

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## NEWSLETTER January 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please register your child with the after school club so that in unforeseen circumstances you child may stay for this club.

Forest School kit is needed for this club. This kit needs to be in school each day.

#### Forest School After School Club

Our club has started and we have already had lots of adventures.

We built a tepee. We've learnt how to make things and learnt to use tools properly (hammers, bow saws) without getting hurt.

We've learnt how to put up a tent and we did some fire lighting with cotton wool and silver birch.

Snacks included!

After School Club children.

### GYMNASTICS

The children in years Reception and 1 will be taking part in a Gymnastics event at MCSC on

**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will be leaving school at 12.30pm and returning for the end of the school day. All children will need a warm P.E kit to travel in and to take part in activities. The children will travel with Fletchers Coaches and will be accompanied by Miss Tattersley and Miss Taylor.

### PARENTAL FORUM

There will be a Parental Forum meeting at school on **Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8.45am**. This is an informal get together to meet each other and have a chat. All welcome.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Agreed absence from school for annual holidays may be granted. In exceptional circumstances, with attendance at or beyond 95%, pupils may be given permission for leave. Forms are available at [www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk) or from the school office and should be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to booking. Please note that holidays will not be granted during test periods.

May we please remind parents that they need to speak to Mrs Wells prior to booking any holidays in term time. It is not always possible to grant permission for absence. Evidence of exceptional circumstances must be presented with any application.

### PARKING

May we please ask that parents of children who have permission to walk down the village unaccompanied park at the bottom of the hill or on Church Street. This will enable parking for families of younger children.

Thank you.

### CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Michelle Baggaley from the Children's University will be in school on **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** for a passport check. All children will need to bring their passports into school please.

### FLAG POLE

As you may have noticed we have sadly lost our flag pole. This was deliberately cut over the weekend which is very disappointing for us, especially as it is the second act of vandalism on the flag pole, the cord being cut previously. We will be replacing the flag pole as it is an important part of our school. If anyone sees any suspicious activity in the village, please report it, thank you.

### P.E. KITS

All children will need a full P.E. kit in school at all times this term. This should consist of a warm tracksuit, shorts and T-shirt. All pupils will be taking part in regular Zumba sessions and will be practising skills for upcoming sports activities with other schools.

Forest School kit should be in school at all times ready for any outdoor activity.

### **BADGER WOOD**

This week we started to dive into our topic which focuses on the Amazon rainforest in South America. We looked at maps and used google maps to put the 'man into the map' to explore around the rainforest!! It was good to start looking at the rainforest and compare it to where we live. We used Julia Donaldson's book 'Monkey Puzzle' in English to base our stories around. We are looking at how to use speech marks and description within our stories so using the book to help us. They are coming along nicely, can't wait to read them when they are all finished!

Maths this week was all about time.... we were looking at o'clock and half past as well as starting to sequence our days and using the time to help show when we do things.

Next week we will continue with our stories in English, time in Maths and we are looking forward to our school trip to Flamingo Land and our rainforest workshop!

### **KEEPER WOOD**

This week in Keeper Wood we have been focused on a story called 'Ride of Passage' about a little boy living in the rainforest. The children were hooked and enjoyed watching the story unfold on the big screen.

We have been plotting some important elements onto our huge South America map in the classroom such as the equator, some country names and the rainforest areas.

In maths we have been solving multiplication and division problems and even tackling multiplication grids to help us multiply bigger numbers.

Last but certainly not least we started our Zumba workshops this week and the children thoroughly enjoyed the different dance styles, I was very impressed with some of their dance moves. Thank you for your continued support.

### **FARTHING WOOD**

Although we have been busy working on fractions in Maths and writing adventure stories in English, the main highlight of our week has been our trip. We learnt all about the history and geography of chocolate at Amelia's Chocolate shop in Scarborough ... where we were also lucky enough to temper and then make our own chocolate lollies. We spent the afternoon touring behind the scenes at Sainsburys and investigating items in the store that had links or had travelled all the way from South America. Mrs Wardell and I were very impressed at how attentive, sensible, well behaved and polite the whole class were...and although we would expect anything less this was mentioned by the people in the places we visited.

### **HEADLICE**

We, like all schools, have head lice transmitted between pupils. These parasites are easily transferred from head to head but tricky to get rid of completely. These seem to have reappeared in school, please check your child's hair and treat if necessary, thank you.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Please find attached:

- Parent evening letter

### **HESLERTON AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Heslerton After School Club is open to all pupils from 3.30pm-5.30pm Monday to Thursday providing an opportunity for the children to relax and have fun with their friends. 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, forest school kit and wellies. A snack will be provided.

Children need to be registered 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 have been issued with a free voucher for 1 free session this 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.

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