



“Children are at the centre of all we do.”

NEWSLETTER September 9th 2022

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Please note, this will be the last paper newsletter.

The weekly school newsletter will be published on Fridays on Dojo and on the school website. <http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>

SCHOOL

Welcome back after the summer holidays, we hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the term ahead.

STAFF

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Julie Mason at the end of September due to retirement. Mrs Mason has been an integral part of West Heslerton School since 1995. Her contributions and knowledge have been invaluable. She will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best for an enjoyable retirement.

If families would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Mrs Mason, please send money in envelopes to the school office.

We are pleased to welcome Georgina Griffin, teaching student in Badger Wood. We hope she will be happy here.

COVID

DfE guidance states: Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious, minimum 3 days.

If you are at all unsure, please contact school and we'll do our best to help you.

FARTHING WOOD VISIT

The children in Farthing Wood will be visiting the Fossil Festival at Scarborough Spa on **Friday, September 16th**. They will be taking part in workshops, exploring rocks and Geology.

There is no charge for this visit.

The children will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks only in cartons please, no cans or bottles. School is able to provide a packed lunch if you wish, please return the attached form on **Monday 12th September**, thank you.

Children will need a waterproof coat and sensible shoes. School carries insurance for all visits.

DIARY DATES

Dates

Friday, 16th September – Farthing Wood Fossil Festival visit.

Wednesday 21st September, FW to MCSC - Football

Thursday, 22nd September – swimming starts for years R-4.

Wednesday, 28th September – Open Evening for all pupils, please share this with prospective parents.

Friday, 30th September – MacMillan Coffee Event 9-10am for parents and families – all welcome.

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes and additions to these as the term progresses. Please check the school website for details <http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>

SCHOOL MEALS

School meals are £2.60 per meal for children in years 3-6. Please would you make payments for dinners and the after-school club via Parent Pay. New pupils will be issued with logins. Thank you.

Breaktime time snacks and drinks will be available for 20p each item.

ABSENCES

Please telephone the school office each morning to report a child's absence. Dojo messages and emails are not always checked first thing in the morning.

Please may we remind you to use Dojo for messages to staff regarding class activities. Please phone 01944 728286 or pop into the school office with any queries or to check availability in the after-school club.

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

RECEPTION ASSESSMENT FOR PARENTS

You may have heard about the reception baseline assessment (RBA), which is a national statutory assessment that will be administered to children in all reception classes in September.

We have attached some information about the assessment. Reception children completed this last year and found that the children really enjoy the 1 to 1 time with staff. We make it lots of fun and only do it when the child is showing high levels of well-being and is happy in class. The assessment takes about 20 minutes and uses little games and activities. It does not require any preparation at home.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf?fbclid=IwAR33S_n5uIn2WjkiXBpSujSh-RWtqJUrdEc6G31GDimVKIZ3pKx_olk12a8

EYFS Baseline Privacy Notice

Please click this link for the privacy notice relating to the Reception Baseline Assessment for Autumn term 2022

https://www.nfer.ac.uk/media/4554/rba_pupil_data_privacy_notice.pdf

FARTHING WOOD FOOTBALL

The children in Farthing Wood will be taking part in a football event at MCSC on **Wednesday, September 21st.**

The children will travel with Fletcher's coaches and be accompanied by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell. We will leave school at 12.30 and return for the end of the school day.

Pupils will need to take their own inhalers if necessary. School carries insurance for all school trips. In case of emergency please contact the school.

Holidays

Just to remind you that stricter holiday rules have resumed nationally post Covid. NYCC holiday forms are available in the school entrance hall and on the school website should you need leave. Applications should be received six weeks before the planned trip. Thank you.

FOREST SCHOOL KIT

Forest School kits to be in school each day please. Items to be in school by **Friday 16th September.**

Children will need the equipment listed below.

- ✓ A small rucksack (to be used during sessions and to store the below items in)
- ✓ A spare water bottle to be kept in the bag when we go out and about.
- ✓ Waterproof leggings/trousers
- ✓ A warm top
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Hat – warm for cooler weather

To have every day.

- ✓ Wellies
- ✓ Waterproof coat

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

With many families facing financial hardship as the cost of living increases, NYCC are doing all that they can to ensure that every family that is eligible to claim Free School Meals (FSM) for their child is benefiting from this additional help. With this in mind they have made it easier for parents to apply for a free school meal. The new application process means that all applications are now made electronically. In just a few steps parents will receive an almost instant decision on whether their application has been successful. All children are eligible for free school meals if they're in reception class; year 1; or year 2. but we still ask that you apply using this form to prevent your child's school missing out on additional funding.

The new application process is now live and can be accessed immediately

here: <https://fisportal.northyorks.gov.uk/Synergy/SynergyWeb/>

SECONDARY SCHOOL

For parents of children in Year 6, please see the below link for transition to secondary school.

[Year 6 Letter - Secondary Transfer](#)

This has been sent by Dojo to all Year 6 parents.

School Access

To keep everyone in our school community safe, please may we remind you not to enter or leave school via the vehicular access. Please use the designated path ways. Thank you for your support.

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

FOODBANK

School is an agent for the food bank, enabling us to give vouchers for food. These are provided confidentially, please contact Mrs Wells to discuss if this may help you.



The Foodbank is located at Howe Road in Norton and provides emergency food and toiletries for individuals and families in Ryedale.

Clients are referred by local support agencies such as Ryedale District Council, Citizen's Advice, Age UK, Next Steps, housing officers, social workers, family support officers, police and other partner across the area.

A client who is referred to the foodbank brings their voucher to one of the 3 distribution centres in Norton, Pickering or Kirkbymoorside. Deliveries can be made if a client is unable to get to the centres.

The Foodbank is supported by donations from the public either financial or items which can be included in the food parcels. These items can be left in the collecting boxes in Morrisons and Lidl, the Skipton Building Society or the collecting box at Elin Ryedale Church.

The following items are most needed: breakfast cereal, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, baked beans, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, pulses, instant mash, UHT milk, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned dessert, biscuits, squash, toiletries including tooth brushes, tooth paste, men's disposable razors, cleaning materials, such as washing up liquid, pan scrubbers, spray cleaner.

One off or regular financial donations can sent to Howe Road, Norton or given in at Howe Road on a Friday, alternatively donations can be made by BACS to:
The Ryedale Community Foodbank, Natwest.
Account no 50148281 Sort code 60-13-38

www.ryedalecommunityfoodbank

<https://www.facebook.com/ryedalecommunityfb>

Thank you for your support.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

A member of our school community has a severe food allergy to peanuts/nuts. It is important that there is strict avoidance **of all nuts** in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We are asking for your help to provide a safe school environment.

Any exposure to peanuts/nuts is likely to cause an allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child. If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.

ATTACHED

Please find attached;

- Term dates for this year and next
- Farthing Wood visit form
- After school booking form – for those that haven't booked sessions
- Leaving school slip for Years 3,4,5 and 6
- Open Evening flyer
- Arrival and leaving policy
- Attendance policy
- Club letter

Please check your child has a coat for breaks, we are outside for breaks in most weathers!

BOOK BAGS

Book bags are just for the children's diary, library book, reading book and homework book not water bottles please. Books and water are not a good combination!

JOB VACANCIES

Job vacancies in school are advertised on the NYCC jobs website.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>

Reasonable Adjustments

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different

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