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Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter Warmer Lunch

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 6 children were invited to attend a 'Winter Warmer' parish community lunch at Moorholm Church Hall. They enjoyed a delicious bowl of soup and a sandwich and had a lovely chat with parishioners about our school. They were a pleasure to take out of school and thoroughly enjoyed winning prizes in the raffle!

School Photographs

The school photographer will be coming to school next Monday, 2nd December at 9.00am. Children without siblings will be photographed individually and children with siblings will be photographed both individually and with their sibling(s). If you have older or younger siblings you would like to be included, please bring them along at 8.45am and we will take these photos first. It would help with logistics if you could let us know if you will be coming in earlier, please let Sarah know in the school office. Many thanks.

Forest School - Infants

It is the turn of the infants to take part in forest school next Thursday 5th December. Please make sure they have lots of warm layers, waterproofs, wellies, hats and gloves. Thank you.

Advance notice of theatre trip - early morning drop off

On Tuesday 10th December, the whole school will be going to the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough for a Christmas performance of Aladdin. The show starts at 10.00am so we will need to leave school promptly at 8.15am. Please could all children be at school at 8.00am that morning to give us time to register, toilet and sort bags etc. We regret that we will not be able to delay the coach leaving at 8.15am. If your child is poorly that day, please let us know by 8.00am, thank you.

We will be back to school at the end of the school day.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December

This year we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December, so the children may wear their favourite Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. Other uniform garments are still to be worn. Donations are welcome for Save the Children to help kids in the UK and around the world get the best future ever. There's more to Christmas Jumper Day than wearing a silly jumper. You'll be helping children facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty. And this year, with so many children having a really tough time, getting involved matters more than ever. Thank you.

FEAST

On previous newsletters and emails, you will have seen details for FEAST [Food. Entertainment. Arts. Sport. Together.] activities for children during school holidays. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people. To look at the selection of free holiday activities nearby over the Christmas holidays, please take a look [HERE](#). The events on the website go live on Monday 25th November 2024.

We have issued vouchers to all families whose children/young people are eligible for free places on FEAST activities this Christmas. You should have received this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities. Follow the link in this email/text to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area. If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

EGTON SCHOOL VACANCY - Midday Supervisor

Egton School is currently advertising for a Midday Supervisor to start after Christmas. For further information please click [HERE](#). Thank you.

Autism Training for Parents/Carers

We have been asked to share the following information with you from North Yorkshire Council:

NYC Inclusion provides free parent & carer Autism training, we have a downloadable course, a 2 day face to face course in Northallerton on 5th & 6th February 2025. To book on / download the training, parents will need to register / sign up on the NYES website and put parent in the job title/organisation boxes and 'attend training course' in the reason section.

If needed NYES can be contacted - Email: nyes@northyorks.gov.uk or Call: 01609 533222

[Unlocking Autism for Parents & Carers 2 Day Course | NYES Info](#)

Asda Cash Pots

Thank you to everyone who signed up to our Asda Cash Pots. We have raised £128.49 for the FODS account with one day left! This money is very gratefully received and will be put to good use for our children.

Future Dates for your diary

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

Swimming	12/12
Forest School Infants	5/12
Forest School Juniors	19/12
School photographs	Monday 2nd December
Theatre Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre	Tuesday 10th December - leave school 8.15
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13th December 2024
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 Tuesday and Thursday and Egton on Monday and Wednesday and Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

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](#)

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!