

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER December 10th 2021

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

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The newly identified Omicron variant means that we need to limit close contacts to allow everyone to have the Christmas they had planned. Our risk assessments will allow the following activities to take place:

Theatre visit, Wednesday, December 15th

We are still currently able to attend the Scarborough Spa Theatre. Our school will have our own private transport and we will be able to distance ourselves from other schools due to the arrangements put in place by the theatre and numbered seating allocated. A small snack will be provided by school during this morning, removing any close contact with Spa staff. Should you wish for your child not to take part, please phone the school office and let us know by **Tuesday, December 14th**. Work will be sent via Dojo for this session and your child will need to attend school from 1.30pm on this day.

Nativity, Thursday, December 16th

We are unable to host our nativity at church due to the number of visitors involved, the space available and close contact with others indoors. Instead, we will host a nativity outdoors in our school woodland area. This single performance will take place on **Thursday, December 16th at 2pm, (new time)**, and will be outdoors for approximately 1 hour. Children will be distanced from visitors at all times. Visitors are asked to dress suitably for the wintry weather and all visitors must wear masks and keep distance from one another. Pupils will dress warmly under our shelter, recreating Jesus' stable of birth! Parents will need to stand for the duration of the event. A designated area will be created. We regret that we will be unable to offer toilet facilities. We politely request that adults do not move the tables as these have been placed to protect fruit bushes in the area. We hope that you will be able to attend this live event. An opportunity to take photos will be provided at the end of the event. Please be patient, as space may be limited based upon the number of adults attending. There will be an opportunity to collect children at the end of this event and take them home slightly earlier than the usual end of day, to help congestion. Please let your teacher know by the start of the day when we complete registers and wait outside the school office after the nativity. We will bring the children out of the main entrance door once headaddresses have been removed and belongings gathered. Photos will be included on Dojo for those of you unable to attend in person due to work or health restrictions.

Party, Friday, December 17th

A children's party will be held in school for all pupils which will be run by school staff. Children should come to school in their party clothes, (suitable for playing outside at break times). There will be a buffet lunch for school dinners, which will include burgers, fish fingers and pizza. Donations of party food may be brought to the school office.

Post Boxes

Post boxes are situated in the hall. There is a separate box for each class. We would encourage all families to use these by **Wednesday, December 15th** so that cards may be quarantined before handing out.

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

COVID

Due to new variants and local Covid data, NYCC have advised us to introduce new precautionary measures. School must report Covid cases each day and must work with health protection teams if we have an outbreak. If there is a number of positive cases at school or in the area, further control measures will be imposed. We are doing all we can to limit this.

Staff will wear masks when meeting with visitors to school. **We ask parents to wear masks when dropping and collecting pupils from the school.** We need to limit close contacts to allow everyone to have the Christmas they had planned.

Should you have **any positive Covid test results**, please share these with us using

covid@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk so that we can work with Health England. Emails are checked daily, including weekends, to identify cases of children at school and home.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms. A PCR test should be arranged and pupils should stay away from school until the outcome is known. If positive, they should remain at home for at least 10 days.

MASKS

Thank you for wearing masks outside school when collecting or dropping off your children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are now able to go online and order uniform which will then be delivered to school for collection. Please see the website for available items, more may be added at a later date.

Uniform will no longer be kept in school.

[West Heslerton School \(edgeclothing.co.uk\)](http://WestHeslertonSchool(edgeclothing.co.uk))

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

May we please ask that payments for dinners and after school club are made up to date before the end of term. We need to balance all accounts.

Thank you.

As mentioned previously, West Heslerton School will be a cashless school in January 2022 for dinner money, trips, after school club and other school-based activities. This will be via Parent Pay. Logins have been issued to all families. If you have any queries, please contact the school office. We will continue to accept cash for the tuck shop so that children are still handling cash.

YOGA CLUB

The last club takes place on Tuesday, December 14th.

POPPY APPEAL

Many thanks for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised £167.70.

ATTACHED

Please find attached:

- Church services

CHILDREN IN NEED

School raised £104 for Children in Need, thank you.

BADGER WOOD

Enjoying tucking in to the 'all day breakfast'



KEEPER WOOD

In Forest Schools the children completed a scavenger hunt around the school grounds. They made bird feeders by mixing lard and bird seed together in a bag. Then, using the pine cones we collected from the woods last week, they squished the contents of their bag onto them. We will take them to the woods for the birds to enjoy over Christmas.



FARTHING WOOD

Class worship led by Molly and Theo this week on the theme of Kindness, linked to the Bible Story 'The Good Shepherd'.

