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### **Newsletter**

**Friday 18th October 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Parents Evening Appointments**

Parent evenings are scheduled for the first week back after half term on Tuesday 5th November 3.40pm - 6.30pm and Thursday 7th November 3.40pm - 5.00pm. Appointments are in 10 minute slots and allocated on a first come first served basis. They will be confirmed via email from Sarah after you have completed the form. Please click on the link below to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. Thank you.

[Parents evenings appointment form](#)

#### **Rugby Megafest**

Last Friday, children in years 5 and 6 took part in a rugby megafest at Whitby Rugby Club. They had a great afternoon learning about different tag rugby skills. It was a very big event with 321 attendees from various local schools! A super experience for our older children. They now have the opportunity to put the skills they learnt into practice by playing in a tag rugby tournament this afternoon.

#### **Stay and Play Dates**

We had a lovely stay and play session on Tuesday morning in the infant classroom. During the session the parents had a tour of the school while the children enjoyed some time with our infants in the classroom. The second stay and play date will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00pm – 3.00pm

#### **Bag2School - FODS fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who donated bags for the Bag2School fundraiser on Wednesday. We raised £33.00 for FODS funds.

#### **Asda Cash Pots**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our Asda Cash Pots. We currently have had £98.36 donated with still a month to go! If you haven't signed up yet please select our school on your Asda app. Thank you.

## **Swimming & KS2 Cross Country**

Next Thursday afternoon, 24th October, the infants will be swimming and the juniors will be taking part in the cross country event (weather permitting!).

## **Poppy Appeal**

We have a selection of poppy's, wrist bands, snap wristbands, keyrings, zip tags and 'In Remembrance' wooden crosses in school to raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024. Suggested donation £1.00 per item - cash only in the collection box please in the school entrance. Thank you for your support.

## **Yorkshire Arboretum**

The Yorkshire Arboretum have asked us to share the following information:

We have an event on 28<sup>th</sup> October during half term for Nature Rangers. We hope that you and your families and students can join us for owl related activities.

- Monday, 28 October 2024
- 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Yorkshire Arboretum YO60 7BY

Indoor and outdoor activities to explore the arboretum and learn about the plants and creatures that we share it with. There will be a chance to experience crafts, plus walking, collecting, and exploring the grounds. There will be hands-on activities, so bring a bag to take your creations home with you. We recommend bringing a packed lunch or plan to eat at the Arboretum Café.

Our Nature Rangers Day is suitable for children aged five to eleven.

£15 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult who can attend free of charge. Please bring outdoor clothes and footwear

Booking essential by email on [visit@yorkshirearboretum.org](mailto:visit@yorkshirearboretum.org) or by calling 01653 648598

## **FODS - Next Meeting - TUESDAY**

Our next meeting is on line at 8pm on Tuesday 22nd October. We are trying a different time and approach and hope that more parents will be able to join us for an online get together and planning meeting. The zoom link can be found in your newsletter email or contact the school if you would like to take part and don't have the link. Thank you!

## **FODS - Save the Dates**

Friday 8th November Non-uniform day for tombola prizes for Danby Village Festive Fair  
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November Danby Village Festive Fair at Danby Village Hall  
Thursday 21st November FODS Bingo Night

## **Future Dates for your diary**

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

Swimming	24/10, 14/11, 28/11, 12/12
Forest School Infants	7/11, 5/12
Forest School Juniors	21/11, 19/12
Half Term	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

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 and Tuesday and Danby on Wednesday. I am in York on Thursday and Friday, please contact the school office if you need to contact me urgently.

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)).

### **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.*

*Come and find out more at our Open Morning on Saturday 19 October; drop in anytime from 9.30am -12.30pm to meet the staff and groups.*

*We are launching a pop choir on Monday 4 November, 6.30pm-7.45pm. This is more likely to appeal to your older pupils but if there is sufficient interest we may establish a children's choir for younger pupils too that would rehearse at an earlier time.*

*We have an exciting offer for FREE string lessons on Saturday mornings: there is limited availability and places will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis so please get in touch if you have children who would like free lessons from our string staff.*

### **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. See the poster attachment for more information. 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!