

**WEST HESLERTON C. E.PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
AUTUMN TERM 2017**

**WELCOME TO  
WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We hope you enjoy your time at our school



**Abigail**

**Finley**

**George**

**Aiden**

**Willow**

**Kobi**

**Charlie**

**Benjamin**



**Daniel**

**Emma**



## BEST EFFORTS

The following children have been praised for Best Efforts this term:

Finley	George H	Willow	Aiden	Emma	Charlie J
Daniel	Benjamin	Kobi	Tom	Owen	Oliver
Rory	Alenka	Charlotte	Reggie	Dexter	Henry
Monty	Theo	Luke	Rosie	William P	Poppy
Evie	Scarlet	Lexi	Isabelle	Tilly	Reuben
Sarah-Leigh	Jessica	Ben	Will N	Harry G	Jasmine
Toby	Chloe	Jamie	Skyla	Tia-May	Ty
Molly	Aimee	Abi	Abigail	Kiara	Isaac
George M	Charlie S	India	Sammy	Jake	Maisie
Rowan	Maddie M	Thomas	Holly	Harry R	Niamh
Tallulah	Matthew	Max	Maddie P	George S	Harriet
Louie					

**WELL DONE EVERYONE!!**





“Jurassic”



Children in both Badger Wood and Keeper Wood came back to school with a bit of a shock, as classrooms were blocked off - there was evidence of a T-Rex!! Overnight cameras had caught a T-Rex in both classrooms, the car park and heading down to the dips!! When we went to explore we found a nest with dinosaur eggs in!!!



The children in Farthing Wood took part in Stone Age activities dressed in Stone Age outfits!



The clans created  
their stone age  
camps around our  
central fire.



The Clans really got to grips  
with understanding the pros  
and cons of the lives of  
people in the Stone age – you  
really did have to make use of  
everything around you!





Using charcoal  
from the fire,  
we draw  
pictures and  
made Clan  
markings



We baked apples  
in the fire using  
clay – but how do  
you eat a baked  
apple without a  
metal fork?

The children in Badgers and Keepers went to the Rotunda Museum to learn more about dinosaurs. They had a great morning finding out about how fossils are formed and looking at dinosaur footprints. They had all been found on the Yorkshire coast! We also saw some other types of fossils and explored what else the museum had to offer.

It was a fresh, windy afternoon at Cayton Bay but that didn't stop us from having lots of fun. We used our fossil knowledge to search for our own fossils and used books to help identify them. We also created some beach art, played beach games and had tower building competitions.





Badgers have made their own fossils using salt dough and real fossils or toy dinosaurs to make an impression into the salt dough. These then went into the oven to dry out so we could paint them to make them look real!

Keepers had their own Dinosaur Cave with exciting challenges to work upon. They have looked at the rock cycle, discussing the 3 types of rock and how they are formed. They have also looked at soils.

The children in Farthing Wood visited Ryedale Folk Museum as part of their Jurassic topic to take part in an Iron Age Activity Day.



Using the Iron Age  
weaving loom



Creating thumb/pinch  
pots using Iron Age  
techniques





## Forest Schools

We are really pleased to have had Rich McGuinn, Hidden Horizons ecologist, to support our weekly Forest School activities.

Badgers went on a science hunt, learning all about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. They hunted all around school for pictures of animals then in groups worked out which group it belonged to.

### Bramble Picking



### Baked Apples



## Village Show

The following children won prizes at West Heslerton Village Show:

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Pre-R	Abigail	Toby	Chloe
R	Owen	Monty	Scarlet
Y1	Aimee	Henry	Isabelle
Y2	Ayla	Harriet	Louie
Y3	Kiara	Tia-May	Skyla
Y4	Maddie	Rowan	Maisie
Y5	India	Maia	Holly
Y6	Alfie	Izzy	Noah

Well done everyone, there was some lovely art work

### **School Clubs**

There have been clubs held after school this term:

Football Club paid by PE Funding– Monday

History Detectives Club paid by School – Tuesday

Active Music Club paid by PE funding – Thursday

Clarinet Club – Thursday

The following lunch time clubs have taken place:

Monday – Sports club

Tuesday – Book club

Wednesday – Craft club

Thursday – Lego/games club

Friday – Homework club

These are all popular clubs which the children enjoy. All clubs can be counted towards learning units for the Children's University. Please ask at school for details if your child is in years 1-6.

