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Newsletter **Friday 3rd May 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you've noticed a new addition to our field, we are busy taking part in a special project for the National Park and are now the proud owners of a new bird feeding station. The Birds on the Edge Project is funded through the National Lottery Heritage Fund and is working to improve habitat for four birds which have suffered significant population declines during the last 30 years. Two of these are migratory birds; the turtle dove and redstart and two are residents; the song thrush and yellowhammer. A key element of the project is to monitor current bird populations through the 'Harry Spotter's Bird Watch Challenge'. We will be monitoring birds at a feeding station in our school grounds for 15 minutes every morning for 4 weeks. We will keep you posted with any exciting spots!



Parent Consultation Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week. If you were unable to attend and would still like to make an appointment, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mental Health and Well-being Consultation - Kath Cornforth, our Mental Health Lead, has been carrying out a questionnaire with parents this week. If you missed it and would like to contribute, please find a version [HERE](#). Thank you.

Bank Holiday Monday

It is May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 6th May so school will be closed. Have a lovely long weekend everyone, let's hope the sun shines!

Forest School

It is the turn of the juniors for Forest School on Thursday afternoon next week, 9th May.

Hobbies and Interests Board

Thank you to everyone who has sent in pictures of their children taking part in hobbies and interests outside of school. If you haven't already done so and would like to, please send pictures via email to admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk or send in a hard copy for us to scan. Thank you.

FODS Dates

Film Night: Friday 17th May 3.30pm -5.30pm

Summer Fayre: Saturday 29th June 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 23rd May 2.45pm

May Half Term Holiday Club

Simon Carson Sports School is once again holding a holiday club at Egton School on Wednesday 29th May from 9.00am - 3.00pm. The club is open to all children aged between 5-11 and costs £15.00 for the day. Please [click here](#) for a poster with more details and how to book a place.

Advance Notice - No Sunshine Club on Friday 19th July

We are giving advance notice that there will be no sunshine club on the last day of the summer term, Friday 19th July, School will finish at 3.30pm that day. Thank you.

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](#).

Botany for Beginners by Carol Wilson

Carol Wilson is running a short series of botany classes for beginners over the summer months - please [click here](#) for the flyer with details. Carol held these classes a few years ago, before the pandemic and is excited to restart them. While this is for adults, it is definitely for beginners and children over 8 are very welcome to join the classes as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

Future Dates for your diary

Please note that we have added the academic year 2024-25 term dates to the link below for your information.

Please [click here](#) for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 term dates.

Forest School, Swimming dates and events will be kept up to date each term in the table below. Please could we ask for all items of clothing to be named in case of any mix ups. PE will continue every Friday afternoon and will take place outside whenever possible. Please could children have suitable outer clothing to keep them warm during the cold weather.

There are various sporting events throughout this term but as dates can change, we will let you know about these via email as and when they are happening.

Swimming	16th May, 6th June, 20th June, 4th July, 18th July
Forest School Infants	23rd May, Wednesday 16th June
Forest School Juniors	9th May, 13th June, 11th July
Year 3 and 4 Peat Rigg Residential	Wednesday 24th April - Friday 26th April
May Day Bank Holiday - school closed	Monday 6th May
Year 6 SATS Week	Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May
Half Term	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
School photos (class and whole school)	Thursday 13th June 9am
Sports Day	Thursday 27th June 2.00pm start
Secondary School Transition Week	<u>Whitby Secondary School Partnership</u> Monday 8th July - Friday 12th July <u>Stokesley School</u> Weds 10th - Fri 12th July
Last Day of Term	Friday 19th July Note: No after school club available today

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

Have a lovely weekend.



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>

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 County 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.**