

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Children are at the centre of all we do”

HEADTEACHER UPDATE 24/4/2020

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Heslerton School for the summer term. Whilst we don't know when school will return back together, we hope that the website, newsletters and emails to/from your teachers is keeping you connected to school activities and you are all keeping safe and well.

SCHOOL OPENING HOURS

School opens each weekday for children whose parents are key workers and have no other safe childcare alternatives. We are looking forward to reopening for all pupils as soon as we can, it will be lovely to be reunited with everyone

CLASSWORK

Work is being set by class teachers. Please see each individual class sheet published on the same web page as this newsletter.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your family situation has changed, you may wish to apply for free school meals for your child. Families qualifying under this scheme receive a supermarket voucher to cover the cost of food for each child that would otherwise be provided by school at lunchtime. The Government also agreed to provide funding for food for lunches during the recent Easter break. Details of this scheme can be found online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

CONTACT WITH CLASSTEACHERS AND SCHOOL

Just a reminder of the email addresses to contact your child's teacher with queries, and updates. We'd love to hear how you have been getting on! We've seen some great projects completed by children keen to learn and share their successes.

Miss Milner can be contacted with Badger Wood learning queries at bw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Miss Shackley can be contacted with Keeper Wood learning queries at kw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Mrs Woodward can be contacted with Farthing Wood learning queries at fw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Mrs Wells can be contacted for support with any other aspect of school, please phone school and leave a message on the answerphone. Alternatively, please email the office on admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

We are operating on a rota system during term time and school holidays. Please be patient if you do not get an immediate response, we are providing full time childcare at school for key workers. We will respond during school hours as soon as we are able.

NORTH YORKSHIRE SERVICES AND SUPPORT

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/support-children-young-people-and-their-families#emot>

Information on the universal, targeted and specialist services and support available in the different districts of North Yorkshire and access to the North Yorkshire Pathway of support for children and young people.

ONLINE SAFETY

With more children accessing the internet for longer periods of time, everyone is being encouraged to remind themselves of online safety and check their child's safety. There are many guides online:

<https://tutorful.co.uk/guides/how-to-keep-kids-safe-online>

Children and Young People may be having more screen time so it is important that they keep themselves safe online and parents and carers have an important role in this.

Internet matters

<https://www.internetmatters.org/> provides a range of support for families to enable all family members to stay safe.

Thinkuknow

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/> has activities that parents can do with their children and young people to discuss keeping safe online for all age groups.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Pupils are offered free access to CUE cards whilst schools are off.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lphThQa-e3c&feature=youtu.be>

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

The Go To Website is a North Yorkshire specific website that provides information to help signpost young people, families and professionals to the right information and services available for mental health and wellbeing across North Yorkshire. The website has been developed in conjunction with young people, professionals and parents and carers.

<https://www.thegoto.org.uk/>

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Support for Children

Childline has the calm zone

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/> which provides a toolbox of ideas to support emotions and express yourself.

Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk/> also provides a range of information and support on a number of issues. This includes support on cyberbullying

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/bullying-cyberbullying/>

ONLINE WORSHIP

Collective Worship with Rev'd Kinsella is held at 10.15 each Monday, Wednesday and Friday on Youtube channel "Rev Joe K". There is also a family friendly worship on Wednesdays at 1pm. These can be viewed live or at a later date. Previous sessions include a look at the NHS: What is it? Where did it come from? What does it do?

READING

Guidance for reading with children has been included on our website near this newsletter. [Download the latest First News](#) to provide children with a reliable, accessible form of news. In this week's issue, they can read up about how the nation is thanking the NHS for their hard work during the coronavirus outbreak, as well as more interesting articles such as the scientists who have discovered a type of bacteria that can eat toxic plastic on page 7. Plus, we share our boredom busters in a 4 page special to help keep them entertained during the lockdown!

MUSIC LESSONS

Dave Webb is delivering 1 to 1 guitar and ukulele lessons online. Please contact him via email webbrhp@btinternet.com In addition, there are a lot of resources for guitar and ukulele on his website webbrhp.com

We have been contacted by YMES who provide instrumental teaching online to individuals and groups. If any families wish to purchase instrumental lessons via video call, all you need to do is use the website link:

<http://www.ymes.org.uk/online> .

These sources may help instrumentalists keep their skills going during lockdown.

BBC BITESIZE DAILY LESSONS

In addition to specific work set by our school staff, every day, six 20-minute programmes will air on BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button. Teachers, experts and well known faces will cover what that age group should be learning that day. From here, parents and children will be directed online to BBC Bitesize for an age-appropriate “daily drop” of curated videos, quizzes, podcasts and worksheets for core subjects. They will also be offered suggestions on how to extend learning around the home. The shows will be broken down into age groups: 5-7, 7-9, 9-11, 11- 12, 12-13, and 13-14. See <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> for details.

PE SESSIONS

The Youth Sport Trust has launched the 'School Games Active Championships'. This is a series of digital challenges, with new challenges being set every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

To get involved, please download the TopYa! Active app and use the invitation code **23880** to register. Players are set a series of challenges. If they choose to submit a video entry, points are awarded for each entry with a leaderboard for different age groups. Teachers, parents and pupils can all register on the app.

Full details can be found here:

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/coronavirus-support/school-games-active-championships/>