

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We are all in very uncertain times right now. We need patience, teamwork and healthy lifestyles to defend ourselves against the slow spread of these horrid germs and we can get back to normal. Parents, pupils, governors and staff all give above and beyond at Heslerton to our amazing school and we all look out for one another. We are all now in the same boat of uncertainty, yet we are amongst the most resilient people you will ever meet! We will continue to smile throughout this hard time. Just because we aren't doing the usual day job over the weeks and maybe months to come doesn't mean our spirit is gone, it's there within every single person in our school team and the wider school community. So whilst we are all at home and out of routine, why not smile and review how far we've come and remind ourselves that there are many vulnerable and needy people in our local and wider area and now is the time for 'we' not 'me'. Remember memories are created in the best of times and the worst of times! Hold your families (and your loo rolls!) close everyone.

Rachel Wells  
Headteacher

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

### School Statement on COVID-19 - Fri 20 Mar 2020

As a school, we have been monitoring the developing situation regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the advice being given to schools by the Government and Public Health England. Schools in England will close on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020** until further notice.

Following Government guidance, we have carefully prepared a plan with the aim of keeping disruption to a minimum. I would like you to be aware of the following key information:

**As things stand the school is now closed, (this includes our after school club). NYCC are responsible for providing education for children of key workers. This is likely to be in a small number of hub schools. Details of this have not yet been released.**

Even though school is now closed, education will continue. Please see separate class boxes for this work. We will be expecting students to complete their work every day including Year 6 students who are able to continue their set homework programme. There is a comprehensive list of free online sites on this newsletter.

We will continue to communicate with families through the school website <https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>  
For medical or other advice, please monitor the official Government advice from Public Health England (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>) or visit [www.nhs.co.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.co.uk/coronavirus) for more details.

Families may contact school via email:

[admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

for any help or support during this time.

I would like to thank the whole school community for your calm and measured response to a potentially difficult situation. The school will continue to follow government advice and I am confident we will work together with families in the best interests of our students.

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

### HESLERTON AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The Governors have agreed to a change in the After School Club to enable parents to book for one hour, 3.30-4.30 or 4.30-5.30 at a cost of £5 per hour. We hope this will make the club more manageable for families.

Please book in the usual way.

Following the announced closure of schools, bookings will be taken as soon as we are able to return to school. Booking forms will be issued once more information is available regarding schools reopening. There will be spaces for all children who wish to have a place as soon as we open.

### PARENTPAY

West Heselton School will be making ParentPay available in school once **schools fully reopen**. This is a cashless system of payment for school meals, after school club and visits. Please see enclosed information letters and an activation letter for any families who wish to pay by this method. We will still accept payment with cash or cheques and the break time snacks will be cash so that the children learn to handle money.

This is a new system for us so please be patient if there are any issues, thank you.

### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Thank you to the Friends of school for our wonderful Easter eggs, given out on Friday to those in school to help celebrate Easter.

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Skyla, Tia-May and Laura delivered their planned worship this week on the theme of animal cruelty. The whole school praised their confident delivery and teamwork, thank you.

### HESLERTON AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Heselton 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. Sessions cost £8.00 per child. At the end of each session, please collect your child from the wildlife area or buzz the front door.

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

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### ENCLOSED

Please see attached:

- Parentpay information
- Parentpay activation letter
- Summer Term menu

### TERMLY NEWSLETTER

There will be no termly newsletter this term.

## BADGER WOOD

These are the things Badger Wood children can be doing at home:

- Teach Monster (Rec & YR1)
- TT Rockstars
- Spelling Shed
- Topmarks (English and Maths - YR1/2 - Fractions)
- SATS past papers - YR2
- Phonics Play (Rec & YR1)
- We also watch Jack Hartmann videos in class.
- There are also some free resources on websites such as Twinkl and Sparklebox.

YouTube - Mr MC (EYFS & YR1), Numberblocks and Alphablocks (EYFS)

Read with phonics app (EYFS & YR1)

White rose maths website

Home learning packs available to download from Twinkl, TES, Classroom Secrets, TTS-group.

Oxford Owl –over 40books per year group online books to read

Extra reading books have been sent home for all children.

An exercise book has been sent home for each child to use as a diary and practice their reading.

