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Dear Parents and Carers,



Act of Remembrance

We started the week with a special Remembrance Worship. The children and staff all observed a minute's silence at 11.00am. We talked about the meaning and significance of the Poppy and the roles of those people that this important day remembers. The children were very engaged and interested and keen to share their own thoughts and stories of their families.

Federation St Hilda's Day & Children in Need 2024 Appeal

Today we went over to Egton School to join with our federation friends for a special federation St Hilda's Day service. We enjoyed worshipping together, singing some hymns and listening to a short drama about Caedmon and Hilda and readings performed by some of the older children.



After the service we returned to Egton School to have a charity bake sale for Children in Need followed by some Children in Need activities with the infants making a Pudsey bandana for their own bear and the juniors taking part in a quiz and Pudsey treasure hunt! Well done and thank you to everyone who supported and donated. We have raised £97.10 today from your donations, thank you so much for your generosity.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2024

Thank you to everyone who sent in a shoebox for collection, they are now on their way!



Adverse weather conditions

The weather is forecast to turn colder next week with a risk of snow! As such, we are sending out a reminder of our school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions. We are also asking that everyone completes a 'Safe place' form so that we have an alternative place logged for your child to go to should the school need to close during the school day. Please complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible. If you would like a paper copy, please ask Sarah in the school office.

[Link to alternative place for your child](#)

[Link to the school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions](#)

Forest School - Juniors

Next Thursday afternoon, it is the turn of the junior children to have their forest school session. The forecast is for cold weather next week so please could all children bring plenty of layers, waterproof coats and trousers, wellies, hats and gloves.

EGTON SCHOOL VACANCY - Midday Supervisor

Egton School is currently advertising for a Midday Supervisor to start after Christmas. For further information please click [HERE](#). Thank you.

FODS Information

Danby Festive Fair - THIS WEEKEND

Danby Village Festive Fair at Danby Village Hall will be held this weekend on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help, please come along if you are free and support this community event. As well as the children and adult tombola stall, there is also a candy cane treasure hunt children can take part in around the local area close to the village hall. Treasure hunt sheets will be available from the FODS stall in the back room.

FODS Christmas Raffle

Our raffle tickets will shortly be available to sell, in the meantime if you have any links to any companies or vendors who may be politely approached for a raffle prize please do let us know. All donations willingly accepted, thank you.

FODS Bingo Night

Save the date for Thursday 21st November 3.30pm-5.30pm. This year please note that we have moved the time so parents who live further afield do not have to return to school later in the evening! Further details to follow after half term.

Information that we have been asked to share - Home to School Transport - Policy Change

Due to a recent new Home to School transport policy that came into effect on 1st September 2024 from North Yorkshire Council, there has been a significant change to the eligibility for free home to school transport that impacts on our area especially in relation to secondary school transition. The new policy now provides free school transport to the secondary school that is

closest in distance to your home regardless of whether it is in the county you live in. In light of this, a local group of parents have contacted Alison Hume MP to voice their concerns and ask for her support. She has agreed to a public meeting in Danby Village Hall on Saturday 30th November 12.00pm - 1.00pm to listen to parents' concerns. You are invited to go along if you are free.

[You can read the new policy here if you would like to know more.](#)

Asda Cash Pots

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our Asda Cash Pots. We currently have had £120.41 donated with still a few weeks to go! If you haven't signed up yet please select our school on your Asda app. Thank you.

Future Dates for your diary

Please [click here](#) for 2024-25 term dates.

Swimming	28/11, 12/12
Forest School Infants	5/12
Forest School Juniors	21/11, 19/12
School photographs	Monday 2nd December
Theatre Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre	Tuesday 10th December
School Christmas Play dress rehearsal	Tuesday 17th December
School Christmas Play performances	Thursday 19th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Last Day of Term	Friday 20th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January
Staff training day	Monday 6th January 2025
Children return to school	Tuesday 7th January

Next week I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Danby on Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes



Liz Orland

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Safeguarding Children Telephone Number

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please note that from the 1st April 2023, the main customer service line for the new North Yorkshire Council will be changing. The new number will be **0300 131 2 131** and will replace the old 01609 780780 number. This will mean that all contacts for referrals for children within North Yorkshire need to go through the 0300 131 2 131 number. **This includes any contacts out of hours for the Emergency Duty Team.** The contact number for the professionals line will remain the same 01609 535070.

