

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE 3.7.20

### AUTUMN TERM

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September is a school training day. Term recommences on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**. We are currently planning for the return of all pupils on this date. This may be altered based upon national or regional guidance issued nearer the time. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in school in class in September. Reassurance about what to expect on your child's return to primary school can be seen in the online video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiefaCf2fvY> The film for secondary school arrangements is here

<https://youtu.be/foQuulWoni8>

### SCHOOL REPORTS AND NEW CLASS INFORMATION

School reports were sent to all families last week, along with details of classes for September. Please contact school if you did not receive these. We will organise meetings to discuss these in the new school year should you wish to.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School term will end on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** for all pupils. Key worker childcare is being co-ordinated by NYCC and we hope to share details of these facilities once arrangements are confirmed. Please see below local holiday club details that have been announced.

### SCHOOL MEALS

It is anticipated that cooked meals will be available for all children from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Children in Badger Wood will be provided with a cooked meal each day funded by school. Meals are available to purchase each day for children in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood (Year 3 to 6). Meals cost £2.50 each day and are 2 courses. Please send money in a named envelope with your child to class each Monday. School also accept cheques and operate Parent Pay to help parents to pay electronically. Please register for this using the login supplied previously or ask at school for details next term. Should you wish to pay for the half term, the cost of meals is £85. Please see the school website for the menu for the autumn term.

#### Year 2 children

Year 2 pupils moving up to Year 3 in September will no longer get Universal free school meals.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are planning to reopen our after school care facility from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. This is subject to national policy at the time but we are keen to support parents with a longer working day. To book places for this club with Thomas Webborn and Miss Johnson, please phone prior to **July 17<sup>th</sup>** or return the booking form that accompanies this newsletter online. Prices remain at £8 per session per child until 5.30pm. A slot until 4.30pm is priced at £5 per child. A snack is provided for each child attending. Usual terms and conditions apply.

### UNIFORM

For those families wishing to purchase school jumpers, cardigans, sun hats etc, we will be hosting an opportunity to purchase uniform prior to the break. Please come to the school office during the mornings of Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and we will be happy to help you to purchase items ready for the start of term.

Sweatshirts £9.50

Cardigans £10.00

Sun hats £1.50

Uniform can also be purchased at the start of next term for those who wish to wait until after the summer break.

### LEAVERS SERVICE

A Year 6 Leavers' worship is unable to go ahead in our community this year due to regulations still in place. Instead, the Diocese of York have organised a virtual service for all Year 6 pupils and their families. This is available online until the end of term.

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/schools-education-homepage/leavers-service/>

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals for means tested families will be funded during the summer holidays to support communities moving on from the lockdown. Online vouchers for free school meals for these families will be issued this week in one block for the summer holidays. **Please contact school prior to Thursday 16th July to confirm these have arrived.**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### BAG2SCHOOL

Thank you to all those families who had a great sort out over lockdown and donated clothing to the Friends Collection. A total of £228 was raised for Friends events.

### 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](mailto: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.

### SWIMMING

School has provisionally booked swimming lessons for all children in Reception to year 4 as normal for 10 weeks, starting in September.

We will ask for a contribution of £2.50 per week (£25 for the 10 weeks) towards transport costs.

We will await Government guidance after the summer to see if this will go ahead.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT HOME

Each week, slides and links are added to our local area page of the School Games website - <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/sgo/lady-lumleys/>

### FOREST SUMMER SCHOOL

Tom Webborn, our Forest School Leader, is using his food producing smallholding in Sherburn as a venue for a 'summer school' in August, to support the wellbeing needs and nutritional health of young people in our villages. This would be similar to the gardening clubs and forest school club at school, starting Monday 3rd August. Meet Bella the goat, feed plucky chicks, turn your hand to den-building, fire-lighting, woodcraft, growing fruit and veg, arts n crafts in the fresh air at Lime Tree Cottage, Sherburn. Sociable, safe and fun mix of child-led activities to encourage resilient and happy children run by experienced DBS checked Forest School Leaders .

Please contact [limetreecottage13@gmail.com](mailto:limetreecottage13@gmail.com) for details, prices and booking. Very limited places to enable distancing (government guidance 1/7/2020)

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way for children 4-11yrs to continue reading over the summer holidays. This year's Challenge called 'Silly Squad' is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

To register sign up online at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> Once registered children can log-in and keep track of their reading. There will be activities, games and reading suggestions available on the website. Please also keep an eye out on your local library Facebook page and the @nycclibraries Facebook page for online activities and reading recommendations.

Have a look at the library eBook and eAudiobooks—we've bought lots of great titles for you to read and enjoy. They are free to borrow at: [www.northyorks.gov.uk/digital-library](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/digital-library)

Please note that due to Covid 19 there is no requirement to visit a library in order to take part in this year's Challenge and we are unable to offer the usual stickers, medals etc. This is very different to our usual offer but our priority is to help people stay safe.

**Dear Parents**

**Don't stress about schoolwork. In September I will get your children back on track. I am a teacher and that's my superpower. What I can't fix is social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.**

**With love  
All the Teachers on Planet Earth.**

## MUSIC LESSONS

To register interest and to find out more details visit:

[www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk)

### Contact us

County Music Service, CYPS Business Support,  
County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AE

Email: [MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:MusicServiceTuitionRequests@northyorks.gov.uk)

Or visit our website at: [www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk)

If you would like this information in another language or format please ask us.

Tel: 01609 780 780 email: [customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk)



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## Online Tuition at Home



To register interest and to find out more details visit:  
[www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk](http://www.northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk)

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