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### Newsletter

### Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a super end to the week with our Federation Science Day at Egton today as part of Science Week. We have all taken part in a variety of workshops learning about changing materials through cloud dough, inventing adapted creatures to live in a range of habitats and making simulations of volcanic eruptions. We've also all had some wonderful workshops led by Ramid from Smart Scientist, who has wowed us with experiments, demonstrations and explosions! We also all enjoyed a science themed lunch courtesy of our school cooks who worked together today, huge thanks to all of the staff that made it all happen today!

### Year 4 Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament

On Tuesday afternoon, children in Year 4 went to Whitby School to take part in a Quick Sticks hockey tournament. The children put all the skills they had learnt in the coaching session a couple of weeks ago to the test and played some fantastic games of hockey coming second! Well done to everyone who took part!

### York Railway Museum Educational Visit - Thursday 20th March

On Thursday 20th March, we will all be going to York Railway Museum for an educational trip for the day. The coach will be leaving at 9.00am prompt but will not be returning until approximately 4.15pm. Please refer to the email sent out for further details.

### Friday 21st March

Next Friday, 21st March is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. This year celebrates 40 years of 'doing something funny for money' and we are excited to be taking part! Children may dress up in non uniform or fancy dress for the day. If you prefer, just come to school in your pyjamas but as always, please do not feel any pressure to go out and buy anything for the occasion.



During the day we will be having a cake sale so if you are able to donate any cakes for this that would be wonderful. Please bring them to school on Friday morning. The Year 6 children will also be arranging some special Red Nose Day themed activities throughout the day.

If you are able to make a donation towards the charity, we will be collecting during the day. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Forest School - Infants**

Next week the infants will be having their Forest School session on FRIDAY afternoon as we will all be out on Thursday in York. As the weather is very changeable and unpredictable at the moment, please can all children have appropriate clothing including waterproofs and wellies. Thank you.

### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

This term's Parent Consultation evenings are scheduled for the following 2 dates:

Monday 24th March            3.40pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 26th March    3.40pm - 5.00pm

Appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed to you via email from the school office. All appointments last for a duration of 10 minutes. Please use the [Google Form here](#) to request an appointment with your child's teacher. Thank you.

### **The Friends of Danby School**

Thank you to everyone who was able to join our meeting last night via Zoom.

### **Litter Pick Sponsored Walk - Thursday 3rd April 3.30pm - Numbers needed!**

If you haven't done so already and are intending to join us on the sponsored litter pick walk, it would be really helpful if you could sign up as soon as possible to help us with planning and catering arrangements please.

[Please sign up using the Google form.](#) or **send us an email!** Thank you in advance for your support.

We have set up a Just Giving page which is now 'live'. Early signs are really positive that lots of our families, friends and the village community are behind us to reach our target. Please follow this link to the [Just Giving page](#) for sponsorship, thank you to everyone who has donated so far!

You can also collect sponsorship via the [sponsorship form here](#).

### **Messenger Group**

The FODS committee has set up a Friends of Danby School messenger group so that we can keep you informed of ideas, events and requests. If you would like to be added to the group, please let any of the committee or school know. Thank you.

### **Community Bookcase**

You will notice a new addition on our school playground from today! With the money raised from the Coop Community Fund we have purchased a brand new wooden bookcase for use as a Community Book Swapshop. It is yet to be in action so we will keep you informed of when it is ready to



use. As massive thank you to Anna and Andy Newham for braving the chilly weather this morning to put it together!

### **Spring Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents and Children**

The second Stay and Play session is scheduled for Wednesday morning, 26th March 10.30-11.30am.

Stay and Play days are for children who are not yet at school age but would like to experience an hour in our school setting with our children and staff. All children must be accompanied by an adult for each session. If you would like any further information or to book a place at one or both of the sessions, please contact the school on 01287 660345 or email [admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk).

### **School Dinner Menu**

A reminder that the school dinner menu changes after half term and will run for the rest of the Spring Term and the whole of the Summer Term. Please click [here](#) for the new menu. Sometimes menus do need to change slightly depending on deliveries etc. If your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies please could you let us know by completing the appropriate form which can be found [HERE](#).

### **Future Dates for your diary (up to half term)**

Please [click here](#) for 2024-25 and 2025-26 term dates.

Swimming - Whitby Leisure Centre	Mar 27th April 24th May 8th, 22nd June 12th, 26th Jul 10th
Forest School Infants	FRIDAY 21/3,
Stay and Play Session 10.30am - 11.30am (for youngsters preparing to start school)	Wednesday 26th March
FODS Sponsored Walk & Litter Pick Event	Thursday 3rd April 3.30pm
Easter Holidays	Monday 7th April - Friday 18th April
York Railways Museum Trip	Thursday 20th March
Red Nose Day	Friday 21st March
Parent Consultation Evening	Monday 24th March 3.40pm - 6.30pm Wednesday 26th March 3.40pm - 5.00pm
Bank Holiday (Easter Monday)	Monday 21st April
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 22nd April
Children back to school	Wednesday 23rd April

Bag2School collection	9.00am Thursday 24th April
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Next week, I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and Danby on Tuesday and Friday.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best Wishes



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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### **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](http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child)).

### **Adverse weather conditions**

Thankfully the weather wasn't as bad as forecast although I know that Wednesday morning was a challenge for some. Please be assured that if school is closing or if the road outside school looks bad, we will communicate with you via our messaging service, please refer to the policy link below. Please could you return the completed 'Safe place' form if you haven't done so already. 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](#)

### **Information from NHS - Emotional Health and Wellbeing**

We have been asked to share the following link with you from the North Yorkshire Children and Families Service:

[Emotional health and wellbeing for parents](#)

### **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](mailto: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](http://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!