

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 9th 2018

REMEMBRANCE

School and parents observed a two minute silence at 11am on Friday, November 9th by our Poppy Wave.



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.

STAFF

We are sorry to let you know that Mrs Vipas will be leaving us at the end of term to spend more time at home. We thank her for her hard work at school and wish her well in the future.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Please see attached the recent photos taken in school. All orders need to be placed online or at school by **Friday, November 23rd** in order to receive these for Christmas, thank you.

DRUGS TALK

We would like to invite all parents and guardians to a drug awareness talk at school on **Friday, November 23rd at 9am**. This will last about 50 minutes. This talk is suitable for parents of children of any age. It's best to be prepared for any future questions or incidents. Children in Farthing Wood will also listen to a talk after the morning break.

CHARITY

There will be a selection of small soft toys on sale next week. These are available for a donation of £1 in aid of St. Catherine's Hospice. We will be having a Fair Trade stall later this term.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We will be holding an Open Afternoon on **Monday, November 19th** from 1-3pm for families new to the school. Please spread the word!

If you require this in a different format

CINEMA VISIT

The children in Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood will be visiting Vue Cinema, York on **Tuesday, November 13th** for the morning. We will leave school at 9am and return for a late lunch, have a good breakfast! The children will travel with Fletchers Coaches and will be accompanied by Mrs Wells, Miss Dolan and Mrs Triffitt. We would like to thank Friends of School for paying for the bus for this visit. If your child requires an inhaler please ensure this is with them. No money will be required. School carries County Insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency, please contact school.

BOOK FAIR

West Heslerton School will be holding a Book Fair run by The Book People from **December 13th to December 20th**. Books will be available to buy – think Christmas! School will receive commission on sales for our funds. Further details will follow.

PARENTAL FORUM

5 parents attended school to share a cuppa and chat about school in general on Tuesday morning. Parking seems to have improved. Please help us to fit all cars in by minimising the spaces between cars. Thank you for your great efforts. Parents love the poppy wave at the front of school. It is a lovely idea. Bag2School collection looks very positive with a few days to go. We are looking forward to hearing the amount raised. The pumpkin trail was really busy and a great success. Thank you to all who organised and attended. It attracted lots of people from the surrounding areas. Our meeting closed around 9:40. Thank you to all who attended.

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN TRAIL

Thank you to Friends for a great Pumpkin Trail enjoyed by all who came along and took part. Over £400 was raised for funds.

ASSEMBLY THEME

The theme for assemblies next half term is Compassion.

SWIMMING

Next week will be assessment week at swimming – have a really good breakfast!

HARVEST

Many thanks for all the gifts you kindly donated for our Harvest Festival. These were made into gifts for the residents of the villages through the Generation Tea. Fresh produce was given to the Salvation Army.

CHILDREN' UNIVERSITY

Passports are due in on the following dates:
Keeper Wood: **Friday, November 16th**
Farthing Wood: Friday, November 30th
Badger Wood: Friday, December 14th

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

West Heslerton School is looking at ways of providing after school care. We are able to offer the school premises if you or someone you know may be interested in running an after school club. Please contact us at school for more details.

BAGS2SCHOOL

The Bags2School collection raised £432 for funds. Thank you.

BADGER WOOD

What a great first week back after the half term! We enjoyed getting straight back into writing this week.... with help from a video! We watched the video 'Adventures in the Pits', all about a little boy and a ball pool! It has helped us do lots of writing, including looking at adjectives, doing sentences together as well as emotions! We can't wait to carry on the story next week too.

In maths we investigated 3D shapes, looking at the faces, edges and vertices. Lots of great models and labels to show which shapes they'd used!

We are all extremely proud of the 'Poppy Wave' too, knowing about our poppies and what they stand for.

Well done Badgers!

Next week, we continue our adventures in the ball pool and it's all about money in maths!

KEEPER WOOD

We have started an exciting new book this week in Keeper Wood. All our English work for this half term will be based around George's Marvellous Medicine. We have already read the first chapter and have thought of some fantastic adjectives to describe grandma. We then used thesauruses to find even better words! We will be using these next week to write a character description and we will also be going onto the next few chapters.

In maths this week, we have finished off our addition and subtraction work by solving some tricky word problems. We have used the bar model to help show what calculation we need to do. We also used our knowledge of the inverse to find the fact families.

Next week, we will move onto multiplication and division!

Please could all children bring a fir cone to school, thank you.

FARTHING WOOD

This week we have made brilliant harvest gifts for people over 55 in the village. Thank you to all the busy parents who willingly donated the tasty food that will help older people fill their cupboards. We packaged a range of meals for each person into a beautiful gift bag accompanied by a hand-written letter to residents and regular Generation Tea members. Thank you to year 2 pupils who delivered these on Wednesday.

In R.E. we looked at different dilemmas. We've used our freedom to choose good endings of fairness, justice and forgiveness. We'll practice making great choices at home and school!

GRASS ROOTS GIVING

We did not collect enough votes in the recent Skipton Grassroots Giving vote. Thank you to those who supported us with votes.

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.

ATTACHED

Please find attached:

- photo proof
- Messy church