

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER September 11th 2020

A paper newsletter will be sent home each Friday, you may wish to isolate this for 48 hours before reading it. This will also be on the school website. www.westheslertonschool.co.uk

WELCOME

Welcome back after the summer break, it is great to see you all after such a long time! All the children have settled in to the new school routine well and are enthusiastic about the term ahead.

Attendance

It is expected that children will attend school full time, please work with us if you have any attendance worries.

Start and end of day

May we please remind you that only one parent is to drop off and collect children at school. We ask that children walk up to school from the village, younger children to be dropped off at the bottom of the ramp in order to reduce the numbers on the playground. Please will parents remember to keep their distance at the end of the day. In order to aid traffic flow, please do not park in the space at the top of the road.

Please would you ensure that your child's uniform is named so that lost property can be returned quickly to the correct child.

Please ensure that your child has their Forest School Kit in school at all times, thank you.

The children will need a waterproof coat everyday as we will be outside for break times whatever the weather. Children must not bring any items from home other than a lunch box and water bottle . All children have a school book bag, therefore no other bags are required. This is to reduce the risk of transmission.

May we remind you that children In Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood need to bring a piece of fruit for break time.

SWIMMING

The planned swimming lessons for children in years reception to year 4 will not take place before half term. We will wait for an update as to the situation after half term and let you know as soon as possible.

P.E.

As children are not permitted to change for P.E. at the present time we will focus upon outdoor and adventurous activities on Friday afternoons. In addition, Badger Wood will be taking part in active learning outdoors each day, Farthing Wood will have a P.E. session on Tuesdays and Keeper Wood on Thursdays. These sessions will only take place outdoors. On these days the children will need to come to school in sports wear and trainers which they will wear all day. This will commence week beginning 21st September.

SAFETY IN SCHOOL

School has followed the North Yorkshire Risk Assessment to create new routines during this difficult time. If parents have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please get in touch via email or phone.

STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Bickerton to school to teach in Farthing Wood. We hope she will be happy here.

There has been a change to the music teacher. Mrs Angela Durant will be teaching music on Tuesday afternoons. We hope she will be happy here.

READING BOOKS

Reading books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Books returning to school will be quarantined. No library books will be issued for now.

E-MAIL

Please would you complete the attached form and return it to school on Monday in order that we have an up to date email address in school, thank you.

BADGER WOOD

It has been wonderful to see everyone back in class this week and to welcome in our new Reception children. We have all been busy getting used to the new classroom layout (both inside and outside) and working on remembering the different routines...I bet parents never knew that their children were so amazing at tidying away!

Reading and Homework in Badger Wood

All children in class now have a book bag, blue planner/log, a reading book and homework tasks.

- Blue planners/logs - these are for recording down (on the right-hand side) ANY reading (including books shared at home) and noting down homework tasks that children complete - as well as any messages/appointments etc that you would like us to know about in advance.

- Reading books - will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so please make sure that book bags, with planners and the book, are in school on these days. Some of the reading books contain some great advice and tips for people at home (usually inside the front or back cover) on how to help children work through that particular book.

- Homework tasks/menu - Stuck in planners/logs. These tasks are 'pick and choose' for this half term (up until Week 7), and some may take more than one week to complete. I am always delighted to receive emails with photos of children's homework (as we are not sending home homework books at the moment), which we can then share with the rest of the class when appropriate.

- Online learning - in the front of the planner/log you will find logins and passwords for three websites/apps that we will also be using as part of independent learning during class time. These are 'Teach Monster', 'Spelling Shed' and 'Timetables Table Rockstars' for the moment. These can be used as part of the homework task/menu and be recorded in the planner/log whenever children use them at home.

Hopefully, this system will be smooth running for most of the children (and parents), but if not then don't hesitate to get in touch and we will do our best to guide you through it.

Mrs Woodward

KEEPER WOOD

Welcome back Keeper Wood, it is lovely to see you all back at school at last. Mrs T and I are very pleased to see you are all keen to be here and learning.

Reading books will be changed Monday, Wednesday and Friday to allow for the 48 hour isolation of books before being used by anyone else. Please ensure reading logs are in school every day.

Our homework this term is reading, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed online; the spellings set will still be tested but this year it will be on a Tuesday.

There has been a sheet provided in reading bags of spellings that children need to know in different year groups, please keep this sheet at home and practise these over the coming school year.

Children need to know all the previous year's spellings also.

Our P.E day will be Thursday, so please come in full school sports kit on that day (see P.E box for further details).

Miss Shackley

FARTHING WOOD

We have had a fantastic first week back in Farthing Wood. Everyone has settled in brilliantly and been working hard. They have been writing letters to introduce themselves, working on place value and finding out about Vikings. We are looking forward to the rest of the term!

From the week beginning 21st September we will be starting PE lessons again, and our day will be Tuesdays. Children should come to school in their kit on this day. Also, due to current guidance, reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Homework will be set using online resources which the children should already be familiar with and will be recorded in their planners.

Mrs Bickerton

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

There is a Station Taxis Facebook page which gives up to date info regarding the school taxi run during Corona and poor weather etc:
@stationtaxismaltonschoolruns

SCHOOL MILK

Milk in school is provided by Cool Milk. Children under 5 receive this free of charge. For over 5s parents may order and pay for milk at <https://www.coolmilk.com>

CURRENT VACANCIES

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR ASSISTANT

Required immediately

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor to work 4 hours per week, from 12 noon to 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at school.

The role involves supervision of the children during lunch and in the playground after lunch.

For an application form and further details, please enquire at the school office.

RELIEF TEACHING ASSISTANT

We have a vacancy for a Relief General Teaching Assistant at school.

The role involves supporting staff within the classrooms to cover absences. This is an ideal role for someone wishing to become a teaching assistant.

For an application form and further details, please enquire at the school office.

ATTACHMENTS

Please see attached:

- Menu
- After school club booking form and voucher
- Email request

MUD KITCHEN

This week Badger Wood have had an amazing new mud kitchen delivered to the outdoor area. But we have not been able to use it as yet because we need to restock the equipment for making all things muddy!

If anyone has any of the items below that they no longer use or need, then I know that the children in Badger Wood would be so excited to be sent them so that we can get set up and get making:

Bun tins
Cooking tins (cake tins)
Pans
Metal cooking utensils (e.g. whisk)
Wooden cooking utensils
Metal/enamel jugs
Metal/enamel teapots
Metal/enamel gravy boats
Pestle and mortar
Metal/enamel cups
Metal/enamel bowls
Spoons (any size)
Metal/enamel colander

Thank you
Badger Wood (and Mrs Woodward)

HESLERTON AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Heslerton After School Club is open to all pupils from 3.30pm-5.30pm Monday to Thursday to relax and have fun with their friends. All children will need to bring a named water bottle, forest school kit and wellies. A snack will be provided.

To book, please contact the school office or speak to Tom or Lucy at the After School Club. Children need to be registered before they attend. Full sessions cost £8.00 per child and a 1 hour session costs £5 per child. At the end of each session, please collect your child from the wildlife area or buzz the front door. A staff member will sign your child out.

Please see attached a booking form for this half term and a voucher for one free session.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our exciting childcare provision.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The children have been enjoying lovely hot school dinners, eaten in their bubbles.



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