## KEEPER WOOD

Ideas for Keeper Wood work to complete at home during the school closure:

### Reading

Read Theory website (children have login)

Reading school books/ home books

### Spellings

Spelling Shed (spellings available weekly as usual)

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

Practise spelling expectation for each year group, this is in the front of their homework books

Topmarks- Spelling and grammar

### Writing

Practise handwriting/ handwriting joins

Focusing on sentences that contain capital letters and full stops

Use grammar techniques to write sentences

### Maths

TT rockstars

Topmarks- Yr 4 decimals, Yr 3 capacity and weight

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

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

## FARTHING WOOD

Farthing Wood work to complete at home during the school closure:

### Reading -

- [Readtheory.org](https://www.readtheory.org) - reading with comprehension questions. Children have individual pupil logins in their planners
- <https://www.getepic.com> - a whole library of books! Farthing Wood class code is 'hiq4870'.
- [researchify.co.uk/audiobooks.html](https://researchify.co.uk/audiobooks.html) free children classics in audio form
- carry on with reading books

### Writing -

- [theteachertrain.com/mc-grammar](https://www.theteachertrain.com/mc-grammar) - grammar term songs
- [spellingframe.co.uk](https://www.spellingframe.co.uk) - spellings by year group
- <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb> - Spelling practice and games. Children have individual pupil logins in their planners
- A4 page/type up of story openings writing using the D.A.S.H. model below, which is in their homework books (description, action, speech, how is your character feeling)

### Maths -

- Yr6 - carry on with your maths folder...there are plenty of questions to keep you going!
- All - [topmarks.co.uk](https://www.topmarks.co.uk) (maths KS2)
  - [myminimaths.co.uk](https://www.myminimaths.co.uk) - Various arithmetic and reasoning questions to use
- <https://ttrockstars.com> - Times Table Rockstars. Children have individual pupil logins in their planners

### Other subjects

- [topmarks.co.uk](https://www.topmarks.co.uk) - thousands of teaching resources, interactive resources, searchable database of activities
- [www.kennedy-center.org/mowillems](https://www.kennedy-center.org/mowillems) - 'Lunch Doodles' with Mo Willems
- All activities on the homework topic grid 'Stars and stripes' (which is in children homework books), that is linked to our current school topic

## EDUCATION IN CASE OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

In case of school closure, here is a list of FREE online education resources that may be useful to parents of pupils of all ages:

**Khan Academy** - <https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

**BBC Learning**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

**Futurelearn** - <https://www.futurelearn.com>

Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account).

**Blockly** - <https://blockly.games>

Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

**Scratch** - <https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

Creative computer programming

**Ted Ed** - <https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos.

**National Geographic Kids** - <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

**Duolingo** - <https://www.duolingo.com>

Learn languages for free. Web or app.

**Mystery Science** - <https://mysteryscience.com>

Free science lessons

**The Kids Should See This** - <https://thekidshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of cool educational videos

**Crest Awards** - <https://www.crestawards.org>

Science awards you can complete from home.

**iDEA Awards** - <https://idea.org.uk>

Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.

**Paw Print Badges** - <https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

**Tinkercad** - <https://www.tinkercad.com>

All kinds of making.

**Prodigy Maths** - <https://www.prodigygame.com>

Is in U.S. grades, but good for UK Primary age.

**Cbeebies Radio** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

Listening activities for the younger ones.

Nature Detectives - <https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

**British Council** - <https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>

Resources for English language learning

Oxford Owl for Home - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Lots of free resources for Primary age.

**Geography Games** - <https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>

Geography gaming!

**Blue Peter Badges** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

**The Artful Parent** - <https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>

Good, free art activities

**Red Ted Art** - <https://www.redtedart.co>

Easy arts and crafts for little ones

**The Imagination Tree** - <https://theimaginationtree.com>

Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

**Toy Theater** - <https://toytheater.com/>

Educational online games

**DK Find Out** - <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2WJdpSJSelTf4do6aPhff8A3tAktmnpaxqZbkgudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac>

Activities and quizzes

**Twinkl** - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk>

This is more for printouts, and usually at a fee, but they are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures.

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

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Resident/s

I hope you are staying healthy during this challenging time.

Having spoken to some local businesses they have offered their services to do home deliveries.

- **Turners Butchers of Rillington**  
Please order by midday Wednesdays for a Thursday delivery (if you are desperate this week please call to discuss other options or I can collect produce)  
01944 758387
- **Payleys of Malton**  
Will be able to offer delivery to the village on Mondays and Wednesdays for fresh groceries and some other essential items  
01653 692221
- **The Dawnay Arms**  
Simon and Jess are still open and they will be delighted to help ready meal deliveries. They also have a small selection of essential items such as supplies of coffee, tea, milk, toilet paper and dog food which they will be selling from the pub or home delivery. I have enclosed their menu or your information.  
01944 728507
- I believe Roots and Shoots will continue their service to the village
- Locally Farmed potatoes  
Please call the number below if your stocks are low

I know there is a strong community spirit here and there may be other people in the village who will also be delighted to help. We will do our best to keep you updated.

If you require any other help, information or a friendly phone call during this challenging time, please do not hesitate to pick up the phone. My number is 07494 450232.

Wishing you all well and stay safe

Kind regards

Sarah Beal