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

# **NEWSLETTER 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

#### **DIARY DATES**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Friends non-uniform day

• Friends AGM 2.30pm. All welcome

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November,** Children's University check **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November,** Year 3 and 4 to MCSC Football & Dodgeball

Wednesday 20th December, Nativity for all children

• Christmas lunch

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Pantomime Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, School closes for Christmas. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, School begins

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.

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

#### IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

It is often tricky to judge if children are well enough for school. A new website is designed to help give immediate advice to parents for common childhood illnesses

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=govdelivery
We would encourage you to check this site and send your child to school wherever possible. We will contact you should they not manage.

# **SAFEGUARDING**

If your child is not in school, please inform school by phone **by 9am each day**. It is our legal safeguarding duty to know the whereabouts of each child.

# REMINDER CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CHECK

Please can all children bring their Children's University Passports to school for a check on **Tuesday 14**<sup>th</sup> **November**. A box is in place in the hall to collect these up so that children can be rewarded for extra learning done in school clubs (eg Gymnastics, Multi sports), organised activities (e.g. Brownies, Cubs, swimming sessions etc) and activities completed over the break (ego trip to Castle Howard). Passports will come home with the children on **Nov 14**<sup>th</sup> allowing them to continue to collect learning up.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to parents in Reception who joined us for the Phonics event.

#### **HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH**

NYC have published a useful reminder about packed lunches. This is also available online <a href="https://healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Healthy-Packed-Lunch-leaflet.pdf">https://healthyschoolsnorthyorks.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Healthy-Packed-Lunch-leaflet.pdf</a>

# **KEEPER WOOD FOOTBALL & DODGEBALL**

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be visiting MCSC on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> for Football and Dodgeball. They will be accompanied by Miss Shackley and Mrs Triffitt and will travel by Perry's Travel. They will leave school at 12.30pm and return for the end of the school day.

School carries insurance for all visits. All pupils will need warm clothing, PE kits and water bottles. They will need to take their own inhalers if necessary.

# **MEET THE GOVERNOR - ANN ANDREWS - LA GOVERNOR**

I have been a governor at West Heslerton School for 9 years, following my retirement to North Yorkshire. I bring 26 years' experience as an Early Years Practitioner and 8 years as staff governor, in an "outstanding" primary school, with provision for pupils with special needs.

My wealth of experience drives a passion to support the provision of an exciting learning environment with opportunities for all children irrespective of their abilities and style of learning.

I volunteer to work in school every Thursday to support staff and children in order to fulfil my role as SEND and EYFS governor and to be available to chat and offer support to parents.

#### FRIENDS MEETING

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on Monday at 2.30pm in the hall

Agenda

Present

**Apologies** 

Review of 2022/23 activities

Finance Update

Headteachers report

**Election of Committee** 

Annual Events to schedule

**Future Events to discuss** 

AOB

Next meeting

### **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Please wear non-uniform to school on **Monday** and bring a prize to be used in a Christmas Hamper.

#### **FAIRTRADE**

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

#### **CINEMA TRIP**

Children in Years 2 to 6 had a really successful visit to Cineworld this week. The film, The Railway Children 2, has supported our discussions about the Remembrance events across the country this week. Tickets were provided free of charge from Into Film, encouraging people of all ages to use our cinemas.

## **KEEPER WOOD**

# **CINEMA TRIP**

We had a fantastic time at the cinema, yesterday. The children enjoyed the whole experience!



#### **PUMPKIN TRAIL**

Thank you for coming and supporting this year's pumpkin trail organised by the Friends of School. The event raised £207.27, which is amazing! A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day and also in the lead up to the event!

# Proposed School Admission Arrangements 2025/2026

In accordance with our statutory duty under The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and coordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulation 2012. North Yorkshire Council is consulting on proposed school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools 2025/2026.

The consultation opens on 27 October 2023 and closes on 15 December 2023. You may view this at <a href="https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/consultations">www.northyorks.gov.uk/consultations</a>

If you wish to respond please email <a href="mailto:schoolorganisation@northyorks.gov.uk">schoolorganisation@northyorks.gov.uk</a> bearing in mind that this consultation ends on 15 December 2023.

Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC and Free Schools

The determination of admission arrangements for Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC and Free Schools is the responsibility of the schools' governing bodies as the admission authority for the school. Any comments relating to a Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC or Free Schools should be addressed directly to the school in question.

#### **DATA SHEETS**

Contact information and data sheet sent home. Please check and return to the office.

# **SENT HOME**

- Attendance reports
- Data sheets
- Communication Questionnaire

#### RELIEF TEACHING ASSISTANTS

We are always keen to hear from people who would wish to join our team. We are currently looking to appoint some relief teaching assistants. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to assist in classrooms supporting teachers. There are no set hours for this role, we'll get in touch when we need cover in classes or at lunchtimes. A clear DBS will be required for safeguarding reasons. Please contact the office for a person specification and application form.

#### **SCHOOL MEALS**

NYC are very happy for us to share their recipes with you. If you have some time at home, you may wish to test out this recipe from our current menu. These are served in Week 2 of our menu on Tuesdays.



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# **BADGER WOOD**



GOLDEN BELL Q well done, super sentences!



# **FARTHING WOOD**

Our Cineworld Trip was fantastic, we enjoyed watching 'The Railway Children returns'.



Farthing Wood have been delivering Harvest produce to the local community.



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# THANK YOU TO THE FIRE BRIGADE

# FIRE AND ROAD SAFETY TALK

We had a visit from the fire service. They talked to us about what to do at home if a fire breaks out and then we got a look at some of the equipment - and everyone had a go at spraying the water.















# JIMMY'S KINDLING FOR SALE!



My name is James, I am 9 years old and trying to earn some pocket money.

I hand chop the wood

Bags are £5 each
I would appreciate it if you could return the bags please!

Local delivery can be arranged
Please call or text my dad 07842561586

### **REMEMBRANCE**

We have recognised remembrance through a range of events. Thank you to all those who supported the Legion's Poppy Appeal with donations. More photos of our activities to follow next week.



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