

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER November 27th 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.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We would like to encourage everyone to wear a Christmas Jumper or Festive clothing on **Friday, December 11th** and bring a donation to Save the Children.

SANTA SLEIGH - ROUTE PLANNER !

Santa and the Elves are hoping that they will be allowed to get round Malton, Norton and surrounding villages in December as planned ! We will have collecting buckets on very long sticks or donate online at

<http://easydonate.org/VPNA02>

If all goes according to plan, the following routes will apply ...

Mon 7th Dec - West Knapton, West Heslerton, Sherburn, Wintringham.

Sat 12th Dec - Scampston, Rillington, Thorpe Bassett, Scagglethorpe, Settrington.

Wed 16th Dec -Weaverthorpe, through Wolds Villages down to North Grimston.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Exchange of Christmas cards in school is difficult this year but we are still able to allow this with covid secure methods from **December 1st**. All cards need to be in school by **Friday, December 11th** and placed in separate boxes in the hall for Badger Wood, Keeper Wood, Farthing Wood and staff. The cards will then be quarantined before being handed out.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY - reminder

It's time for your **Children's** University passport check!

Please leave your passport in the drop-off box near the office by **Wednesday 2nd December**.

Please make sure your name is inside!

Children's University staff will check your hours and return your passport with any rewards that are due to you.

Details of this scheme will be provided to all eligible children in the new year.

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.

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 newsletters.

Hopefully this will help people in the run up to Christmas.

ELDERLY AT CHRISTMAS

Thank you for the lovely donations sent in to school.

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

BADGER WOOD

There has been a lot of designing and making going on in the workshop this week. After a session about free standing structures and how we could use our knowledge about how to join materials to make them strong, the children have taken on the challenge of making a new chair for Baby Bear (since his was broken). This has meant that we have introduced a 'My Design and Evaluation' sheet into this provision area of the classroom that is challenging everyone to think about the tools and materials they are using (and how these are spelt!)

Mrs Woodward

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

KEEPER WOOD

Another busy week in Keepers. The children have completed their non-fiction writing this week and have now started looking at morals and fables, with a view to writing their own.

We have been working our way through specific times tables and applying this knowledge into problem solving.

The children have finished an investigation into light and shadow this week, showing their findings in a table and graph.

Another great week for the show and tell children; Mrs T and I are thoroughly enjoying finding out more about their interests and hobbies at home.

Miss Shackley

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

FARTHING WOOD

This week, Farthing Wood have continued their hard work in all areas of the curriculum. We are coming to the end of our work in English and will start our independent writing task next week, writing a recount based in World War II. We have also developed our understanding of fractions in Maths: comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting. Geography this week has involved an online Zoom session with Education North York Moors, in which we learnt about Ordnance Survey maps and had a virtual walk around the moors. We have begun our preparations for Christmas by using the tools in Forest School to make baubles, and we will continue these activities next week to decorate our classroom. A special mention this week to Lexi for bringing in more war memorabilia and well done to Tilly and Molly for leading our class worship. It was great! Participation and behaviour during our Zoom session was fantastic, with everyone showing their Superstar qualities. I am very proud of you all.

Once again, please ensure you are completing your homework daily, and recording this in your planner. Please do contact me on class Dojo if you have any questions or need to speak to me about anything. Take Care.

Mrs Bickerton

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

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.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Thank you for bringing bags2 school. £96 was raised for Friends of School.

ATTACHED

Please see attached

- Fair Trade directory
- Christmas cards
- Football flyer