### **School bags for Africa**

Thank you all those who donated bags and stationery for children at Muke Pre-school in Zambia in Africa. Mrs Benthall took them in the summer and all the items donated have been happily received.

### **Bags2school**

Friends of School held a clothing collection which raised £88 for school.

### **Parent Evening**

A parent evening was held for all families.

### **Open Evening**

School held an Open Evening for parents and visitors.

### **Computing Skills**

Well Done to Jamie Moss who won the computing competition at Malton School's Open Evening last term and to Matthew Moss who won a runner's up prize. Both were presented with Amazon vouchers from Malton School in assembly this term.

### **Harvest Festival**

The school's annual harvest Festival was held at All Saints Church West Heslerton on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. This event was well supported by family and friends. The children enjoyed taking part.

The service was introduced by George S, Maddie P. and Maisie. The children sang "Conkers" whilst gifts were presented by the children. Year 6 children read facts about harvest and food around the world.

The children sang "Cereals, Bread and Fruit", "Harvest" and "Harvest Song".

Keepers recited "Autumn Days", a poem written by the pupils.

The Congregation joined in singing "We Plough the Fields and Scatter"

Thomas, Rowan, Sammy and Kobi read the final prayer.

The service ended with the school singing "Autumn Days".



### **Pumpkin Trail**

Friends of School organised a Pumpkin Trail at the start of the half term holiday. This was greatly enjoyed by those who went along and £162 was raised for funds.

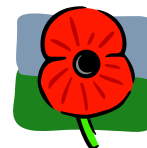


## **Stay and Play**

Badger Wood hosted Stay and Play events for parents of children in Badger Wood throughout the term.

## **Photos**

The photographer came to school to take family photos.



## **Sponsored Walk**

The Friends' sponsored walk raised £498 for funds, well done!

## **Remembrance Day**

The children took part in a remembrance focussed craft day run by the Churches Conservation Trust. Poppies and other items were sold in school for the Royal British Legion, raising £104.23.

## **Music**

Governors have recruited an experienced music teacher to teach specialist music sessions to all pupils from year 2 onwards. Keeper Wood have weekly lessons developing their musical knowledge using a range of percussion instruments.

Farthing Wood are learning to play a stringed instrument.

## **Christmas Cards**

All children had the opportunity to design their own Christmas card which raised £123.21 for Friends of School.

## **Book Fair**

A Book Fair was held at school which raised £125 for books for the school library. Thank you for your support.

## **Parental Forum**

Two parental forums have been held where ideas were exchanged between parents and Mrs. Wells.

## **Cross Country**

Pupils from Heslerton, Welburn, Rillington, Amotherby and Langton met early this term to take part in the Ryedale Cross Country.

All pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a 1 lap race across fields around school. Heslerton were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

8 runners represented the school in a longer 2 lap race:

Boys – 1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie S
9 <sup>th</sup>	Harry
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jake
13 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew

Girls – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Holly
13 <sup>th</sup>	Maisie
14 <sup>th</sup>	Maddie M
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tallulah

All pupils were a credit to the school, both in their behaviour and their effort in this activity. Well done everyone!

### **Scarborough Fun Run**

There was once again an amazing turnout for this annual event. West Heslerton CE Primary School were successful in having the most participants in the small school category and won the small schools' trophy again. Congratulations to everyone who took part and many thanks again to those who cheered us on.



