

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER December 17th 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

SCHOOL

We have made it the end of a long and difficult term and we would all like to thank parents and children for their support over the past weeks. The end of term Christmas activities were able to go ahead and for that we say thank you to the staff who have worked so hard to try to give a normal feel to Christmas.

Thank you to all parents who attended the Nativity. The children worked so hard on their performance and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to Sarah Barrett for the hay bales in our authentic stable setting.

We would like to thank Friends of School for paying for the trip to the Panto - thoroughly enjoyed by all. They have also provided Christmas crackers and treats for the children.

The whole school would like to thank the School Governors for leading us through very tricky times and all the staff for their hard work in challenging times.

We hope you all remain safe and germ free over the holidays and enjoy your family Christmas celebrations.

School returns on **Thursday, January 6th 2022** for children Wednesday, January 5th is a training day. **Covid contingency** - we will notify you if there is any change to this via Dojo so please remember to check this.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Forest School lessons will commence on Friday, January 7th. **All children will need warm Forest School kits and wellies in school.**

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.

WOODLAND CLUB

We are looking forward to our holiday club running during the holidays. Thank you to those who have booked sessions.

If there are any changes to the bookings for the Woodland Activity Club, please contact Will Watts on 07964759433. Please await a confirmation that this message has been received. There are a few spaces available, Tuesday 4th January and Wednesday 5th January are full.

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

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 sold in school.

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

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

May we please ask that payments for dinners and after school club are made in the week in which they are taken by 9am on Fridays. There have been some very late payments for the after-school club. Just to remind you the terms of the after-school club are:

- **Payment of Fees.** Please note that your child's fees for the After School Club **must** be paid on the first day that your child attends that week, unless a prior arrangement has been made. Once a booking has been made, fees will remain payable unless more than 48 hours' notice is given, or if your child is off school ill. If monies remain outstanding for more than two weeks, further bookings may be refused.

Thank you, it makes balancing the accounts so much easier.

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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

The deadline to submit your application for a place at primary school in September 2022 is 15th January 2022.

Please ensure that you have applied even if you are in pre-reception.

ATTACHED

Please find attached:

- Spring Term menu
- "The Impossible Promise" – a gift for Keeper Wood from Jonathan Kemp who will be joining the class in January.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thank you so much to Mr Dale for a delicious Christmas Dinner yesterday!



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NATIVITY



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