

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## NEWSLETTER April 16<sup>th</sup>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](http://www.westheslertonschool.co.uk)

### SCHOOL

Welcome back, we hope you all enjoyed the Easter holiday and are ready for the summer term ahead.

#### 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 keep pavements clear to allow children to arrive and leave without additional risk.

#### 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. Pre-school children must be closely supervised whilst waiting and on the playground in order to promote social distancing. Adults should wait in cars until collection time, 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.**

#### 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](mailto:admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk) and these emails are usually checked daily. If you need to come to the office may we please ask that you wear a mask, thank you.

#### Clothing

All children need coats and wellies every day to make the most of breaktimes and field areas please.

#### Parent evenings

We are looking forward to speaking to parents over the next two weeks. Appointments that were requested were sent home at the end of last term.

### COVID RISK ASSESSMENT

We continue to follow all guidance and produce very clear risk assessments to keep everyone safe and well. Highlighted areas are new on the latest risk assessment.

If we have two or more confirmed cases of COVID within 14 days, the local health protection team action will be required. This has closed several schools in our area. Please follow our instructions to reduce the need for this to happen.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school 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 are legally required to [quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area](#)
- they have had a positive test
- or they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Adults and children should not attend school for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test

The pupil or staff member who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) can return to their normal routine and stop self-isolating after they have finished their isolation period and their symptoms have gone or if they continue to have only a residual cough or anosmia.

### **INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS**

Instrumental lessons will resume on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for those children who subscribe to county lessons.

### **PARENTPAY**

West Heslerton School operates ParentPay in school. This is a cashless system of payment which we would like to encourage for school meals, after school club and visits. Please contact the office if you would like an activation letter to pay by this method. We will still accept payment with cash or cheques.

### **BAGS2SCHOOL**

The recent Bags2school collection raised £108 for Friends of School. Many thanks to all who had a clear out!

### **SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

The Governing Body is made up of Governors appointed by the Local Authority, Governors representing the staff, the Headteacher, representatives of the local community and Foundation Governors.

#### What Do Governors Do?

The Governors' work affects most aspects of the school's work. They establish, with the Headteacher, aims for the school, and approve policies – for the curriculum, behaviour and discipline, for example; and are responsible for the school's budget, the appointment of staff and the use and maintenance of the premises. More generally, they are expected to be in touch with the local community and to help guide the school to meet the community's educational needs. They are also expected to help the school explain to the community what the school is trying to achieve for their children. Details of our Governors are on the school website at [www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

#### **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.

### **DOJO**

Please could everyone check Dojo regularly to keep up to date with class information and school events. This is also used in the event of home schooling being required. New families have been issued with paper details and an email invitation to join.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Please book ahead if possible for our after-school club. The club runs Monday to Thursday each week.

### **NATIONAL TESTS**

The Government has announced that national tests for children in years 2 and 6 will not take place this summer. The multiplication check for year 4 children will commence in the summer 2022.

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSTY**



Great news, it's time for your

Children's University  
passport check!



Remember to leave your passport in the drop-off box by

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

*please make sure your name is inside!*

We will check your hours and return your passport with any rewards that are due to you

## EQUALITIES POLICY

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there is any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.

## RILLINGTON FRIDGE

The Rillington fridge is on schedule to open on the 29<sup>th</sup> April between 10.30 and 12.00 in Rillington Church rooms. This has been delayed due to covid. This is a wonderful scheme open to all to prevent food ending up in land fill, further details will follow.

## SLEEP CHARITY

### Drop-In Sessions Now Available In North Yorkshire

Are you a parent or professional in the area who is looking to find out more information about what The Sleep Charity do and how we can help with children's sleep issues?

We are now offering drop in sessions on:

Wednesday 7th April 10.00am - 11.00am

Monday 12th April 11.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 21st April 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
(aimed at schools/ special schools)

Friday 14th May 11.30am - 12.30pm

Friday 21st May 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 2nd June 9.30am - 10.30am

Friday 4th June 9.30am - 10.30am

To join, please use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4022628157?pwd=eFlpUjlmwzQ. TU3d3F5ScV6ZUwRMSZhZz09>

Meeting ID: 402 262 8157  
Passcode: 2020

To find out more please contact Claire on [support@thesleepcharity.org.uk](mailto:support@thesleepcharity.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there



## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Covid has highlighted issues for some children we would never have expected.

If your child is already some way through primary school there may be stresses with friendship problems, excessive gaming or perhaps anxiety about moving up to secondary school.

Starting school can sometimes be as stressful for parents as it is for children and brings with it a whole new set of challenges – coping with school toilets, new friends, new routines and separation anxiety to name a few.

[www.happymaps.co.uk](http://www.happymaps.co.uk) provides free support for families including websites, books, videos and helplines that may be of use now or in the future.

## SUNFLOWER PLANTING WITH MORRISONS

the Community Team from Morrisons came to Badger Wood class to plant sunflower seeds we are looking forward to updating you on how they are growing in the next couple of weeks.



## ATTACHMENTS

Please see attached:

- Diet form for pupils who have notified us of allergies, medical conditions etc. Please contact the office if you require this form to inform us of dietary requirements.

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