cater for. Volunteers required to make cakes / sweet treats & help with the running of the event. RW will request this on the newsletter.
- Bags to school collection will take place at 9am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Reminders will go out on Dojo, newsletter & WhatsApp.
- Christmas Raffle – Volunteers to make up hampers again. Raffle tickets will go out to families after half term. It was suggested we would do a non-uniform day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November in return for hamper suitable prizes. Hamper packing will take place in school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9am and the raffle will be drawn at the Friends meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- Christmas Party – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. EP to source 79 chocolate selection boxes. Emma Nutt to wrap & label them. RW has made enquires in the local community to source a volunteer to hand out presents. Anna Kemp has agreed to make pass the parcels again this year, RW to provide AK with number of pupils in each class.
- Christmas Lunch – EP will purchase 90 Christmas crackers.
- Panto – booked and costs agreed.

## Future Events to discuss:

- Spring Disco – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March after school in the hall.
- Easter celebrations – any fresh ideas for new activities welcome.
- Albanwise Open Farm – RW in discussion with them.
- Sponsored walk / summer event for families – something to think about.

## AOB:

- Banking – past Friends' committee members names need to be removed from the account and replaced with up-to-date members. EP to investigate this.
- Fundraising through apps – keep an eye out for these, we have signed up to Easy Fundraising & raised £883 just by doing our shopping. Asda rewards has raised £92.
- Shopping list from staff – Badger Wood have requested some educational maths markings on the ground in their outdoor area. Keeper Wood have requested an additional Interactive Whiteboard and Trolley. Farthing Wood have requested a new Ipad docking station. RW to get costs and place orders.

## Next meeting:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2:30pm, all welcome.

## EASY FUNDRAISING

West Heselton School is registered with Easy Fundraising. This raises money for Friends of School each time you shop online, at no cost to the buyer.

### HOW IT WORKS

# We turn your daily shopping into every day magic!

easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation - magic!

The link below will take you to the site for full details.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/?utm\\_source=adobecampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=product-adoption&utm\\_content=desktopdr-080923&utm\\_source=adobecampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=donationreminder-2023&utm\\_content=desktopdr-080923&origin=PA741](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/?utm_source=adobecampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=product-adoption&utm_content=desktopdr-080923&utm_source=adobecampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=donationreminder-2023&utm_content=desktopdr-080923&origin=PA741)



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