### **Netball**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Farthing Wood (Y5-6) went to Norton Primary School to do a netball tournament. They got into teams and played against other schools. Destroyers (West Heslerton A) came first out of all the schools. The Tigers (West Heslerton D) drew first as well! Finally Dragons (West Heslerton B) came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The weather was horrible and wet but we carried on!

By Maddie, Maisie, Rowan and Thomas

### **Hockey**

All children in Reception, years 1 and 2 took part in a hockey festival at Malton Community Sports Centre. The older children played matches and the younger ones learnt more skills. It was a fun afternoon.

### **Multi skills**

Children in years 1-3 took part in a multi skills festival.

### **Swimming**

Children in years Reception to year 4 have visited Pickering Pool for swimming lessons. All the children have made progress this term and the younger ones have gained in water confidence. It was beyond our control that two sessions were cancelled, which affected the assessments this year. Well done to all the children who swam their very best and tried so hard, keep it up!! The children will be presented with their certificates at a parent assembly early next term.



## Generation Tea

Monthly generation teas have been held for residents in the village hall

Key Stage 2 pupils have entertained people with tales of their dinosaur adventures and fossil hunting this term, showing photographs of their learning adventures.



As part of the Christmas preparations the children joined in making Christingles, Christmas crafts and decorating trees in preparation for our school nativity event and village services.









### Fair Trade

The children were able to buy small gifts from the Fair Trade stall in school which took £214.42 for Fair Trade and raised £23.82 for the school Fair Trade resources, many thanks. We will host events during Fair Trade fortnight next term.

### Operation Christmas Child

21 boxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child.



### Snow Day

School expected to be closed before being

enjoy the outdoors



## Hope Central

As in previous years the Christmas celebrations started with a visit for all children to Hope Central to follow the Christmas Story. The bus was funded by Friends of School.



## Christmas Dinner

Children and staff once again enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, thank you to Miss Stones. We tucked in to:

Roast turkey and stuffing with sausages, roast potatoes, fresh carrots, peas and gravy followed by Christmas ice cream.

Crackers were provided for all by Friends of School.





## Nativity

Parents, families and the wider community were invited to a Carol Service at West Heslerton church.

The congregation were welcomed by Tom, Charlotte, Oliver and Evie. Farthing Wood read the story of the Nativity from Luke 2 :1-20 before the congregation sang "Once in Royal David's City".



School sang "No Room at the Inn", "It was on a Starry Night" and "Midnight".

A poem was recited by Keeper Wood before the children sang "The Gift" by candlelight.

School sang "Away in a Manger" with clarinets.

The congregation joined in singing "Hark the Herald", during which a collection was taken.

Rev'd Joe led the prayers and the service ended with "We wish you a Merry Christmas" sung by the whole school.

Thank you to Mrs Benthall for arranging the service and practising with the children.

The children in Badger Wood acted the nativity tableau:

Mary	Abbie	Donkey	Emma
Joseph	Toby	Inn Keeper	Theo
Angel 1	Willow	Cow 1	Monty
Angel 2	Abigail	Cow 2	Rory
Angel 3	Chloe	Star	Jasmine
Shepherd 1	Harry	Sheep 1	Scarlet
Shepherd 2	Finley	Sheep 2	Charlotte
Shepherd 3	Owen	Sheep 3	Tom
King 1	George	Camel 1	Evie
King 2	Aiden	Camel 2	Alenka
King 3	Charlie	Camel 3	Oliver



**Panto Visit**

The whole school visited Scarborough Spa to see this year's pantomime –Jack and the Beanstalk.

Jack is a young, poor boy living with his widowed mother. Jack buys some enormous beanstalk. This is the story of what happens when Jack climbs the beanstalk!

All the school enjoyed the performance and many thanks to Friends of School for providing such a treat for all the children.

**Christmas Party**

The autumn term ended with a Christmas Party for all. The children had a party lunch followed by games and a visit from Father Christmas! Thank you to Friends of School for organising this.

**WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

