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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evening Bookings

All parents' evening appointments for either next Monday 20th or Wednesday 22nd have now been confirmed by email. Please contact the school if you haven't received a confirmation. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you.



Movie Night

There will be a FODS movie night after school next Thursday 23rd October from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. Please see below for details:

- ❖ All children will have the choice of watching either 'Paddington in Peru' or 'Charlotte's Web'
- ❖ Popcorn, hot dog and chips, ice cream and drinks
- ❖ £4.00 per child payable either via BACS into the FODS bank account (please see separate email for details), Sumup on the night, cash or cheque.

If your child would like to come along to movie night, please complete the [booking form here](#). We hope to see as many children there as possible,

If you are able to help at Movie Night, please let Lizzie or school know, thank you!

FODS AGM and Pudding Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along to our AGM and Pudding Night on Wednesday evening. A great time was had by all taste testing a number of yummy delights and we also managed to appoint our officers for the year! A vote of heartfelt thanks was given to our retiring officers Kieran Horner and Anna Newham and they were presented with a small token of appreciation. Thank you to our willing volunteers for this year:

Chair - Suzannah Crow Secretary - Rebecca Harper Treasurer - Lizzie Ibbotson

Half Term Tuck Shop

FODS will be holding an end of term tuck shop from around 3pm next Friday afternoon, treat bags will be available for £1 each.

Bag2School Fundraiser

Thank you for all your donations for the Bag2School FODS fundraiser yesterday. We will let you know how much was collected and the amount raised when we receive the payment from Bag2School.

Harvest Foodbank Donations

We'd like to let you know that Whitby Foodbank collected the donations this week and were overwhelmed and thankful for the volume of donations we had collected amongst the federation, particularly as their stocks were running low. It was a very full carload when they left. Thank you so much once again, the donations have made a big difference. We have a collection box in school year-round if you ever wish to donate anything.

Y5/6 Rugby Megafest

Last Friday, children in Years 5-6 went to Whitby Rugby Club to take part in a Rugby Megafest together with a number of other schools from the local area. They were taught tactical tag rugby skills and ball control throughout the afternoon and played in some friendly games. They will be using the skills they learnt this afternoon at a tag rugby tournament. We will let you know how they got on in next week's newsletter.

Stay and Play

We had our first Stay and Play session in the infant classroom on Monday afternoon for younger children who may like to join our school family in the future. Everyone had a great time and the children enjoyed playing with our infants and decorating biscuits whilst parents and carers had a tour of the school.

The next Stay and Play session will take place on Wednesday 12th November between 10.30am and 11.30pm. If you know anyone who might like to come along, please ask them to contact the school to book. Thank you.

Children in Distress Charity - Christmas 'Love in a Box' Shoebox Appeal

For 35 years, Children in Distress has been bringing hope and happiness to children facing hardship through their annual Love in a Box Shoebox Appeal.

Every Christmas, a beautifully decorated box filled with essentials and little surprises, brings joy around the world to children in need in Romania. Thanks to the kindness of supporters, last year they delivered over 5,000 shoeboxes to children, teenagers and older adults.

Our families have been taking part in this appeal for many years and once again invite you to take part if you would like to do so. On Thursday morning, representatives from the charity came into school to speak to the children about the appeal and explain the impact the shoeboxes have. Each child will be bringing home a leaflet with further information about how you can be involved. The Children in Distress charity will collect the boxes from school in a few weeks time (exact date to be confirmed) so if you would like to take part, please bring your shoebox into school when it is ready. Thank you.

DfE Guidance on reducing the spread of illnesses this winter

The DfE have asked that the following link is shared with parents as new guidance has been issued:

Please see the NHS Guidance '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' Pupils shouldn't miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend with a mild cough or cold, unless they have a fever or diarrhoea or vomiting.

Growing Healthy Information from HDFT

Please find information about an app designed both for professionals and families, by Harrogate District Foundation Trust [HDFT] who deliver the Healthy Child programme. This covers the whole county and has a map of services/groups etc for families to access in their area, including contact details and opening hours etc, as well as child development info for parents, referral forms for wellbeing advice for older CYP etc

[Download Our App | HDFT Children's Health Service](#)

Free Inclusion courses for parents

We have been asked to share with you the following link to courses designed to support parents and carers of children with Autism, SEMH, and ADHD. Link [HERE](#).

- These courses are an opportunity to find out more and gain practical tools and strategies to help support your child or young person.
- Parents will also meet others facing similar experiences or with a shared interest in the topic.
- For multi-day courses parents must attend all days and will receive a copy of the content covered following the course.

Spaces fill-up fast so please share with your parents and carer networks and encourage early booking to avoid missing out!

