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**Newsletter**  
**Friday 13th December 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy week, starting with a lovely trip to the Stephen Joseph theatre with Egton School to see Aladdin. It was a super production as always and everyone enjoyed the experience. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the FODs movie night a success on Wednesday.

As you probably have already gathered, we have experienced quite a lot of illness this week both amongst the children and the staff. We are not alone it seems as many schools have been affected and the following guidance was issued to schools to share with parents yesterday:

*The UK Health Security Agency have produced advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and school children across Yorkshire and The Humber.*

*What are the symptoms?*

*There are two groups of symptoms:*

- *Diarrhoea and vomiting – usually lasting*
- *1-2 days • Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore throat – lasting 3-4 days*

*What should I do if my child is unwell?*

- *If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms, they should not attend nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours*
- *If your child has a high temperature and is unwell, it is very important they stay at home and don't attend school until they have recovered. Children with mild symptoms like runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.*
- *Ensure they drink plenty of fluids – taking sips rather than gulps, to avoid vomiting*
- *If they have a fever – give child paracetamol and/or ibuprofen, according to manufacturer's instructions. Your local pharmacist can also advise you about the best treatment for your child*
- *If your child is unusually sleepy, can't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness – **seek medical advice immediately***

*Infection control advice*

*Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:*

- *Before and after caring for the child*

- After using the toilet
- Before eating, preparing or handling food
- After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)
- Also – keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms, and change them regularly
- Dry hands thoroughly

Other control measures:

- Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue if possible – dispose of used tissues immediately and wash hands
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels at 60oC, using detergent – if possible, wear disposable gloves to handle contaminated items
- Surfaces and touch points (taps, toilet flush handle, door handles) should be cleaned then disinfected with bleach-based cleaner
- Check that your child is up to date with their [NHS vaccinations schedule](#)

For further information, visit [NHS.uk](#) and search for 'respiratory infections' and 'diarrhoea and vomiting'.

### **Y5/6 Basketball**

Last Friday, our Y5/6s travelled to Whitby to partake in a Basketball event. They had a great time practising their skills before heading into friendly matches against other schools. As ever, they represented our school wonderfully, well done everybody!

### **FODS Christmas Tuck Shop**

On Friday 20th December, there will be an end of term FODS tuck shop after school with items available for purchase from 50p.

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Tree Festival at Danby Methodist Chapel**

The children have been very busy making decorations for the school Christmas tree that will be a part of the community Christmas Tree Festival at Danby Methodist Chapel. We would like to say a huge thank you to Robin and Elizabeth Asquith for donating a beautiful tree to us. If you have time do pop along to Danby Chapel between 10.00am and 4.00pm and enjoy the array of decorated trees. Donations to Chapel Funds.



## **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Dress Rehearsal at Danby Village Hall**

We will be having a full day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall on Tuesday. Please can all children be dropped off directly at Danby Village Hall in the morning instead of at school. Any children attending breakfast club will be driven down to the village hall by staff.

**Costumes: Please could costumes be brought into school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December in a named bag. Thank you.**

Lunch: Our school cook will be bringing a hot meal of pizza, chips and a pudding to the village hall at lunchtime for those children who order a dinner that morning.

**Please collect your child/children from Danby Village Hall at 3.30pm NOT from school.**

Any children staying for after school club will be brought back to school by staff at the end of the school day.

## **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Our school cook will be serving a delicious festive lunch of roast turkey & trimmings, roast potatoes, vegetables and a festive biscuit for pudding on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like school dinner that day, please could you let Sarah know in the school office so that the right amount of food can be ordered. Thank you.

## **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School Play Performance at Danby Village Hall**

### **Afternoon Performance**

The afternoon performance will begin at 2.00pm. We will walk children down to the village hall after lunch. Parents, friends and families are welcome to come to this performance instead of the evening or treat yourselves to both! **Please can children be picked up from the village hall at 3.30pm instead of school.**

Any children staying for the after school club will be brought back to school by staff at the end of the school day. Please note that the after school club will finish at 5.30pm as normal so all children should be collected from school before the evening performance. Thank you.

### **Evening Performance**

Please could children arrive at the village hall between 6.00pm - 6.15pm. The performance will start at 6.30pm. Any donations of raffle prizes would be gratefully received. If you would like any more raffle tickets books, please ask. They will be available to buy on the night also. FODS will be serving refreshments after the performance and the raffle will be drawn.

## **Thursday 19th December - School Christmas Cards - Last posting date**

We will once again have a Christmas post box in school for the children if they wish to send cards to their friends. As in previous years, please do not place any additions such as sweets or small gifts in the cards. Thank you.

## **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term and Party Afternoon**

On Friday afternoon, the staff have organised a party with games for the children. We have written to Father Christmas and asked him if he could possibly pop into school during the afternoon so we will keep our fingers crossed that he has time! Children may come to school party ready as we are having a non-school uniform day. School will finish at the usual time of 3.30pm.

## **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.

**We have been asked to share the following information from Early Help about supporting young people and parents over the festive period.**

**Emotional and Mental Health**

The holiday season can be a challenging time for mental and emotional health. Here are some valuable resources to support both adults and children during Christmas:

**For Adults**

Mind: Mind offers tips and advice on coping with the holiday season, including managing stress, dealing with loneliness, and maintaining mental well-being.

[Christmas and Mental Health](#)

Samaritans: Provides 24/7 support for anyone struggling to cope. They offer a safe space to talk about whatever is troubling you.

Call 116 123 or visit - [Contact Us | Samaritans](#)

NHS: The NHS offers advice on managing mental health during the holidays, including tips on dealing with stress and where to find support.

NHS Mental Health Support - [Mental health - NHS](#)

**For Children**

The Go To: **The Go To website** is the home of wellbeing and mental health for young people in North Yorkshire and provides a wealth of information and practical advice for children, young people, their carers and professionals.

[The Go-To - Emotional wellbeing and mental health](#)

YoungMinds: Offers advice on supporting children and young people with their mental health, including how to handle anxiety around Christmas.

[Helping Your Child with Anxiety at Christmas](#)

The Children's Society: Provides tips for managing children's mental health during the festive season, including maintaining routines and understanding their needs.

[Supporting Children's Mental Health at Christmas](#)

Childline: Offers free, confidential support for children and young people. They provide a safe space to talk about any worries or concerns.

Resource: Call 0800 1111 or visit Childline - [Childline | Childline](#)

Kooth: Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous **online wellbeing service** for children and young people. The Kooth team provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling. The whole team are made up of friendly and experienced individuals and are a bacp accredited service. [Home - Kooth](#)  
Shout!: Shout is the UK's first and only 24/7 text service for anyone in crisis. Get free, confidential mental health support anytime, anywhere. Text 'Shout' to 85258.

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[Please click here for information about 'Managing the Christmas Sensory Overload'.](#)

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nyes@northyorks.gov.uk) or Call: 01609 533222

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

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

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

Forest School Juniors	19/12
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 Egton on Monday, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and part of Friday afternoon. I will be at Danby on Tuesday morning, Thursday and Friday morning and part of the afternoon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes



**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](#)

### **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!