

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

HEADTEACHER UPDATE 19.6.20

SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Closure of Year 6 facility

Due to the rise in key worker pupils returning to school and the need to maintain social distancing, Governors have followed DfE guidance and made the decision to close school for the education of Year 6 pupils. This closure will take place from Monday 29th June. **The last day for education for Year 6 pupils will be Friday 26th June.** All parents of Year 6 pupils have been informed via email and childcare places continue to be made available to those critical worker families who need it.

Childcare places

For those families who have 1 or more parents as critical workers, **childcare is offered at school only at times when the parent is at work. If you wish to use this service, please email booking@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk with details of the dates you are working.** These places may be limited due to space and the need to socially distance. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Confirmation of a place being available will be sent. Details of who is classed as a key worker is online here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

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.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

A letter detailing how to book transport for those children who are eligible has been placed on the website. Places must be booked in advance so that social distancing can be adhered to. Please use this link to book in advance:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schools-and-childrens-services-during-coronavirus-covid-19#transport>

The school taxi runs at 8.35am and leaves school at 3pm so that pupils are able to access schooling.

HOME LEARNING

Keep in touch with your child's class teacher

Work is set by class teachers each fortnight for those pupils not currently at school. Please see for the latest letters here: <https://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/newsletters>

Class teachers have been delighted to receive photographs of work completed and reports of the successes achieved during home learning. We are also available to support any families struggling to achieve the work set or who have queries about schoolwork. 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

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

THE DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE ONLINE MENTAL WELLBEING ASSEMBLY

The Duchess of Cambridge has lead an online assembly for the Oak National Academy during which she spoke about the importance of mental wellbeing among children. The theme of the Duchess' assembly was 'spread a little kindness' and is based on a lesson plan which is available on the Mentally Healthy Schools platform. This platform was developed with children's mental health charity Place2Be and encourages children to explore ways in which they can show kindness and recognise the benefits of kindness to others.

The Mentally Healthy Schools platform can be accessed here:

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/>

The assembly was live on the Oak National Academy website at 11am on Thursday 18 June and can be accessed here:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/>
A recording of the assembly will be available to view on the Oak National Academy website following the event.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Year 2 to Year 5

Pupils in year groups 2 to 5, there will have no cut-off date this year for collecting CU learning credits. This will enable the students to continue collecting 'learning hours' over the summer months. CU staff hope to see them early next academic year but obviously will wait to see what happens. The Children's University currently have no set plans for mini graduations and relaunches, although they may be able to take place early next academic year.

Children's University -Year 6

The Year 6 Children's University Graduation ceremony has been postponed from July to November. The CU need pupil addresses and email addresses so that they may contact these leavers with details. Parents/carers should send their contact information directly to the Children's University please. Their contact email is childrensuniscar@hull.ac.uk . **Friday 3rd July** will be this year's cut-off point for the collection of passports for those Year 6 students wishing to graduate. Please return your child's CU passport to school and the CU will collect the passports from school before the end of term.

ICE CREAM

As a surprise to all children attending school on Wednesday, we were able to organise a visit from the ice cream van. Pupils were treated to a 99 cone as pudding. The weather obliged with warm and sunny weather to enjoy them in!



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