

WEST HESLERTON C. E.PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2018

WELCOME TO WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope you enjoy your time at our school



Annabelle

Shivonne

Zinzi

Edward

James

Isabelle



Reception 2018



BEST EFFORTS

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

Edward	James	Dexter
Annabelle	Owen	Isabelle
George M	Molly	Maddie L
Abbie	George H	Chloe
Paige	Jacob	Finley
Scarlet	Theo	Rory
Reggie	Will N	William P
Jamie	Luke	Rowan
Poppy	Tia-May	Maisie
Lucy	Alenka	Reuben
Harriet	Tilly	Kiara
Thomas	Rosie	Sammy
Skyla	Isaac	George S
Sarah-Leigh	Ty	Louie
Maddie P	Adele	Benjamin
Jessica	Ben	Lexi
Henry	Aimee	Tom
Oliver	Charlotte	Evie
Jasmine	Toby	Abigail
Isabelle C	Shivonne	Zinzi

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!



This term's topic was all about the World Wars, focussing especially on World War 1 in this centenary year.

The topic launched with a visit from Chris Cade, an actor and storyteller, who led a workshop entitled "Arthur's War".

We all had the chance to experience the world war by acting out Arthur's experience as a Wolds Waggoner and everything he experienced.







START

28th September 1914

Dear diary,

Today I was almost killed! These past few weeks have turned my life upside down and in a spiral. Will we survive tomorrow?

At 5am this morning I felt very tired - too tired. In fact I was struggling to see. The boxes of ammunition were very heavy so it took a lot of muscle and that was at least three wagons! I noticed that the horse was nervous - I was too.

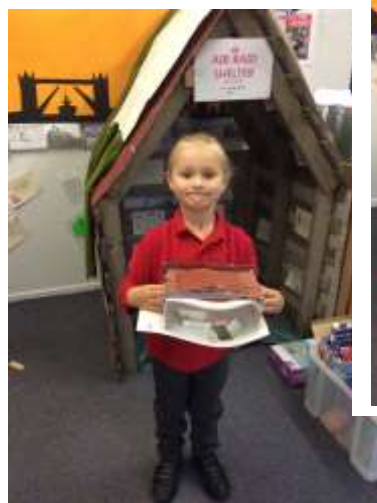
When we set off with our load I could hear in the distance that Jerry had started shelling. Finally it was time for lunch, but it was only a quick nibble. It wasn't long before we ran into Jerry. Shots firing in all directions, frightened horses and scared wagons. Luckily we all arrived safely at the shore.

Now I am here all alone trying to get some sleep over the sound of constant gunfire in the distance. Thinking back - the enemy are just like me - following orders from a higher ranking. I am so lucky that I didn't die today having to go through the horrid machine guns. I wonder if my family are safe back in York.

I wonder what time it is. Will bring a parcel to the last time I was in this city. Will bring a parcel to the last time I was in this city. Will bring a parcel to the last time I was in this city.

FINISH

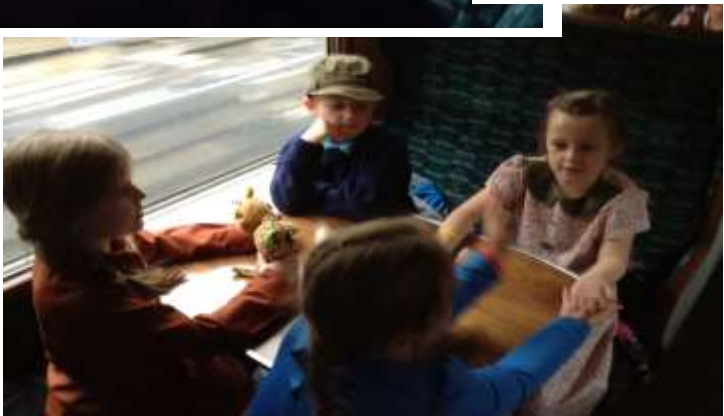
Badgers learnt about the bombing in Scarborough during the wars. They made air raid shelters.



The whole school travelled to Pickering Station to take part in wartime workshops and travel on the North Yorks Moors railway from Pickering to Goathland. They dressed as evacuees from WW2. Badger Wood took part in an Air Raid Drill and had the opportunity to use stirrup pumps and other artefacts connected to Air Raids. Keeper Wood saw the WW2 Fire Engine and Home Front exhibition with the opportunity to fire the hosepipe! Farthing Wood saw the WW1 interactive exhibition housed inside a WW1 dining car. The children then travelled on the train to Goathland for more wartime experiences.