North Yorkshire Council Admissions Arrangements 2026-27

We have been asked to let you know that the North Yorkshire Council, as the admissions authority for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools, have opened a consultation consulting on the Published Admission Numbers [PANs] for certain schools and has the responsibility for determining both the PANs and admission arrangements for these schools. The consultation is now open and closes on 24th November.

Copies of all of the draft arrangements and policies are provided together with this letter or can be accessed on the council's website using the link [HERE](#).

Autumn Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents and Children

We were delighted to see so many people at our first Stay and Play of the year this week, lovely to meet everyone and showcase our amazing school!

Our next Stay and Play session will take place Wednesday 12th November 10.30am-11.30am

If you know anyone who may like to come that hasn't already booked, please ask them to get in touch. Thank you.

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.

Future Diary Dates

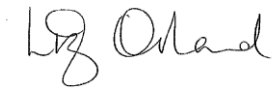
Please [click here](#) for the holiday dates for this academic year. Specific dates for school activities will be kept updated on the table below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

Swimming - whole school	6th, 20th Nov 4th, 18th Dec
Forest School Infants	13th Nov, 11th Dec
Forest School Juniors	23rd Oct, 27th Nov
Parents evening 1	Monday 20th October 3.40pm - 6.00pm
Parents evening 2	Wednesday 22nd October 3.40pm - 5.00pm
Half term	Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October
Stay and Play session for prospective new starters	Wednesday 12th November 10.30am - 11.30am
Children in Need	Friday 14th November
St Hilda's Day Service at Egton 10.00am - 11.30am	Monday 17th November
Danby Village Festive Fair at Danby Village Hall	Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November
School photos - individual/sibling	Tuesday 2nd December
Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre to see Sleeping Beauty	Monday 8th December
Christmas Carol Service and Nativity at St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale	6.00pm Thursday 18th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Teacher Training Day	Monday 5th January 2026
Children return to school	Tuesday 6th January 2026

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

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).

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](#)

Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and other such devices - information

We have been asked by North Yorkshire Council to let parents/carers know that children are not permitted to wear or have in pockets/bags etc, Smart Watches, Apple AirTag and such devices under any circumstances either in school or on school trips. This is inline with safeguarding policy. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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!

Gas Safe Charity Funding

We have been asked to share the following information with you:

Choices4Energy at the North Yorkshire Council has funding available until September to help homeowners with low income and/or disability to pay for measures that address potential gas safety, gas leaks or CO poisoning (<£36,000 household income, other criteria may apply). This includes measures such as repairs and servicing of gas boilers, fires and cookers. Badly fitted or poorly serviced gas appliances can put you and your family at risk. There is a maximum grant of £500 per household, and we are encouraging homeowners to check gas appliances now to ensure they are safe to use, ready for winter. Contact us now on 0300 131 2 131 and ask for Choices4Energy, or visit [Choices4Energy | North Yorkshire Council](#) for more information.

See attached copy of our [Gas Safety leaflet](#) which provides info about the funding available.

'Pharmacy First' availability for minor illness / ailments in children

Parents and carers in Humber and North Yorkshire are being reminded to use their local community pharmacy this summer, if their child needs help with minor illnesses or ailments.

The NHS 'Pharmacy First' service allows children to access treatment for five common conditions from their local pharmacy, without needing a GP appointment.

Children can receive NHS treatment, including antibiotics where appropriate, for five common conditions including:

- impetigo (aged one year and over)
- infected insect bites (aged one year and over)
- earache (aged one to 17 years)
- sore throat (aged five years and over)
- sinusitis (aged 12 years and over).
- The aim of Pharmacy First is to make it easier for people to get the help they need and free up millions of GP slots.

Parents can simply walk into a participating pharmacy and request a consultation for their child. If further treatment is needed, pharmacy teams will signpost families to the most appropriate local health service.

Hayley Patterson, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB's Pharmacy Lead, said: "As the school holidays approach, we are encouraging parents and carers to think 'Pharmacy First' if their child is unwell, allowing them to be seen quickly and conveniently at their local pharmacy.

"The scheme enables community pharmacists, who are trained health professionals, to supply prescription-only medicines, where clinically appropriate, to treat five health conditions for children which would previously have required a GP appointment."

The Pharmacy First scheme is also available for adults and covers the following seven common conditions:

- sinusitis (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- sore throat (adults and children aged five years and over)
- earache (children and young adults aged one to 17 years)
- infected insect bite (adults and children aged one year and over)
- impetigo (adults and children aged one year and over)
- shingles (adults aged 18 years and over)
- uncomplicated urinary tract infection (women aged 16 to 64 years).

To find a local pharmacy to you visit the [NHS website](#)

There's further information about what pharmacies can do at [Let's Get Better](#)