

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER December 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

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 immediately on our dedicated email covid@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk 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. We would ask that just one person collects their child and all adults wear a face covering.

TRAINING DAYS

You may have seen in the news that it is possible for schools to move a training day to Friday 18th December. At this late stage this may be highly inconvenient to most families, therefore West Heslerton School will remain open. Parents would need to find available childcare at this busy time, which may result in more families sharing childcare during this day, mixing with people they wouldn't usually mix with. Some families use training days later on in the year for planning holidays which may mean children miss learning later on at the start of terms. **School will be open to all pupils on Friday 18th December. We will keep the remaining training days as: Monday 4th January, Monday 12th April, Monday 26th July**

CHRISTMAS

Father Christmas

All children had a visit from Father Christmas virtually today, very exciting!

Church visit

The children will be visiting West Heslerton church on **Thursday, December 17th**. They will need to dress warmly! This is for children only this year due to restrictions. Class bubbles will be maintained.

Christmas cards

The last day to post Christmas cards is **Monday, December 14th**. This is to comply with NYCC quarantine regulations.

£83.80 was raised from sales of Christmas cards in school, thank you.

Party lunch

Traditionally we have always had a party lunch towards the end of term. This year will be no different. The children can order a school party lunch on **Friday, December 18th**. Please see attached form which needs to be returned by **Monday, December 14th** please.

Please circle ham or cheese,
Thank you.



TRACK AND TRACE

Track and Trace information from the DfE following the end of term states. 'Where a pupil or staff member test positive for Coronavirus, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace'.

PARKING

May we please ask that cars are not parked on the pavement, there have been a couple of near misses with pedestrians this week. Please do not park at the top space nearest to school, as it makes it difficult for vehicles to get past.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The last **cricket club** is on **Tuesday, December 15th**.
Gymnastics Club
Thank you to Harry Sheader for another excellent gymnastics club. All children received a certificate.

BADGER WOOD

This week has been our trip down to the mobile post van in the village on Thursday afternoon. The post lady was very impressed at how well-mannered and polite all the children were when posting their letters. To end our week we have had a delivery in class of a parcel from the Jolly Postman. It contained a book (The Jolly Christmas Postman) and he also left us Christmas items and resources to put out in the areas of the classroom next week. But the highlight of the week was a live online visit from Father Christmas on Friday! Luckily he said that, at the moment, all the class are on the 'nice' list...even the adults!

Mrs Woodward

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

KEEPER WOOD

Penultimate week before the Christmas holiday and the children of Keeper Wood are showing great perseverance after a long term. They have been working on lots of different multiplication and division techniques in maths which have been previously shown in Dojo. In English, the children have started planning sentences using the Write Stuff elements. These include contractions, collective nouns, similes and metaphors. Their sentences will form a paragraph inspired by a section of The Polar Express. I can't wait to read them!

Miss Shackley

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

FARTHING WOOD

The penultimate week in Farthing Wood has been as busy as ever. Everyone completed their independent recount writing and has been learning how to multiply and divide fractions. All our textile Dojo monsters are now finished and will be coming home soon! Father Christmas paid us a 'virtual' visit to our classroom on Friday and we also had a virtual visitor from the Natwest bank who led a workshop on budgeting and party planning. I have been very proud of everyone again and Aimee, Oliver have also received Superstar status this week. Well done.

Please do contact me on class Dojo if you have any questions or need to speak to me about anything. I am looking forward to a great final week of the term.

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.

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.

RSE POLICY

There were no parental concerns raised; three responses received with positive comments. This has now been adopted by the Governing Body and is available on the school website.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School kits will be sent home next week to be isolated. They will be needed in school on **Friday, January 8th**, **Tuesday, January 5th** if children are staying to after school club.

DOG FOULING

We have been in touch with Ryedale District Council regarding this matter. They will send community patrol officers to the village when possible. If you are concerned, please contact the council on 01653 600666, it may have more effect.

ATTACHED

Please see attached

- Gymnastics club -confirmation of place
- Party lunch form

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