Red, White and Blue Day

West Heslerton School supported Red, White and Blue Day, to commemorate the end of WW1.

Red, White & Blue Day is run jointly by ABF, The Soldiers' Charity, The RAF Benevolent Fund and The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. Each of these three charities is responsible for the welfare of soldiers, sailors and airmen and their families. The children dressed up in Red, White and Blue and £62 was raised, thank you.

Cinema Visit

The children in Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood visited Vue Cinema, York as part of the free film club, to see "Zoo". It was a real rollercoaster of emotions...

"This Irish drama is set during World War Two, just before the start of a series of German air raids on the nation's capital in 1941, known as the Belfast Blitz. 12 year-old Tom is the son of a veterinarian who has been sent to war and, like his father, shares a special connection with the zoo animals, especially with an African elephant called Buster. When the ministry of defence orders for the animals to be put down in fear that they may be dangerous if they escape during raids, Tom, his bother Mickey and their friends form a plan to save Buster.

This touching family film – which is partly based on a true story – presents this important event in Irish history with young people as the heroes of the story."

We would like to thank Friends of School for paying for the bus for this visit.

Eden Camp

The whole school spent a morning at Eden Camp as part of the topic. They explored various wartime huts, experiencing what the blackout would be like – scary! There were tanks, bombs and medals to see and the children were able to go inside an Anderson shelter.

The visit was paid for by Friends of School, many thanks.



Make Do and Mend Event

The topic ended with a fabulous Make Do and Mend event for family and friends. The children had made a variety of war time items to sell – Christmas puddings made to a war time recipe, lavender soap, milk loaves, turn overs, biscuits and lots more. Teas were served in china cups and cakes displayed on chins cake stands, a very proper afternoon!

Friends had a tombola and the Christmas Prize Draw was drawn. This raised the amazing sum of £1,019. Thank you to all who supported the event, staff who came up with all the ideas and children for producing such wonderful goods.

Remembrance

The children took part in a remembrance focussed craft days run by the Churches Conservation Trust. Some pupils in year 5 and 6 also shared their project with the Generation Tea regulars. A wonderful poppy wave was created outside school and all children, staff and a parent gathered there to observe a 2 minute silence to remember those who gave their lives in wars. Poppies and other goods sold in aid of the Royal British Legion raised £53.53.



Forest Schools

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

Badgers have been making good use of the pizza oven!



The children made leaf clocks through the shades of green and yellow.







Knot tying spider webs



Careful
balancing

Village Show

The following children were awarded prizes at the Village Show during the summer:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
George H	Finley	Jacob
Charlotte	Scarlet	Emma
Dexter	Isabelle	Molly
Harriet	Louie	George M
William P	Kiara	Poppy
Rowan	Maisie	Maddie P
Holly	Max	Jake

Well Done!

Reading Challenge

Well done to the following children who took part in this summer's Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge:

Ty Edward George S William P Rosie Tom Ben Dexter Holly

All children received a certificate in our weekly celebration assembly.

Bags2school

Friends of School held a clothing collection which raised £432 for school.

Parent Evening

A parent evening was held for all families.

STEM

The children in Farthing Wood visited Scarborough Spa to attend the STEM exhibition. They were able to see opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

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.

Open Afternoon

An open afternoon was held in November for parents new to school to come along and see school in action!

Music

Keeper Wood continue to have weekly lessons developing their musical knowledge using a range of percussion instruments.

Farthing Wood are learning to play a stringed instrument.

Parental Forum

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

Book Fair

A Book Fair was held just before the end of term.

Blue Cross

Kiara and Rowan's Stall, selling delicious home baking, raised over £90 for this charity

Drumming Workshop

All children took part in a drumming workshop in school led by Jared Hardwick. This was enjoyed by the children and also parents who came along to join in in the afternoon. A very popular club followed for the older children who could reach the larger drums!



There have been clubs held after school this term:
Gymnastics Club paid by PE Funding– Monday
Explorers Club paid by PE funding – Tuesday
Drumming Club paid for by PE funding – Thursday
Yoga Club paid by PE funding Wednesday

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.

Harvest Festival

The school's annual harvest Festival was held at All Saints Church West Heslerton and was well supported by family and friends. The children enjoyed taking part.

