

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER December 18th 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.

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'.

CHRISTMAS

The children attended their service in church, where class bubbles were maintained. Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all the children, thank you to the cook. Many thanks to Friends of School who paid for the children to watch the Panto -great fun and also provided Christmas crackers, snacks and gifts. We would also like to thank Morrisons for the goodies they provided for the party lunch.



SCHOOL

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas holiday after what has been a difficult but busy Autumn Term.

School reopens on **Tuesday, January 5th 2021 for children**, Monday, January 4th is a staff training day.

Dinner money that week will be £10, £72.50 for the half term. Please send dinner money to the office on Mondays in a named envelope, or use Parent pay, thank you.

Please stay safe and follow all guidance so that we may all return to school on time.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Many thanks to those who responded to the recent questionnaire – please see reverse.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you for your support, the outfits were amazing! £99.60 was raised for Save the Children.

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.

ATTACHED

Please see attached
- Spring Term menu

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

Dear Parents / Guardians,

At West Heselton School we value the relationship we have with parents and guardians and appreciate the importance of good communication between home and school.

This Autumn Term has been extremely challenging for school and families. Despite this we have tried to prioritise the well-being of children and families and ensure that children's education continued as normally as possible. We would welcome comments from parents to help celebrate the things that have worked well and consider suggestions for next term

Please would you return any comments you may have by **Friday, December 11th 2020**, thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Rachel Wells

Autumn Term 2020

7 responses received

Things that have worked well:

- It has been great that school has carried on as normally as possible including after school club. Also with hot school meals. Thanks to all!
- All communications have been met with empathy and understanding. The school have been very accommodating with our family needs.
- We are really enjoying the Dojo app, it is great to receive daily updates on what XX is doing. We also like the fact that school staff are so responsive to emails when we sent homework or any queries. The fact that XX hasn't really mentioned that school life is much different is testament to the fact you are all working so hard to keep things as normal as possible.
- We love seeing all of the photos and updates on dojo. Thank you! It was lovely to have the chance to make up a shoebox of gifts for an elderly person in our area.
- Maintaining normality.
- You have managed to stay open! Well done. Roll out of class dojo. Keeping the sports clubs running and forest school. Introduction of masks when collecting. Keeping the children safe and happy and making things as normal as possible at this difficult time. Keeping parents informed and the thoughtful suggestions and offers of help and support from school to families and the local community.
- Class dojo updates are great, having a picture everyday gives parents a line of discussion with their child when they get home. Also nice for new parents to see their child is happy. Weekly newsletter is great for keeping up to speed on everything.

Further suggestions:

- It would be great to have one document on with all apps/extra things that school is linked with and passwords etc so I have it in one place to always refer to.
- None, thank you.
- Keep going!
- Have a lovely Christmas.