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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it 🥳! What a fantastic 2024-25 academic year we have had. It has been a delight watching our children grow throughout the year and they are all ready and excited for the next chapter of their school journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our parents, carers, staff team, volunteers, children and all of our school family. It is a joint effort making our lovely school as wonderful as it is and we couldn't do it without you all 😊

We break up for the summer holidays today and children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September. The staff will be in school on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd if you need to get in touch with us. Thank you.

Year 6 Leavers Trip

On Monday, Mrs Orland, Miss Calvert and Mrs Vaughan took the Year 6 children from Danby and Egton Schools to York Maze for a fantastic day of fun and frolics! We enjoyed a show, tractor ride, lots of fun activities and games and getting very wet! Farewell to Lily, Charlotte, Alice, Reuben, Amelie, Cara and Ivy. We will miss you all and wish you the very best of luck at your next schools!

Crucial Crew

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 6 children went to Scarborough Tec to take part in a Crucial Crew event. The children took part in 6 different workshops including:

- ★ Fire Safety delivered by the Fire & Rescue Service
- ★ Internet Safety delivered by North Yorkshire Police
- ★ Water Safety delivered by the RNLI
- ★ Smoking and Vaping Awareness delivered by the Live Well Smoke Free team (NYC)
- ★ Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness delivered by North Yorkshire Police
- ★ Drug and Alcohol Awareness delivered by the Community Impact Team (NYC)

It was a great afternoon full of interesting and important information to keep our young people safe and healthy.

Music Performance

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Lillie and her musical children treated us to a beautiful performance! Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to everyone who came along to watch. Keep up the good work and practice. Thank you also to Mrs Lillie for teaching the children so beautifully.

Leavers Lunch

On Thursday, our school cook made a delicious Leavers Lunch of Roast Chicken and all the trimmings for the children. This was chosen by the Year 6's and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Leavers Worship

This morning we had a special Leavers Worship in school where we celebrated the children who are moving on to the next chapter in their school lives. We wish everyone the very best and good luck for the future.

School Meals Pricing

Please note our school meal costs will increase to £2.90 with effect from September. We have tried to keep them the same cost for as long as possible but due to ongoing cost increases, the decision has been made to increase them by 10p to help cover the shortfall but still keep them affordable.

ParentPay Balances

Please could all ParentPay balances be settled over the summer holidays to ensure we begin the new academic year with a clean balance sheet. If you have any questions or concerns relating to payments, please contact Sarah Buckworth to discuss payment arrangements.

Whitby Library Summer Reading Challenge

Whitby Library are hosting the annual summer reading challenge event where children can read and return a total of 6 books borrowed from the library over summer and win prizes during their progress. See more details on the email attachments or visit the North Yorkshire Council website [HERE](#).

Peat Rigg Family Fun Day **Places now available for older siblings!**

We have some places left and are now opening those up to older family siblings who no longer attend our school but would like to take part in the 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.

On behalf of the governors and staff, we thank you for all of your continued and amazing support this year and we wish you all a very relaxing and sunny summer holiday.

Stay safe and have fun everyone, see you in September!



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!

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.

'Pharmacy First' availability for minor illness / ailments in children

Parents and carers in Humber and North Yorkshire are being reminded to use their local community pharmacy this summer, if their child needs help with minor illnesses or ailments.

The NHS 'Pharmacy First' service allows children to access treatment for five common conditions from their local pharmacy, without needing a GP appointment.

Children can receive NHS treatment, including antibiotics where appropriate, for five common conditions including:

- impetigo (aged one year and over)
- infected insect bites (aged one year and over)
- earache (aged one to 17 years)
- sore throat (aged five years and over)
- sinusitis (aged 12 years and over).
- The aim of Pharmacy First is to make it easier for people to get the help they need and free up millions of GP slots.

Parents can simply walk into a participating pharmacy and request a consultation for their child. If further treatment is needed, pharmacy teams will signpost families to the most appropriate local health service.

Hayley Patterson, NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB's Pharmacy Lead, said: "As the school holidays approach, we are encouraging parents and carers to think 'Pharmacy First' if their child is unwell, allowing them to be seen quickly and conveniently at their local pharmacy.

"The scheme enables community pharmacists, who are trained health professionals, to supply prescription-only medicines, where clinically appropriate, to treat five health conditions for children which would previously have required a GP appointment."

The Pharmacy First scheme is also available for adults and covers the following seven common conditions:

- sinusitis (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- sore throat (adults and children aged five years and over)
- earache (children and young adults aged one to 17 years)
- infected insect bite (adults and children aged one year and over)
- impetigo (adults and children aged one year and over)
- shingles (adults aged 18 years and over)
- uncomplicated urinary tract infection (women aged 16 to 64 years).

To find a local pharmacy to you visit the [NHS website](#)

There's further information about what pharmacies can do at [Let's Get Better](#)