The service was introduced by Kiara and Isaac. The children sang "Conkers" whilst gifts were presented by the children. Farthing Wood children told the Story of Sugar.

The children sang "A Thanksgiving Song" and "Harvest Song".

Badger Wood sang "Beans Song".

Keepers recited

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

Kiara and Isaac read the final prayer.

Donations from the children will take to church. These were made into gifts for the residents of the villages through the Generation Tea.

Any surplus fresh produce was given to the Salvation Army.



Pumpkin Trail

Friends of School organised a Pumpkin Trail during the half term holiday. This was greatly enjoyed by those who went along and over £400 was raised for funds.

Generation Tea

Monthly generation teas have been held for residents in the village hall with Key Stage 2 pupils enjoying craft and chat with the older people in the villages.

Drugs Talk

Parents were invited to a drug awareness talk at school. Children in Farthing Wood also had a talk and question and answer opportunity.

EAST BARNBY

The children in years 3 and 4 had the amazing opportunity to spend 2 nights at East Barnby near Whitby at the end of November. Many thanks to Miss Dolan and Mrs Benthall for accompanying them; all had a great time. The children were able to take part in a variety of activities including a visit to the James Cook memorial at Great Ayton, beck scrambling, orienteering, night time sledging and climbing the indoor climbing wall.













SPORT

Cross Country

Cross country has been a blast, loads of schools were there including Rillington, Amotherby, Langton and Welburn. Well done to everyone in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6 who took part. There were 4 boys and 4 girls who also ran a competition race. Will N was the first boy back for our school and for the girls it was Rowan. Luckily the weather stayed fine and no one got soaked going round the 1.5 mile hilly course!

Reported by Luke A

Well done to everyone who took part, the school team results are as follows:

1st – Amotherby – 45 points.

2nd – Langton – 77 points

3rd – Rillington – 87 points

4th – West Heslerton – 99 points

5th – Welburn – 101 points.

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 4th 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 3rd. The weather was horrible and wet but we carried on!

By Maddie, Maisie, Rowan and Thomas

Hockey

All children in years 2, 3 and 4 took part in a hockey festival at Malton Community Sports Centre. The children all played really well and won their matches. It was a fun afternoon.

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. 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.

Multi-Skills

Reception, year 1 and year 2 children had a great afternoon at MCSC taking part in multi-skills and lots of skills were needed!

Everyone had a go at each activity using their throwing, hopping, jumping, kicking, skipping and balancing skills.

Lots of perseverance and lots of fun!

Athletics

Farthing Wood had a great afternoon at Malton Sports Centre improving our athletics skills. We did many fun activities around the hall such as target throw, chest push and speed bounce. Overall we gained 30 points and secured 3rd place out of 5 schools, with the results really close.

Written by Farthing Wood



CHRISTMAS 2018

Christmas Cards

All children had the opportunity to design their own Christmas card, which raised £93.70 for Friends of School.

ST. Catherine's Hospice

The Flumpets stall raised £60.54 for St. Catherine's Hospice.

Fair Trade

The children were able to buy small gifts from the Fair Trade stall in school which took over £300 for Fair Trade and school Fair Trade resources, many thanks.

Hope Central

Children in Badger Wood and Keeper Wood visited 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 service started with the congregational carol

“Once in Royal David’s City” – the school choir sang verse 1.

Keeper Wood read “The History of Advent” before the school sang “No Room at the Inn”



School sang “It was on a Starry Night” before Farthing Wood told the Nativity Story from the New Testament.

The children sang “Midnight” and “Away in a Manger”.

The congregation joined in singing “O Come all ye Faithful” during which a collection was taken.

Rev’d Joe led the prayers and the service ended with Dexter playing “Deck the Halls” on clarinet and “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	Lucy	Inn Keeper	Abigail
Joseph	Jacob	Inn Keeper’s wife	Paige
Angel	Shivonne	Star	Zinzi
Shepherd	Annabelle	Wise man	Toby
Shepherd	James	Wise man	Edward
Shepherdess	Abbie	Wise woman	Jasmine
Donkey/cow/sheep/camel	Chloe		



Panto Visit

The whole school visited Scarborough Spa to see this year's pantomime – Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood.

The children joined Robin's gang to help the hero save the day and win the heart of Maid Marian. Can our favourite outlaw, Robin Hood, outwit the evil Sheriff of Nottingham, free the unfortunate babes, Jack and Jill, and their outrageous Nanny?

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

