

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER January 11th 2019

SCHOOL

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and have returned ready for another busy term ahead. A special welcome to Chloe in year 3 and Sophia in year 2.

We are delighted to welcome the following new staff :

Miss Hannah Shackley as class teacher in Keeper Wood

Miss Lydia Taylor as a General Teaching Assistant

Mr Tom Webborn as After School Club Leader.

Mr Lee Scott will be joining farthing Wood as a student this term.

May we please remind you that **all dinner money must be paid by 9am on Friday** each week, thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Please find attached your child's attendance so far this year.

Your child's attendance is 95% or more and within the permitted absence levels.

HESLERTON AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Heslerton After School Club is open to all pupils from 3.30pm-5.30pm Monday to Thursday. This is run by Tom Webborn and Lydia Taylor. Our after school club is an opportunity for the children to relax and have fun with their friends in our own woodland and surrounding area. We have a range of outdoor /indoor activities, toys, games and equipment to use to help everyone to enjoy themselves no matter what their interests and hobbies are. All children will need to bring a named water bottle, suitable clothing and footwear. A snack will be provided.

You will need to register your child before they attend their sessions. Each session costs £8.00 per child. Please send this money to the office by the morning of the pre-booked session or hand to club staff on the day for late bookings. To book regular sessions, please complete a half-termly booking form. To book other sessions, please contact the school office or speak to Tom or Lydia at the After School Club.

Where possible, please book in advance. Although some spaces may be available on the day, this is not guaranteed. Places are limited every day to ensure we have enough resources, food, and appropriate staffing ratios.

All children will be issued with a free voucher for 1 free session each half term. Vouchers are valid for the half term of issue only. Voucher places will be limited each session, please book early to avoid disappointment. Please note 48 hours notice is required for cancellation. Please collect your child from the wildlife area or buzz the front door. We look forward to welcoming you all to our exciting new childcare provision.

Tom and Lydia

PARENT ASSEMBLY

There will be a Parent Assembly on **Friday, January 18th at 9am**. This is a celebration of children's work, best efforts and presentation of certificates. All welcome.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The following clubs will commence next week:

Mondays Gymnastics – for years 4 -6

Thursdays Active music – for years reception – year 3

Relax Kids Club has been postponed until the summer term due to lack of a tutor.

P.E. KITS

All children will need a warm P.E. kit in school at all times during January. Full P.E. kits should be in school at all times.

ASSEMBLIES

Our theme this term is Respect.

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

FLAMINGO LAND – BADGER WOOD AND KEEPER WOOD

As part of their Treasure Topic, the children in Badger Wood and Keeper Wood will visit Flamingo Land to see South American wildlife on **Thursday, January 24th**.

We will be leaving school at 9am and will return for the end of the school day. The children will travel with Fletchers Coaches and will be accompanied by Miss Tattersley, Miss Shackley, Mrs Wardell, Mrs Triffitt, Mrs Taylor-Barber and Miss Taylor. School will provide a packed lunch for all children in years Reception to year 2 and those entitled to a free school meal. Children in years 3 and 4 may order a school packed lunch, please indicate this on the attached form. If your child is bringing their own packed lunch please provide drinks in cartons please, no cans or bottles. The children will not need any money with them. We ask for a contribution of £7.50 per child with the balance being met by school. Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary.

No money will be required. School carries County Insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency, please contact school.

SCARBOROUGH VISIT – FARTHING WOOD

As part of their Treasure Topic, the children in Farthing Wood will visit Amelia's Chocolates to and Sainsbury's, Scarborough on **Wednesday, January 16th**.

We will be leaving school at 9.15am and will return for the end of the school day. The children will travel with Fletchers Coaches and will be accompanied by Mrs Woodward and Mrs Wardell. School will provide a packed lunch for all children entitled to a free school meal. Other children may order a school packed lunch, please indicate this on the attached form. If your child is bringing their own packed lunch please provide drinks in cartons please, no cans or bottles. The children will not need any money with them. We ask for a contribution of £5 per child with the balance being met by school. Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary.

No money will be required. School carries County Insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency, please contact school.

NUTS

We would like to remind you that West Heslerton is a **nut free school** due to allergies in school. Nuts must not come into school in any form, e.g. packed lunches. This includes Nutella, Snickers etc.

EQUALITIES POLICY

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

May we please remind parents that you need to apply for your child's place at school. If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 they will be eligible to start primary school in September 2019. You need to apply for a place at your selected school even if they are attending a nursery that is attached to the primary school.

This can only be done online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions. Applications close on 15th January 2019.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

The way the Children's University is operating is changing. From January, learning hours will be called learning credits. School is no longer able to provide stamps for activities completed elsewhere. Pupils visiting approved learning destinations need to take their passports with them where they will be stamped. Each activity will be worth 1 learning credit, so a visit to an accredited museum will be worth 1 credit, however long is spent there. School clubs have been accredited and these will be worth 1 learning credit for each session. Children will need to bring their passports to school and take them to each club. We are pleased to be part of the Children's University and look forward to rewarding pupils for clubs completed at school and seeing the range of super activities children enjoy beyond the school day.

ATTACHMENTS

Please find attached:

- Attendance record for your child
- Visit forms
- Maths club – years 5 and 6

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