WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

HEADTEACHER UPDATE 12.6.20

STAFFING

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Milner as her teaching role here comes to an end at the end of term. We would like to thank her for her hard work in Badger Wood and wish her well in her future career.

We are also saying goodbye to Bryce Chatto, our music teacher, and thank him for Tuesday afternoon music lessons over the past few years.

The Governors have appointed Joanne Bickerton as a class teacher at West Heslerton from September, we are looking forward to welcoming her to our school. The Governors have appointed Amy-Jayne Milton as a music teacher on Tuesday afternoons from September. We are looking forward to singing and instrumental playing here in school and look forward to Amy joining our school.

BEHAVIOUR POLICY

In light of Covid regulations, we have amended our behaviour expectations to ensure everyone's safety. Please see the additional behaviour expectations displayed in the policies section of the school website. It is expected that all children in school will follow these rules ensure everyone's safety.

PRIVACY NOTICE

In light of Covid regulations, we have amended our privacy notice.

Please see the Privacy Notice displayed in the policies section of the school website.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Childcare

School is primarily open for childcare for key workers on days when key workers are working. As more adults are expected to return to work, pupil numbers may increase in school. Please book your child's place on booking@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk Priority is given to key worker children.

Education

We are also currently open for education for pupils in Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are observing social distancing advice and are therefore limited to smaller class sizes. If your child is eligible and you wish for your child to return to school, please book your child's place on booking@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Group sizes

Regulations currently limit our class sizes. Priority is given to key workers. Governors have decided that should pupil numbers get too large, we will need to close the Year 6 facility to accommodate key worker pupils. We will give as much notice as possible of this. Please can we ask for key workers to send their child to school only on days when they are working to ensure we can continue to support as many families as possible.

READING BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

We would wish to collect in all reading books and library books of pupils who are attending and not attending school. Boxes at the main school entrance and in the playground. Please drop them here as soon as you can so that we can store these to ensure they are germ free and ready for use in September.

HOME LEARNING

Work set in school is also set by class teachers for children at home. This can be found on the school website with newsletters. The next class learning newsletters will be published on Friday, June 12th.

Miss Milner can be contacted with Badger Wood learning at bw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Shackley can be contacted with Keeper Wood learning at kw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Woodward can be contacted with Farthing
Wood learning at fw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Wells can be contacted for support with any other aspect of school, please phone school and leave a message on the answer phone.
Alternatively, please email the office on admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

SUMMER SAFETY

At this time of year, we often welcome in visitors to help educate children in keeping safe. We are supporting the 'Float to Live' safety message from the Royal National Life Saving Institute (RNLI). They deliver advice on how to react should you become stricken in cold water.

Everyone who falls unexpectedly into cold water wants to follow the same instinct, to swim hard and to fight the cold water. But when people fight it, chances are, they lose. Cold water shock makes you gasp uncontrollably and breathe in water, which can quickly lead to drowning. If students find themselves unexpectedly in the water, the message is to float until the cold water shock has passed and they will be able to control their breathing and have a far better chance of staying alive. It is important that we share water safety advice to prevent further incidents occurring this summer.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

The Y6 graduation in July has been postponed until later in the year when it is deemed safer to do so. We will be sending details electronically to all parents of pupils in Year 6 so that you can share your information with the CU. The Children's University can get in touch with you directly if you wish for your child to take part in this.

PE ACTIVITIES

This year, National School Sport Week - rebranded as NSSW at Home - will take place from Saturday 20th June to Friday 26th June. Schools can register their interest in the event - as can individual Parents/Carers - using the link

https://www.youthsporttrust.org/national-schoolsport-week-home

When you register you will be provided with free access to videos and activity cards to help you plan a range of challenges. The active challenges will be things that can be done at home. They focus on togetherness, inclusivity and well-being - and allow virtual competition with family and friends

SLEEP WORKSHOP

During the Covid-19 lockdown, it can be extra challenging to manage your child's sleep. This online workshop gives the opportunity to hear other parents' experiences, learn new strategies and share as much or as little of your story as you wish.

Sleep - It is common for all young children to have sleep issues, but more common for disabled children and those with additional needs. This webinar will explore some of the issues around sleep and will look at ways of supporting your child. Raising awareness of the importance of sleep and the effect on the whole family. Participants will gain a better understanding of sleep processes, why sleep problems may occur and examining possible causes. Group discussion to explore what might help and where to get support.

The workshop will be held on Zoom, and we will give advice on how to install and use Zoom before the workshop is held.

For further info and support, please contact us on info@contact.org.uk For other enquiries see our http://www.contact.org.uk/common-questions

BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Friends of school have arranged a Bags2school collection for Monday, June 22nd. As we have all had time to sort out our wardrobes and homes during lockdown, you may have clothing, bags, shoes, bedding to get rid of!

Please leave any bags in the parent shelter outside school from Monday, June 15th and by 8.30am on June 22nd, thank you.