

# WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## NEWSLETTER November 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.westheslertonschool.co.uk)

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO COVID

Many schools in the area have closed bubbles due to covid. We would wish to keep everyone as safe as possible. 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 by email on our dedicated email address [covid@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:covid@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

This can be done at any time during the school day, evenings or weekends. 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.

### RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY

All schools are required to have a Relationships and Sex Education Policy to meet the new RSE legal framework. We have recently reviewed our curriculum and policy using the growing up in North Yorkshire data and the new legal requirements. The draft policy and a response sheet are attached. We would welcome your comments on this document in writing by **Friday 27th November**.

### DOJO

School continues to be 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 using Dojo. Please make sure you have signed up for this free messaging system. Please contact school if you need a Dojo log in.

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

### MASKS

It is difficult to maintain social distancing when collecting children from school, therefore we would ask that all adults wear a face covering when collecting their child/children at the end of the school day. 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.

### FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

We are aware that family circumstances change and there may be a need to send correspondence to a second home. Please see attached a request slip to return to school if appropriate.

### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL – BAGS2SCHOOL

Friends of School have organised a Bags2School collection on **Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**. If you have been able to have a sort out in lockdown please bring your unwanted clothing, bags, shoes etc in black bags by 8.30am on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](mailto:bw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Miss Shackley with Keeper Wood learning at [kw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:kw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Mrs Bickerton with Farthing Wood learning at [fw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk) or by phone.

If you require this in a different form

### BADGER WOOD

What a wonderful week we have had remembering and being thankful for the things other people have done for us in the past. The children would like to continue to investigate this some more next week so will be carrying on with the 'Remembrance' theme, but bringing it into the present a little, by focussing on Sir Tom Moore and his achievements.

Mrs Woodward

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

### FARTHING WOOD

What an action-packed week we have had in Farthing Wood this week! In English we have started a new unit, thinking about life as an evacuee in World War II. Our Science this week was explaining how a shadow is formed and why it may change - it has been fantastic to see the children investigating their shadows during playtimes too. Children have also been finding equivalent fractions in Maths. On Wednesday we took part in several activities as part of Remembrance Day. Firstly, we took part in a whole school 2 minute silence which we followed with an online service by Rev Joe. In the afternoon we created overlays using watercolour paint, black paper and crepe paper to produce wonderful pieces of art as a tribute to fallen soldiers. Louie and Henry led our class worship this week, and did an excellent job. Reggie and George B have shown exceptional attitude this week. Thomas, Patch, Tilly, Lexi, Henry and Dexter have also been Superstars for homework. Homework is set every day and checked every Monday so please ensure that your child is completing all of their homework. Also don't forget I am available on class dojo should you wish to contact me at any point.

Mrs Bickerton

This information can also be found on class Dojo.

### GROWING UP IN NORTH YORKSHIRE

School will again be participating in this survey. Please see attached letters for children in years 2 to 6.

### PHOTOS

Family and individual photos were sent home last Friday. Ordering is online this year. Please order as soon as possible to ensure delivery before Christmas, thank you.

### KEEPER WOOD

In Keeper Wood this week we have been working hard with our biographies of Alfred the Great, finding some interesting facts about him and his reign as king. As you have seen on Class Dojo, all children have also written fantastic sentences based on the 'Poppies' animation using their Fantastic, Boomtastic and Grammaristic. The children are starting to deliver their own collective worship in class in groups of 4. They will plan what they are going to do using prompts. This pupil led worship will take place every other Wednesday.

In forest schools, the children are now in groups for the weeks leading up until Christmas; they will work with Mr Watts and Mrs T. Each group will have a different task to complete and will rotate tasks every week. These will include fire and den building. We are looking forward to teamwork adventures outdoors.

Unfortunately, I (Miss Shackley) will not be in school for the next 14 days as a member of my household has tested positive for coronavirus. Fortunately, I have no symptoms and this means the children can still attend school, being taught by myself remotely supported by Mrs T in class.

Thank you and keep safe.

Miss Shackley

### ELDERLY AT CHRISTMAS

There will be many elderly people in our area who are lonely and may not receive any gifts this Christmas. We would like to help these people by providing a Christmas shoe box of gifts. If you are able to please send in a wrapped box of gifts or an item towards boxes we will make up in school. Please send in to school by **Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**, thank you.

Gift ideas:

Shampoo/conditioner

Shower gel/bath salts/bubble bath

Tissues/handkerchiefs

Soap/flannel/sponge

Comb/brush/nail brush/handcream

Pens/notebook/diary

Small games/word search/crossword book

Playing cards

Torch

Scarf/gloves

Socks

Fold up shopping bag/umbrella

mat, please contact the school office

Sweets/chocolates/biscuits (in date)

Tea bags/coffee/hot chocolate (in date)



### 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.

### 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.

### PARENT VIEW

Parent View is an online questionnaire for you to give your views about this school at any time of year. Please log on at

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

to answer 13 quick questions.

Your views are used by staff and governors at school to help with your child's education.



### ATTACHED

Please see attached:

- Christmas events
- RSE draft policy
- RSE policy comment sheet
- Growing up in North Yorkshire -Y2-6
- Numbots login – Badgers

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