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### **Newsletter**

#### **Friday 20th September 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Infant Trip to Scarborough Spa**

On Tuesday afternoon, the infants went to Scarborough Spa for a very special Teddy Bear's Picnic and concert and met up with our friends from Egton School. The afternoon included an interactive concert and all the instruments of the orchestra were introduced to the children. There was a wide variety of styles of music and the children marched around the Sun Court, playing percussion instruments and enjoying the live music. It was a super fun afternoon learning about orchestral instruments and musical skills.

#### **Swimming/Cross Country Thursday 26th September**

On Thursday afternoon next week (26th September), children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be swimming as normal at Whitby Leisure Centre. Children in years 3,4,5 & 6 will be taking part in a cross country league at Whitby School. Both groups of children will travel together on one coach and as West Lane is still closed during the day, they may be slightly later back to school than 3.30pm. We apologise for any inconvenience.

#### **Whitby Rotary Club Octoberfest**

The Rotary Club of Whitby & District are once again set to organise the annual Fun Run for children, OCTOBERFEST. You will find attached an Entry Form for runners wishing to take part [here](#). This year the event begins on Sunday, October 6th. at 2.00 p.m. in the usual place, the Playing Fields of Caedmon College, Whitby ( Scoresby site, near the bridge ). If your child would like to enter, please send the completed entry form and money (£3 per child) into school in a named envelope and hand it to Sarah in the school office. It is possible to enter on the day but to help with administration an early entry is preferable. Registration on the day begins at 1.00 with the first race starting at 2.00. Every child who takes part will receive a medal. The top 2 in each race will also receive a shield.

In common with recent years we have given the runners a chance to earn sponsorship money for a good cause. This year the money will be split between 2 very deserving local charities, the Whitby Wildlife Trust and WHISH ( Whitby Hidden Impairment Support). You will also find attached a [sponsor form](#).

## **Bag2School - FODS fundraiser - Wednesday 16th October**

Our next Bag2School fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday 16th October at 9.00am. This is a great opportunity to have a clear out before the winter arrives. For more information about where the items go and a list of acceptable items you can donate please visit the [Bag2School](#) website. Each child has been given a bag today to bring home to fill. If you need any more please just use bin bags. All donations can be left in the school playground just over the wall by the entrance by 9.00am on the 16th. Please make sure all bags are securely tied at the top especially if it is a wet day as any soiled items will not be accepted. Thank you in advance for your support for this fundraiser for school.

## **Harvest and Food Bank**

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Wednesday 9th October at 9.15am at St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale YO21 2NH. We would be grateful if you would be able to drop your children at the church at 9.00am instead of bringing them to school first. Parents/Carers and friends are very welcome to join with us for the service which the children are participating in. Children attending breakfast club and any children who are unable to be dropped at the church, will be transported in staff cars. It would be helpful for logistics planning if you could let us know via email to [admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk) if you will be dropping your child at school for us to take up to the church. Many thanks. It would be lovely to see you all and you are welcome to stay for refreshments afterwards.

We will be collecting for the Whitby Food Bank for our Harvest Gifts this year. Please follow [the link](#) to see appropriate items being collected currently. Items may be brought in any time between now and our service. Thank you.

## **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.

### **Vacancies at Egton School**

General Teaching Assistant - Please click [HERE](#) for details.

After School Club Supervisor - Please click [HERE](#) for details.

### **PE Kits**

Just a reminder that children should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday morning and leave it in school all week. This is so that we have flexibility as to when PE lessons are delivered during the week depending on other commitments and the weather. Many thanks.

### **FODS - Save the Dates**

Thursday 10th October Start of Term Party (parents and children) & AGM 2.30pm  
Wednesday 16th October [Bag2School](#) collection (click link for information on Bag2School  
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

### **Stay and Play Dates**

Our stay and play dates for this term are:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am – 11.30am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm – 3.00pm

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).

### **Free Eye Test from NHS Public Health Team**

We have been asked to share the following information with you regarding free eye tests for children. The important messages from the leaflet are:

- Please take your child for a FREE eye test.
- Check this website to find your local opticians: [Sight Tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- Encouraging children & young people to manage their screen time and get outdoors more often can help their eyesight.

The leaflet was produced by North Yorkshire Council's Public Health Team.

[Eye Test Leaflet](#)

**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.

### **Future Dates for your diary**

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

Swimming	26/9, 10/10, 24/10, 14/11, 28/11, 12/12
Forest School Infants	3/10, 7/11, 5/12
Forest School Juniors	17/10, 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 Danby on Monday and Wednesday and Egton on Tuesday and Friday .On Thursday I will be in York for meetings. If you need to speak with me urgently, please contact the school office who will pass a message on.

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.**