

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Children are at the centre of all we do”

HEADTEACHER UPDATE 3/4/2020

STAY SAFE

I hope that everyone is able to keep as safe as possible. These are very strange times. We are working as hard as we can to support pupils and families of key workers in school. I hope that our regular newsletters and work bulletins will help everyone to keep safe and remain busy over the tricky weeks ahead.

CLASSWORK

We may be closed but we are doing what we can to assist parents with their child's learning. This is very new to many families so please do not worry if it is tricky.

Guides have been placed on the website newsletters for assisting parents with expectations for each child (Learning at Home), also for learning that can take place at home that we are not able to provide in the same way (Learning to Look After Ourselves). Please use these to support you and your family. On the website near this newsletter you will find the classwork set by your child's class teacher. These will be updated regularly, please see the calendar on the website for our intended publication dates. These may need to change based upon staff availability.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child qualifies for free school meals, I hope I have spoken to you this week to explain the situation and provided vouchers from school for your use at home. A national system has been promised and I hope this will reach you for the start of the summer term (April 20). If you have any difficulties at all, please contact admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk and we will do our very best to assist you at this tricky time.

EMAILS

If you have any questions about the work set for each child or wish to have some feedback from your child's teacher, please feel free to email them.

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

Based upon school holidays being disrupted for staff, we will be working 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.

CONTACT WTH SCHOOL

In order to minimise cleaning at school, we are using Badger Wood classroom, cloakrooms etc for childcare. This means we are unable to hear the school phone. We do check the phone at the start and end of each day whenever we can. If you need to contact school, it is easiest to do so by email, admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

SUGGESTED TIMETABLE

For those parents wishing to have a more formal routine, we have been using this format for those attending childcare at school:

9-9:30 Joe Wicks (YouTube)

9:30-9:45 watch the sentence Stacking video for the day (YouTube)

9:45-10:10 Sentence Stacking Lesson (Youtube)

10:10-10:30 BREAK

10:30-11:15 Sentence Stacking - Watch video, create paragraph and submit this online (Youtube)

11:15-11:50 TTRockstars up to Year 5 / Fractions work Year 6s

12-1 LUNCHTIME

1-1.30 Read Theory and spelling shed

1.30-3 Project

3-3.25 Personal Reading

Project work can be anything that inspires and motivates your child.

Ideas include: a project to gain a Blue Peter Badge, creating a recipe book and making the food, keeping a diary, a Lego design challenge

There are many more project ideas set by your child's class teacher. Please see the relevant class work document posted online with this newsletter.

HOME LEARNING

Many learning tasks are being provided by school. This covers the learning objectives planned for the weeks ahead. Should parents wish to complete more work, more traditional resources are available to buy, based upon year groups from Amazon. See:

https://thenationalcurriculum.com/learning-at-home/?utm_campaign=1716105_Learning%20at%20home%20-%20Covid%2019%20-%20March%202020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20National%20Curriculum&dm_i=2RN8,10S5L,5Q8UGU,3VT8O,1#year4 for their age specific shopping pages.

PAYPAL

Thank you to those families who have already signed up to Paypal. Whilst we are in lockdown, you may find time to log in to this facility and set up your payment details. This will make paying bills easier when schools return. You are able to set this up without sending any payments at all. School is unable to take any money unless you authorise this.

NEW ARRIVAL

During the last few days the eggs in the incubator have come to full term and school now has a small but very noisy chick! Chick is still to be named. You may wish to make some suggestions we could choose from.



FAMILY THEATRE TIME

The National Theatre in London, has the greatest theatre archive of stage plays. It's designed to beam productions from the NT into cinemas across the country, but there are no cinemas in operation at present. So the NT is switching to its YouTube channel. From April 2, under the banner of **National Theatre at Home**, every Thursday at 7pm will see a new National Theatre family friendly play released – free to watch for one week.

The initial programme is:

April 2 'One Man, Two Guvnors' by Richard Bean, starring James Corden.

April 'Jane Eyre', adapted by Sally Cookson.

April 16 'Treasure Island', adapted by Bryony Lavery.

April 23 'Twelfth Night' by William Shakespeare, starring Tamsin Greig.

Additionally, the National Theatre will be rolling out National Theatre Collection study resources to pupils now learning at home. We hope this will help you to learn in different ways and enjoy some family time together.