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Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely half term break. We've had a settled but busy start back this week. Thank you to everyone who came to our parents' evenings. It's always lovely to see our parents and be able to chat about how well children are doing and how proud we are of them. Thank you also to everyone who completed the FODS parent consultation form. If you weren't able to make it, please do give us a call, we are happy to see you after half term or have a chat on the telephone. The FODS parent consultation form has been attached to the newsletter email for anyone who would like to fill it in, the committee would be most grateful. If you would like a paper copy, please ask Sarah in the school office.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the non-uniform day today and donated prizes for the FODS tombola table at the Danby Village Festive Fair on 16th and 17th November at Danby Village Hall.

KS2 Geology Talk

Yesterday we welcomed Rachel and Peter Wood to school to talk about fossils and rocks with the junior children. Peter was a geologist from 1959 until 2021 and he has very extensive knowledge in this area. It was a very informative session and underpinned what the children have been learning about in science this term. They discussed what the children had been learning about in school and extended this by explaining how this links to the local area. They brought in a variety of artefacts for the children to explore and discuss together. We would like to thank Rachel and Peter for giving up their time to come into school and share their knowledge and experience.

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

Next Friday we will be celebrating St Hilda's Day and supporting the Children in Need 2024 appeal. In the morning we will all be going to join our friends at Egton School for a special St Hilda's Day service followed by Children in Need activities. One of these activities will be a cake sale so if you are able to bake or donate some cakes, they would be gratefully received. Please bring them to school on Friday morning and we'll take them over to Egton with us. If you would like to send some pennies in with your child/children for the cake sale that would be

wonderful. This year we have set up a Children In Need donations page on Parentpay so if you would like to make any further donations, you can do so by following this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=16764>

Children may dress up for the day in non uniform with a Children in Need theme (yellow or spotty is popular). As ever, please do not feel that you have to go out and buy anything special for this, feel free to be creative and adapt what you already have!

Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful charity.

REMINDER: Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2024

If you are taking part in the Shoebox appeal for Children in Distress, please send in your filled shoebox/drawstring cloth bag, in a sealed carrier bag with the £2 delivery donation into school NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER. The boxes/bags will be collected by a Children In Distress representative on Wednesday 13th November. Thank you for your support with this worthy project.

Stay and Play Dates

Our second stay and play date will be taking place this Tuesday, 12th November, 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Please tell anyone who may be interested. Thank you.

Swimming

Next Thursday afternoon, the whole school will be having their fortnightly swimming lesson at Whitby Leisure Centre.

FODS Information

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.

Danby Festive Fair

Danby Village Festive Fair at Danby Village Hall will be held on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November. The rota is now complete and thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help.

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.

Asda Cash Pots

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our Asda Cash Pots. We currently have had £108.16 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	14/11, 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 in Harrogate on Monday, Danby on Tuesday and Thursday and Egton on Wednesday and Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes



Liz Orland
Headteacher

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!