

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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SCHOOL

May Day

Monday, May 2nd is a Bank Holiday. School will reopen on Tuesday, May 3rd.

Absence

May we please remind you that when children are absent from school you need to phone school **each day by 9am** to confirm the child's whereabouts. Absence details have to be recorded and are collected by the DfE. Thank you.

Leave in term time

Holiday forms are available on the school website and in the entrance hall. The strict criteria for leave in term time has now resumed as covid restrictions have eased. Please ensure that forms are submitted to school 6 weeks prior to any requested leave.

<https://heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/leave-of-absence>

Meals

There is a great menu of tasty, healthy meals for the summer term. Dinners cost £2.50 per day, payable on Parent Pay. Please ensure that payment is made in the week in which meals are taken, thank you.

WOODLAND ACTIVITY CLUB

We will be hosting a free Woodland Activity Club during half term. This will be available for pupils on Monday, May 30th, Tuesday, May 31st and Wednesday, June 1st. Further details and a booking form will be sent home next Friday.

LONDON

We will be holding a meeting for parents and children on **Thursday, 19th May at 3.30pm** to finalise arrangements.

Please see attached a consent form which needs to be completed and returned to school by the date of the meeting.

Payment needs to be made in full by May 31st please.

COVID

DfE guidance states: Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious, minimum 3 days. It is recommended that children should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. All people who have symptoms or feel unwell should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. If adults test positive they should remain away from work for 5 days. If you are at all unsure, please contact school and we'll do our best to help you.

DIARY DATES

Monday, May 2 nd	Bank Holiday
Monday, May 9 th	KS2 test week Bags2school collection CU passport check
Friday, May 13 th	Local MP to visit school
Thursday, May 19 th	London visit meeting
Friday, May 27 th	Jubilee Day Half term
Monday May 30 th – Wednesday, June 1 st	Woodland Activity Club
Monday, June 6 th	School reopens Class and Leavers' photos
Thursday, June 9 th	Badger Wood zoo trip
Monday, June 20 th	Open Evening 3.30-5.00pm
Monday, June 27 th – Wednesday, June 29 th	Farthing Wood Visit to London
Monday, July 11 th	Start of play week
Friday, July 15 th	Play performances, 1.30pm and 6pm
Monday, July 18 th	Sports afternoon
Wednesday, July 20 th	Reserve sports afternoon
Thursday, July 21 st	Leavers' service at church.
Friday, July 22 nd	School closes for the summer.

These are some of the dates we know. There may be changes and additions to these as the term progresses. Please check the school website for details <http://www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk>

KEEPER WOOD

A busy week for Keepers. We played dodgeball and rounders at MCSC. The children worked together in two teams against Slingsby.

We had a fantastic day at Hovingham Hall, doing lots of different activities. In the morning, we planted beans and looked around the gardens, searched for animal footprints and poo, had a look round a tractor and made wheat flour. In the afternoon, we looked at the different jobs that Mountain rescue have to do and we also worked with Ryevitalise, near the river to see what nature had to offer.

The children showed their fantastic manners and behaviour and represented our school brilliantly! Well done Keepers



BADGER WOOD



SCIENCE – the year 1s have set up some seeds in a sunny spot so we can watch them grow.

FARTHING WOOD



Children in years 5 and 6 enjoyed their Bikeability training this week.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Following such a dry spell of weather this April and the fruit trees starting to set fruit, we are weeding and watering these spaces and learning about pollination. The children have also had a go at being a bumblebee by visiting the flowers with a paintbrush and transferring the pollen in the same way that the insects do.

Don't forget to use your free after school club voucher for our forest School Club.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Key dates;

- **Friday 6th May** - Drop passports in school for penultimate passport check
- **Monday 9th May** - CU Team collect passports from school reception
- **Sunday 5th June** - Cut-off date for claiming 'learning hours'
- **Friday 10th June** - Drop passports in school for final passport check of 21/22
- **Monday 13th June** - CU Team collect passports from school reception. These will be returned as soon as all information has been collated.
- **Friday 8th July** - YR6 Graduation at Scarborough SPA

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

NATIONAL TESTS AND CHECKS

Following two years of cancellation due to Covid, the government have decided to reintroduce statutory assessments for pupils.

