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Newsletter Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a whirlwind this term has been! It doesn't seem like two minutes since we came back after the Christmas break but what a wonderful term we have had at Danby School. We break up today for the Easter holidays and children return to school on Wednesday 23rd April. Staff will be back on Tuesday 22nd April if you need to contact us for any reason. Have a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks.

The Friends of Danby School

The **Sponsored Litter Pick** was a huge success last night! Thank you to everyone who came to support the event and a special mention for those who helped to organise it and make it all happen. There was a huge amount of work put in behind the scenes to organise everything. There was a super amount of rubbish collected from various areas of Castleton and Danby and it is lovely to know we have a cleaner village this morning thanks to you all. The children were wonderful and their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the event was great to see.

Our Just Giving page is currently standing at a staggering **£683** !! A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed. Any cash sponsorship money that has been collected can be handed into the school office. Thanks again to everyone!

 **The Easter Egg Hamper Raffle**  and **Easter Themed Lucky Dip Tuck Shop** has raised £155 so far! Final total to follow after Easter!

Moors Centre Educational Visit

On Wednesday, the whole school went to the Moors Centre for an educational trip. Usually when we go to the moors centre we battle the wind and rain but this time, it couldn't have been more beautiful. During the day the children took part in activities relevant to their age and Key Stage delivered by Outdoor Learning Officers from North York Moors National Park Authority.

The infants did a KS1 Treasure Hunt activity inspired by Nick Butterworth's book 'The Treasure Hunt' which included map skills. The juniors learnt about Map Skills and Compass Skills using maps and aerial photographs to identify and compare features on the map and the photograph, using symbols, keys and grid references. Outdoors, children learnt how to use the map to

navigate from point to point and then worked in small teams to do the 'otter orienteering trail'. They also learnt the eight points of the compass and how to use a compass to walk on bearings.



Easter Day

On Thursday, we had a lovely Easter Day in school where the children made some beautiful Easter crafts. The school cook made us a delicious Easter lunch of Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli, Roast Potatoes and Gravy and a Chocolate Crispy Easter Cake for pudding.

Year 6 Leadership Day

Year 6 enjoyed participating in "Children's Leadership Day" at Sneaton Castle this week. They had the opportunity to try a variety of activities which challenged them to work as a team and provided them with a chance to learn how to lead! Thanks to the Yorkshire Coast Education Partnership for this event.

Bag2School

Please note the Bag2School collection is the first Thursday back after the Easter break. The collection will be at 09.00am. Please leave your bags on the playground. Thank you.

Midday Supervisor Assistant (MSA) Vacancy - Egton School

Please see the link below to our Vacancies Website Page for further details about this role - <https://www.egtonceprimary.org/information-and-newsletters/vacancies/>

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have been asked to share with you that the local Poppy Appeal Organiser has recently retired, and they are keen to find a new volunteer. Without local support they will not be able to deliver the school packs and poppies to the community. Please see below for further information if you are interested. Thank you.

A promotional poster for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The top section is dark blue with the RBL logo (a stylized 'R' and 'L' with a red poppy) and the text 'Poppy Appeal Organisers needed in your area'. The bottom section is light blue with the text: 'We need volunteers in your local area to help organise this year's Poppy Appeal. Interested in helping raise vital funds for our Armed Forces community?'. A red button contains the text 'Search rbl.org.uk/poppyappealvolunteer'. On the right side, there is a small vertical text 'Registered charity number: 213279' and a small RBL logo.

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	April 24th May 8th, 22nd June 12th, 26th Jul 10th
Easter Holidays	Monday 7th April - Friday 18th April
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

After Easter, I will be at Egton on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. I will be at Danby on Wednesday morning, and Friday. Please note that all staff will be at Egton on Tuesday for staff training.

Wishing everyone a lovely Easter break filled with sunshine and chocolate!

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).

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. 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.

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!