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### Newsletter

### Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of the first half of Spring Term already! Wishing everyone a Happy Valentines Day and a fantastic week off next week. Children return to school on Monday 24th February.

#### KS1 Game of Actual Life

On Tuesday the Infants had a very exciting day taking part in a number of workshops based on a program called 'The Actual Game of Life'. The activities were designed to explore situations in a real life environment. The children had the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and feelings about life experiences and situations.

They learnt about how important a healthy lifestyle was and what to do to keep their bodies and minds healthy. They also learnt about the importance of money and how it was needed to pay for things we need and want in life. They explored different job roles and discussed what jobs they would like to do in the future. They all had a great day! Thank you to AnneMarie Carson for coming into school to deliver the 'Game of Actual life' to the children.

#### Swimming and Year 3 4 Gymnastics after half term

On the afternoon of the first Thursday back after half term, children in Reception, Years 1,2,5,6 will be swimming as normal at Whitby Leisure Centre. Children in years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a gymnastics tournament at Whitby School instead of swimming. Everyone will travel together on a coach, leaving school at 12.30pm after an early lunch. They will be back at the end of the school day.

#### Friends of Danby School - Valentines Disco & Litter Pick/Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who supported the Valentines disco last night. It was a great event and the children seemed to have a lot of fun. Thank you to FODS who organised it and to everyone who did the most amazing baking and helped make it a success. So far the event raised £234.41 which is fantastic! If you haven't yet paid, please could you send £4 in cash or pay via the FODS donations payment item on Parentpay with the reference 'Valentines Disco' as soon as possible. Thank you.

The next FODS event is the **Sponsored Walk & Litter Pick** on Thursday 3rd April at 3.30pm. [Please sign up using the Google form.](#)

We have set up a Just Giving page which is now 'live'. Early signs are really positive that lots of our families, friends and the village community are behind us to reach our target. Please follow this link to the [Just Giving page](#) for sponsorship, thank you to everyone who has donated so far!

### **Spring Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents and Children**

**Do you know any youngsters who are going to be school ready in the next year or so?**

Our stay and play dates for this term are:

Monday 3rd March            2.00pm-3.00pm

Wednesday 26th March    10.30-11.30am

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](mailto:admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk).

### **Pancake Run - Danby Chapel**

We've been asked to share the following information with you from Danby Methodist Chapel regarding an exciting pancake race!

#### **PANCAKE RACES**

**SATURDAY 1st MARCH 2025**



**10 - 12 noon AT DANBY CHAPEL**

**PANCAKES PROVIDED**

**PLEASE BRING PAN !!**

**COME AND RUN AND HAVE FUN !!**

### **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	Feb 27th Mar 13th, 27th April 24th May 8th, 22nd June 12th, 26th Jul 10th
Forest School Infants	20/3,
Forest School Juniors	7/3 (please note this is a Friday), 3/4
Half Term	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February
Stay and Play Session 2.00pm - 3.00pm (for youngsters preparing to start school)	Monday 3rd March
World Book Day	Thursday 6th March
Stay and Play Session 10.30am - 11.30am (for youngsters preparing to start school)	Wednesday 26th March
FODS Sponsored Walk & Litter Pick Event	Thursday 3rd April 3.30pm
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 half term, I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a lovely half term, let's hope the weather cheers up!

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)).

### **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](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.*

### **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!