# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

# **NEWSLETTER November 6th 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

## SCHOOL MEALS

We are continuing to provide hot school meals for all children. Please see attached the menu. Children can have school dinners on any day of the week they choose.

### Free school meals

We are aware that family circumstances change, especially in these difficult times. If you feel that you are entitled to free school meals by fulfilling the criteria detailed on the attached form, please complete the form and return it to the address shown or to school. School receives additional funding to support children who are in receipt of free school meals.

### Menu change

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

NATIONAL ROAST DINNER DAY

Roast pork loin with homemade apple sauce, creamy mash, fresh carrots, peas and gravy followed by chocolate fudge pudding and chocolate sauce or fruit yoghurt or fresh fruit. Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> -

Minced beef and dumplings with mashed potatoes, carrots, peas and wholemeal bread, followed by chocolate crunch or fruit yoghurt or fresh fruit.

# **KEEPING ACTIVE**

Forest school kit is needed in school at all times. Covid regulations state that wrap around care will continue throughout the current lockdown wherever possible. Gym club will run for years 1 and 2 on Mondays, cricket club will run for years 3 and 4 on Tuesdays. Our after school forest club will run Monday to Thursday for all pupils. Please book ahead where possible, this is very popular.

## **CHILDREN IN NEED**

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> in aid of Children in Need. Please bring a small donation and wear your own clothes.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

May we please remind parents that school images, including those from Dojo must not be placed on any social media site. Dojo is a closed platform that cannot be accessed by the general public and we have a duty of care to protect all our children. Unauthorised images of the school premises must not be published for security reasons.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

School will observe the two minute silence on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

# **REMOTE LEARNING**

Please would you contact us at school if you have no internet or access to electronic devices at home for home learning, thank you.

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Pupils must be registered by parents ready for any lockdown in schools or isolation. This ensures continuity of education for all children. Without this registration, parents will not be able to access home learning for their children. Registration sheets are attached for those yet to register.

### 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.







#### **BADGER WOOD**

This week just seems to have flown by again. We have all been trying particularly hard to complete all five brick challenges (where you earn a Lego brick to add to your stack, plus some dojo points too) during busy brain time. Keep your eye out on the class dojo to see the pictures of what we have been busy learning and creating.

This week we have sent you all a leaflet about phonics. Hopefully, it contains all the information that people were asking about in the parents evening phone calls - but if there are any further questions then please get in touch.

#### Mrs Woodward

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

#### FARTHING WOOD

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term break.

This week, in Maths, we have been learning short division. We have also been finding out about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot in English and learning how to write a program to control a character in Computing. Yesterday we had a fantastic afternoon with an E-visitor, Elizabeth Bell from the Churches Conservation Trust, where we looked at historical sources and conducted an historical enquiry into Private Percy (a local boy from East Heslerton). We had lots of fun and learnt a lot! So, although it has been a shorter week, everyone has been working hard.

Class worship this week was brilliantly led by Reggie and Benjamin. Patch and Dexter were also Superstars this week. Well done to all of you! We are all now signed up for Class Dojo so please key an eye on our Class Story to find out more about what we have been up to, and you can use the message section of Dojo to contact me directly should you need to.

Mrs Bickerton

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

#### **KEEPER WOOD**

Welcome back!

It is lovely to have everyone back into school to some kind of normality.

In writing lessons this week, the children have just started researching information about King Alfred (Alfred the Great) They have written their first paragraph for their non-fiction biography using this information. See attached photograph for our initial plan, this will be added to as we go along. This is our last week of addition and subtraction, so we have been mastering our column addition and subtraction.

Thank you to everyone who brought a glass jar into school, we used them for a Remembrance activity which will be on Class Dojo next week. Please still send milk bottles in as we don't need these until December.

Well done to all the KW children who did homework over the half term holidays, Mrs T has awarded your Dojo points.



Miss Shackley This information can also be found on class Dojo.

#### SCHOOL CLOTHING

Covid regulations state that rooms must be ventilated with fresh air. This means that despite heating, classrooms are colder than usual, children would be advised to wear layers of clothing.

### HARVEST GIFTS

Thank you to those families who shared gifts of food with our local community. Fresh produce was placed in Rillington Fridge which local residents were very pleased to receive and share out as many families were isolating due to positive tests in Rillington.

Tins and packets were organised into Harvest gift bags and delivered to 32 of our older residents living nearby. These were accompanied by letters from Farthing Wood pupils. All have been very well received and the children have had some lovely feedback.

If you know of elderly residents who did not receive a parcel, please let us know and we can add them to our distribution list for future years. A big thank you to Philip and Denise Richardson for isolating these items and delivering them to local people and those who attend our regular Generation Teas. The weather was not kind to Philip and Denise during the deliveries so we are especially grateful to them for their efforts.



### CURRENT VACANCIES MIDDAY SUPERVISOR ASSISTANT Required immediately

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor to work 4 hours per week, from 12 noon to 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at school.

The role involves supervision of the children during lunch and in the playground after lunch. For an application form and further details, please enquire at the school office.

### **RELIEF TEACHING ASSISTANT**

We have a vacancy for a Relief General Teaching Assistant at school.

The role involves supporting staff within the classrooms to cover absences. This is an ideal role for someone wishing to become a teaching assistant.

For an application form and further details, please enquire at the school office.

### ATTACHED

Please see attached:

- After school club registration form Reception
- Attendance record for last half term
- Free school meals application form
- Phonics booklet -Badger Wood
- Menu