Year 6

Children in year 6, at the end of key stage 2, will take national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. These tests will generally take place between 9th and 13th May 2022. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in certain areas.

The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school days afterwards.

At the end of the summer term, parents will receive test results for:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- Mathematics

As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement teachers will make, based on your child's work at the end of key stage 2.

Year 4

Following two years of disruption, national statutory multiplication assessments will be introduced.

Children in year 4 will be checked to identify multiplication facts they know. These checks will take place online in June 2022. This check helps to encourage all children to know all tables so that their maths work is accurate, and their recollection of facts is fast. We will report your child's national check result at the end of the summer term in your child's report.

Year 2

Following two years of cancellation due to Covid, the government have decided to reintroduce statutory assessments.

Children in year 2, at the end of key stage 1, will take national curriculum tests in English reading and mathematics. These tests will take place in May 2022. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area.

At the end of the summer term in your child's report, parents will receive test results for:

- English reading
- Mathematics

As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement teachers will make, based on your child's work at the end of key stage 1.

Year 1

Following two years of disruption, there will be a reintroduction of national statutory phonics assessments.

Children in year 1, will be checked to identify sounds (phonemes) they know. These checks will take place in June 2022. This check helps identify if they need additional phonics support and in which areas. We will report your child's national check result at the end of the summer term in your child's report.

We treat these national tests and checks as part of what children do in school. Teachers make sure that all children are prepared and that there is never a need to worry. We always aim to make each lesson and task a positive learning experience.

There is nothing special you will need to do to support your child with these assessments. Please continue to follow the general advice your child's teacher will have given throughout the year, including the opportunities to talk at parent'/carers' evenings.

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

ONLINE PARENTING CLINIC

FREE Online Parenting Clinic – May 12th @ 10am & 8pm - Confidence

Are you worried about your child's confidence? What IS the difference between confidence and self-esteem?

Is a lack of confidence stopping your child from getting the most out of their experiences? If these questions resonated with you and got you thinking then join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 12th of May for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic, this talk is focused on confidence and what we can do to support ourselves and our young people. Join us on zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

Book here:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>

or

email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link

BAGS2SCHOOL

Friends of School have organised a Bags2schoolcollection for **Monday, May 9th**.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

ATTACHED:

Please see attached:

- Cricket flyers
- Attendance sheet
- East Barnby letter – years 2 and 3
- London Consent form – Farthing Wood
- Y6 Leavers slip

READING AT HOME – Badger Wood, Keeper Wood

Children will now take home two physical books a week.

- A self-chosen Library book

● Read to your child:

○ It is very important to encourage a love of books by reading the book your child has chosen from the school Library.

● Share a book with your child:

○ The non-decodable 'Reading for Pleasure' book is for you to read together.

● Use lots of voices, use expression, talk about the pictures and predict what might happen next. Help them learn new words and discuss the book. Ask them lots of questions.

- A fully decodable reading book with only sounds and words that they have been taught to read.

● Children will read books in a progressive sequence until they can decode unfamiliar words confidently.

● At the beginning they may be allocated a book with no words. Encourage telling stories through pictures.

● Encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge and blending skills.

● Help them spot tricky words.

● Reread the books to develop fluency:

○ Decodable books will be changed once a week. This is to ensure that 'depth' is achieved with each book. It is important to remember that these are practice books and should be read 'to fluency'. (This means your child should be able to read it without needing to sound out the words and with natural progression of the text.

○ If your child can read the book fluently, each book has more information about how you can read for meaning with the text.

● Talk about the book afterwards.

- Reading Records

● Please keep filling in the Reading record at least three times a week to let us know the books have been read and any positive comments or concerns.