The updated details regarding making a referral for a child in North Yorkshire have been updated on our website (www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child).

Attendance

Just a little reminder that if your child is ill and will be absent from school, we ask that you contact school to let us know on each day that they will be absent, by 9.30am. This can be by telephone on **01287 660345** or by email to admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk . If we do not hear anything from you we will give you a call to check everything is okay as part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you

Tax Free Childcare

Danby School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school. Our wraparound service covers both breakfast club and sunshine club sessions as they are chargeable. Please on the link below for more information on how it works.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Free School Meal Eligibility

We are sharing this information with you again as it has recently been updated. Please contact the school office if you would like any help.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are taken into account.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than
- £16,190

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, please check your entitlement. Being eligible will mean that the school receives additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please use the application form which can be found on the NYC website -[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#).

My NameTags - FODS fundraiser

We have signed up to a company called 'My Name Tags' who produce personalised name stickers/iron on stickers to label clothing, shoes etc. It's very easy to use and saves a lot of time writing names in everything! All you have to do is click on the link below to enter the website, create the stickers and then put the unique school ID in the box under the 'Shipping Details' during checkout. For every order placed, we will receive 24% commission for the FODS account. If you have any questions, please speak to Sarah in the school office.

<https://www.mynametags.com/>

School ID is 22782.

Easy fundraising

We are registered with easyfundraising.org.uk which gives the Friends of Danby School donations if you shop online and sign up to support Danby Primary School. You can also use easyfundraising when booking your holidays and raise big donations for us FOR FREE! Plus book with TUI in January for a chance to win back the value of your holiday!

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#) and click 'join us'. Thank you.

Jewellery in School

Please could we remind everyone of the policy regarding jewellery in school.

'Jewellery is not allowed to be worn for Health and Safety reasons following a directive from North Yorkshire Council. However a watch and small stud earrings may be worn on a daily basis but must be removed for PE.'

If you wish your child to have their ears pierced, we recommend that you have this done over the Summer holiday period to allow them to heal before a return to school. **All earrings must now be removed for PE and Swimming lessons, we are not allowed to tape over them as in previous times.**

Updated Guidance from the DfE regarding unauthorised leave of absence

Please be advised that there have been some legal changes to the guidance that schools must follow with regards to unauthorised leave of absences during term time. The penalty amounts have been increased and also the introduction of possible legal intervention. Please see below the information from the DfE.

For unauthorised Leave of absence taken within a three-year rolling period, Penalty Notices will be issued as follows:

- The first Penalty Notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular child will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*
- A second Penalty Notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child will be charged a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*

PLEASE NOTE:

- **A third Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first Penalty Notice.***
- **In a case where the national threshold is met for the third time (or subsequent times) alternative action will be taken. This will include considering prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other Legal Interventions to address poor attendance.***

As always, any leave of absence other than illness, must be requested in advance by completing a form to the headteacher. These forms are available from the school office.

Asda - Cashpot for Schools - NEW!

Please [click here](#) for information about the new Cashpot for Schools initiative that Asda have set up. Danby School is now registered so you can select our school from your Asda Rewards app! Every time you shop, Asda will donate £1 to our school's Cashpot. Please select us when you are shopping! Thank you.

Messages from Whitby Music Centre

We already offer ensembles for string, brass and woodwind players on Saturday mornings, these include ensembles for beginners and are open to players of all ages. If you know of instrumentalists who do not yet come along to Whitby Music Centre please mention us to them. All Music Centre rehearsals take place at the lower school site of Whitby School on Airy Hill.

WAVE: Welcoming All Valuing Everyone

The churches of Middle Esk Moor Benefice would like to invite you to a new initiative called WAVE: Welcoming All Valuing Everyone. The first event will be WAVE: Breakfast with God. This will take place on every Terrific Third Saturday of the month, in the morning with breakfast for everyone - waffles, toast, cereal, fruit juice, yoghurts, tea and proper coffee! This will be followed by an interactive Bible story with props, songs, craft activities and prayers. Fun for all the family (even little babies), a relaxed way to spend a few hours and a good time for adults to catch up over breakfast too. We'd love to see you there and make you very welcome. And if you can't join us at Glaisdale, you're more than welcome to come to Hawsker instead. There's no need to book – just turn up! It's free of charge but donations are welcome - but only if you want

to and are able to. Looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you - Revd Anthony Bennett and Revd Sam Mawer!