

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 20th 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

COVID

If you or a family member displays symptoms of COVID, please do not come in to school. You will need to isolate and be tested as per national guidance. If your child tests positive, please contact school by email on our dedicated email address covid@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk This can be done at any time during the school day, evenings or weekends. Parents will be notified of bubbles being closed with messages on Class Dojo and on the school website. We hope that this will mean children do not need to have wasted journeys to school and families can have greater notice of any closures.

COVID IN SCHOOLS

Following a large increase in Covid cases recently, NYCC have asked all schools to regularly remind parents of the following expectations:

- **Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from our school.** Please follow any guidance issued by your child's school to help with this e.g. **only one adult per family should enter school grounds to collect children.**
- For those travelling by car we ask that you wait in your car until your specific drop off time. This will reduce the amount of people assembling in and around the school grounds and will help with social distancing.
- All parents/carers entering the school premises (and in other congested areas around school premises) should wear a face covering in addition to social distancing. This is an extra safeguard to reduce the transmission of the virus where social distancing cannot be maintained. Please note that this does not apply to those who are medically exempt.
- You must keep at least two metres apart from other parents/carers at all times. Where you are unable to do so, wear a face covering.

Please see attached a letter from NYCC.

FLU VACCINE

Flu vaccination will take place in school next **Thursday, November 26th** from 1pm.

SCHOOL MEALS

Please see attached a revised menu for the rest of this term. Some changes have had to be made. This is also on the school website.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We have mounted a bell on the large gate to the school field. Please ring this when you arrive to collect your child from the club.
Thank you.

Tax-free childcare

West Heslerton School is registered with the Government for tax-free childcare. Please follow the link to find out more:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare?step-by-step-nav=d78aeaf6-1747-4d72-9619-f16efb4dd89d>

You may wish to copy this link from the newsletter on the school website.

MASKS

It is difficult to maintain social distancing at the start and end of the school day. Could adults please leave their child at the bottom of the ramp when dropping off in the morning, thank you. We would ask that just one person collects their child and all adults wear a face covering. Younger children must be closely supervised whilst waiting and on the playground in order to promote social distancing. Please allow children and staff out to the taxi prior to coming up the ramp.
Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

BADGER WOOD

Another busy working week for all the children. There has been lots of learning about WW2 through looking at Sir Captain Tom Moore and his life and achievements. We have added his house to our street display - this is an ongoing display all year to remind us of the journey we have taken and the different people and families we have met along the way - so far we have Grandma's cottage from the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We will be posting a picture of this on dojo.

Mrs Woodward

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

FARTHING WOOD

It has been another busy week in Farthing Wood! We have been continuing our work on fractions and also learning more about the World Wars in English and History. I would like to say a massive thank you to Aimee, Dexter and Molly who have brought in war memorabilia from their own family. It has been fascinating to see and hear personal stories of life in the war. We also started some of the Challenge Curriculum tasks this half term: making a Dojo teddy in the style of our own Dojo monster; learning about King Alfred the Great; finding out about different religious festivals and programming animations on Scratch. Farthings also had lots of fun continuing to investigate shadows, including carrying out an experiment in Science. George B and Tyger led our class worship this week. Well done to them, it was great! Our other Superstars this week were Aimee, Dexter and Molly for their extra contribution to class work. A huge thank you to everyone that completed their homework – it was a vast improvement. The homework timetable is in the front of Planners and all homework should be recorded in Planners each day so please ensure that you have completed all set work by Monday. Please do contact me on class Dojo if you have any questions or need to speak to me. Have a good weekend.

Mrs Bickerton

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

CHRISTMAS DINNER - reminder

Please return your Christmas dinner slip by **Friday, November 27th** so that food may be ordered. Thank you.

KEEPER WOOD

Keeper Wood have worked fantastically this week. It has been a strange week and they have taken the change in their stride which is a testament to them. Well done Keepers!

Class Dojo has been working brilliantly this week; the children have found their work there for each subject and then posted it to be viewed. Mrs T has guided them through their first real experience of Class Dojo being used remotely.

Our first group did their own collective worship this week in front of the rest of the class, we were all very impressed! The next four children have been chosen to deliver theirs.

We had our first 'Show and Tell', they did a great job and have set the bar high. We will be doing this fortnightly.

Thank you for your continued support, as always.

Miss Shackley

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

BAGS2SCHOOL - reminder

Friends of School have organised a Bags2school collection on **Thursday, November 26th**. If you have been able to have a sort out in lockdown please bring your unwanted clothing, bags, shoes etc in black bags by 8.30am on November 26th.

FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

We are aware that family circumstances change and there may be a need to send correspondence to a second home. Please see attached a request slip to return to school if appropriate.

LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

We would like to support local small businesses by sending home flyers or information to families at school. If you have or know someone who has a business they would like to promote, please send a flyer or information to school via email or to the office. We will attach these to next week's newsletter. Hopefully this will help people in the run up to Christmas.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for your kind donations to Children in Need. We raised £114.30.

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

ELDERLY AT CHRISTMAS

There will be many elderly people in our area who are lonely and may not receive any gifts this Christmas. We would like to help these people by providing a Christmas shoe box of gifts. If you are able to please send in a wrapped box of gifts or an item towards boxes we will make up in school. Please send in to school by **Friday, November 27th**, thank you.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Great news, it's time for your **Children's** University passport check! Remember to leave your passport in the drop-off box by Wednesday 2nd December. Please make sure your name is inside! We will check your hours and return your passport with any rewards that are due to you



HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Please ensure that your child has their planner in school every day.

Class teachers can be contacted at:
Mrs Woodward with Badger Wood learning at bw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Shackley with Keeper Wood learning at kw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Bickerton with Farthing Wood learning at fw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Class teachers can also be messaged via Dojo.
All other enquiries can be made at admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk or by phone.

DOJO

School continues to be open to all children. If we need to close any class bubbles due to covid regulations, we will inform you using Dojo notifications. We will also set work to do using Dojo. Please make sure you have signed up for this free messaging system. Please contact school if you need a Dojo log in. Please would you contact us at school if you have no internet or access to electronic devices at home for home learning, thank you.

ATTACHED

Please see attached:

- Second family letter
- NYCC letter
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