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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Big Sing 🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵

Yesterday, the whole school ventured to The Spa Pavilion at Whitby to take part in the annual 'Big Sing' event, and what a fantastic day we had! From start to finish, the children sang their hearts out and smiled from ear to ear! We loved singing "Count On Me", which has definitely earned its place as the Big Sing anthem, and had so much fun learning five brand new acapella songs to perform together at the end.

A huge thank you to Rebecca, Julie and the Big Sing team for organising such an uplifting and joyful event. It's been a day full of music, laughter and memories we won't forget! 🎵🎵

Peat Rigg Family Fun Day

Peat Rigg has generously offered a fundraising day for our Federation on Saturday 13th September. **Please see the attached poster.** Places are limited to 15 for each school for the children and parents currently attending Egton and Danby Primary Schools. Please email admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk to reserve your places for active participants as places will be issued on a first come first served basis. Parents must attend with a participating child even if not participating themselves. Minimum age 7yrs old. £35 per participant (child or adult). A reserve list will be held in case of cancellations and if there are spaces after the deadline date older siblings may then be considered.

The Book Shed!

We are delighted to launch 'The Book Shed' a community book swap resource which has been funded by the Co-op community fund in partnership with the Friends of Danby School. Donations of books are welcomed and please do feel free to help yourself when waiting for home time! The Book Shed is based on the front playground.

School Photos

The proofs for the school photos that were taken last Friday have now been sent home with children. Please return any orders to the school office no later than Tuesday 1st July. **Please**

include payment at the time of ordering otherwise the order will not be able to be processed. Thank you.

Sports Day

It is our annual sports day next week on Friday 27th June at 2.00pm. Please come along and support the children if you are able to. Thank you.

The school cook will be serving a special Sports Day lunch that day of pizza, potato wedges, carrot and cucumber sticks followed by iced sponge. This means that the usual 'Fish Friday' will actually be 'Fish Thursday' next week as Friday's usual lunch will be served on Thursday instead.

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.

Swimming

The whole school will be swimming on Thursday afternoon at Whitby Leisure Centre so please can everyone remember their kits that day. Thank you.

Game of Actual Life

On Tuesday, the juniors took part in a whole day event called 'Game of Actual Life' which was delivered in school by Anne-Marie Carson. During the day, they learnt about many different life skills including buying a house, buying a pet, starting a business, considering job opportunities and opening a bank account. They all participated extremely well and enjoyed the day.

'Save the Planet' Federation Day

On 2nd July, our friends from Egton School are coming to Danby to join us in a 'Save the Planet' Federation activity day. More details to follow nearer the time but for now, we are asking children to start collecting empty cereal boxes and kitchen towel tubes. If you could bring them into school please that would be greatly appreciated. Please do not collect toilet roll tubes, only kitchen towel tubes. Thank you.

The Big Sing

On Thursday, the whole school took part in the 'Big Sing' at Whitby Pavilion. It was a fantastic day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event.

The Friends of Danby School

Thank you for all the tombola prizes that have been donated for the FODS tombola table at Danby Show.

The summer fair will take place next Saturday, 28th June between 2pm and 4pm at school.. We still need helpers to sign up for the day please. The sign up sheets are inside the school entrance or please email Sarah in the school office for her to add your name. Thank you!

Schedules are now available inside the school entrance to sign up if you can help at the Summer Fair and Danby Show Tombola Stall. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Summer Fair Saturday 28th June Set up from 12pm Fair 2pm-4pm
FODS Tombola Stall Danby Show 13th August 9-4pm ish

School Dinner Menu

Please click [here](#) for the current 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	June 26th Jul 10th
Forest School Infants	July 3rd
Forest School Juniors	July 17th
Sports Day	2.00pm Friday 27th June
FODS Summer Fair	Saturday 28th June 2.00pm-4.00pm Set up from 12 noon
Y6 Leavers Trip	Monday 14th July
Last Day of Term Y6 Leavers Worship	Friday 18th July - Advance Warning - there will be no After School Club Available on this day

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

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](#)

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!