

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

NEWSLETTER March 12th 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

COVID

We have been working hard to ensure the health of all at school. We have not had any known cases on the premises. Please help us to continue this. Full and regular risk assessments are in place. Staff will wear masks in areas of school other than the classrooms from March 8th.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school for at least 10 days if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
- they need to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area.
- they have had a positive test.

Should you have **any Covid test results**, please share these with us using covid@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk so that we can alert Health England and all families as soon as possible to any contact (within 48 hours) that has taken place. Emails are checked daily, including weekends, to identify cases of children at school and home.

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.

SCHOOL

Welcome back to all children, it is great to see you all here again.

Please would you ensure we have your up to date telephone number.

What pupils should bring to school

Regulations state that children should not bring bags or anything extra from home. All children will need a named water bottle (containing water only), a fruit snack if wished and pack up or lunch money if needed. **They will need wellies and forest school clothing everyday**. They should wear PE kit to school on days when they have PE sessions. We are still ventilating classrooms with fresh air so children should wear additional layers to keep warm.

School drop off

School will open for children to arrive from 8.30 to 8.45 each day. This gradual start will allow for social distancing. Parents should see their children into school from the gate please. Please phone school if you have any messages.

End of School

Pupils using school transport will be taken to the waiting taxi.

Pupils in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood with permission to leave independently will leave school at 3.25pm.

Pupils in Badger Wood and older pupils without permission to leave should be collected from the playground by 1 adult per family at 3.30pm. Adults should wait in cars until then, please do not gather at the school gate. Adults should wear facemasks and practise social distancing.

All cars should have left the village by 3.45 to prevent people congregating. HSE guidance states that if parents do not follow these rules, we should ask parents to bring pupils to be dropped off and collected from the office each day to prevent mixing with others. We'd rather not have to do this

If you require this in a different format, but will do if necessary, please contact the school office.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

To reduce face to face contact, please contact teachers on Dojo for learning questions. The office can be contacted on 01944 728286 for the fastest response. School can be emailed on admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk and these emails are usually checked daily

COVID TESTING IN SCHOOL FOR STAFF

Asymptomatic staff members are voluntarily testing themselves twice weekly to minimise the spread of Covid in school. We have, thankfully, had negative results so far. These tests will keep your child safer but may result in bubbles having to close and pupils isolate from school. Negative tests do not remove the risk of transmission.

DOJO

School is 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 during any self isolation closures, using Dojo. Please make sure you have signed up for this free messaging system. Please contact school if you need a Dojo log in.

ILLNESS

Please do not send your child to school if they are not well. In addition to Covid, there are many other bugs around. We are working hard to keep regular staff with your child to minimise Covid risk but this is not possible if staff are off poorly.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Hot school dinners are available for all children. Please see the menu on the school website for details. Please pay for lunches by ParentPay or send money in a named envelope with your child to their classroom on Mondays.

PE LESSONS

Physical education lessons will resume in school. Pupils in Badger Wood will need to come to school in PE kit on Tuesdays. Pupils in Keeper Wood will need to come to school in PE kit on Mondays. Pupils in Farthing Wood will need to come to school in PE kit on Thursdays.

HOMEWORK

Homework in Badger Wood will restart after Easter. Homework in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood will restart from Monday 8th March to encourage expected learning habits.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please book ahead if possible for our after school club. The club runs Monday to Thursday each week. If families are using this, guidance says they should only access 1 other out of school childcare setting to minimise contact between settings. We have been asked to share this guidance link with you

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

GOVERNORS

Parent governor

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Tracey Reynolds as our new parent governor.

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a volunteer governor. If you know of anybody locally who would like to guide and support the direction of the school, please ask them to contact school.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to all those families, both in school and at home, who were able to send a reading photograph to school as requested. Our entrance hall at school looks amazing with so many children enjoying reading at home. A World Book Day voucher is attached.

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

RED NOSE DAY

School will host a non-uniform day for Comic Relief on Friday 19th March. Children are invited to wear non-uniform clothes suitable for forest schools that day and bring a cash donation on 19th March please. This will be quarantined for 48 hours for safety.

SUPERSTARS IS BACK

Fun football for 3-6 year olds.

Saturday 3rd April 2021 9.15am start at Heslerton Sports Field, West Heslerton (Next door to the filling station)

For further details please message Steve on 07950 253639 or email

heslertonjfc.secretary@gmail.com.

Are you or anyone you know looking for a career in Teaching?

Do you want to train to be a primary or secondary teacher with placements in schools in your local area?



Applications are still open for our School Direct programme starting September 2021

Visit our website www.scarboroughteachingalliance.co.uk or email e.birley@scalbyschool.org.uk for more details.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Friends of School have organised a Bgs2school collection on Monday, March 22nd. Please have a good sort out and bring any unwanted clothing etc. to the parent shelter at school.

SCARBOROUGH & NORTH YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Scarborough & North Yorkshire Children's University are delighted to launch a series of free, learn-at-home video-workshops in conjunction with our friends at the world-famous Stephen Joseph Theatre.

This week it's the turn of drama – try your hand at some acting skills in the comfort of your own home!*

There are four drama sessions, delivered by SJT expert professionals and aimed at children aged 5 to 11.

ANYONE AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

If you are a member of Children's University, you can claim one hour in your passport for every session you complete 😊

Next week we will release the junk-band sessions, and the week after that, it's the turn of dance.

Go on – have a go! The free links are here:

- Drama session
1: <https://vimeo.com/uohnyph/sjtdrama1>
- Drama session
2: <https://vimeo.com/uohnyph/sjtdrama2>
- Drama session
3: <https://vimeo.com/uohnyph/sjtdrama3>
- Drama session
4: <https://vimeo.com/uohnyph/sjtdrama4>



Sensory Saturday

27th March 2021

10:30am-12pm or 1:30pm-3pm

An exciting and engaging session, recommended for parents of children aged 3–11, who have communication and interaction difficulties.

The session will be led by our Communication and Interaction Team.

Free to attend

Limited places

For more information and to book a place on one of the sessions please email NYSENDhubs@northyorks.gov.uk by 20th March 2021

Sessions will be held online via Microsoft Teams the link will be sent out as confirmation of your place

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