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Newsletter

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of an 8 week half term! The children have been amazing and we are so pleased at how our new little ones have settled and grown into school life at Danby School. Thank you to all the children and staff who have worked so hard and to our parents for all your support as always. I hope you all have a wonderful week off and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 4th November for one of the most exciting half terms, the lead up to all the Christmas festivities!

Tag Rugby Tournament

Last Friday, children in years 5 and 6 took part in a Tag Rugby tournament at Whitby Rugby Club putting the skills they learned from the megafest into practice. Everyone played very well and enjoyed the tournament, well done!

Cross Country - Race 1

The junior children finally had the opportunity to take part in the Primary Cross Country tournament at Whitby School on Thursday afternoon. What a relief after being rained off twice! Thankfully the weather was perfect and the afternoon was enjoyed by all. This was a huge event with 431 primary school children from all the schools in the area taking part! Well done to all our children who showed great enthusiasm and wonderful team spirit cheering everybody on in all the races.

Land of Iron - Skinningrove

On Tuesday, the whole school went to The Land of Iron, Cleveland Mining Museum at Skinningrove. During the morning the children looked at and investigated different types of fossils including ammonites and devil's toenails! They then had the opportunity to make their own ammonites from clay. The afternoon was spent looking around the museum where they were shown what life was like as a miner and how the miners and their families lived all those years ago. The highlight of the visit was the opportunity to enter the drift mine and understand what the working conditions were like for both men, boys and their horses! Everyone had a really enjoyable day and have returned to school with lots of ideas for their writing.

Parents Evening Appointments

Parent evenings are scheduled for the first week back after half term on Tuesday 5th November 3.40pm - 6.30pm and Thursday 7th November 3.40pm - 5.00pm. Appointments are in 10 minute slots and allocated on a first come first served basis. They will be confirmed via email from Sarah after you have completed the form. Please click on the link below to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. Thank you.

[Parents evenings appointment form](#)

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2024

We will once again be supporting the above appeal for the Children in Distress charity this November. Leaflets have been sent home today with your child which explains about the appeal in more detail. If you would like to donate a shoebox, please send in your filled shoebox/drawstring cloth bag, in a sealed carrier bag with the £2 delivery donation into school NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER. The boxes/bags will be collected by a Children In Distress representative on Wednesday 13th November. Thank you for your support with this worthy project.

FODS Meeting and Information

Thank you to everyone who joined our first online Zoom FODS meeting on Tuesday evening, such a great attendance! We are delighted to report that our committee members for this term are: Chair: Kieran Horner, Secretary: Anna Newham and Treasurer: Ellie Russell.

Volunteers at all of our events and meetings are always welcome!

FODS Christmas Raffle

Our raffle tickets will shortly be available to sell, in the meantime if you have any links to any companies or vendors who may be politely approached for a raffle prize please do let us know. All donations willingly accepted, thank you.

FODS Non-Uniform Day - Friday 8th November

The first Friday back after half term is a non uniform day for the children. This is to collect prizes for the FODS tombola at the Danby Village Festive Fair on the weekend of 16th and 17th November. If you are able to donate some prizes, please bring them into school on Friday. There will be an adult and children's tombola so any items will be gratefully received. Thank you in advance.

Danby Festive Fair

Danby Village Festive Fair at Danby Village Hall will be held on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November. A rota is being drawn up of folks who are able to man our tombolas at this year's Festive Fair - watch this space if you are able to spare an hour or two.

FODS Bingo Night

Save the date for Thursday 21st November 3.30pm-5.30pm. This year please note that we have moved the time so parents who live further afield do not have to return to school later in the evening! Further details to follow after half term.

Forest School - Infants

The first Thursday back after half term it is the turn of the infants to do forest school. Please make sure they have warm clothes, waterproofs, wellies, hats and gloves for the afternoon.

Wednesday Fun Club

This week was the last Wednesday night fun club of this term. Fun club will commence after Easter. Sunshine Club is on as normal Monday - Friday.

Stay and Play Dates

Our second stay and play date will be on Tuesday 12th November, 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Please tell anyone who may be interested. Thank you.

Asda Cash Pots

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our Asda Cash Pots. We currently have had £102.16 donated with still a month to go! If you haven't signed up yet please select our school on your Asda app. Thank you.



Poppy Appeal

We have a selection of poppy's, wrist bands, snap wristbands, keyrings, zip tags and 'In Remembrance' wooden crosses in school to raise money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024. Suggested donation £1.00 per item - cash only in the collection box please in the school entrance. Thank you for your support.

Yorkshire Arboretum

The Yorkshire Arboretum have asked us to share the following information: We have an event on 28th October during half term for Nature Rangers. We hope that you and your families and students can join us for owl related activities.

- Monday, 28 October 2024
- 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Yorkshire Arboretum YO60 7BY

Indoor and outdoor activities to explore the arboretum and learn about the plants and creatures that we share it with. There will be a chance to experience crafts, plus walking, collecting, and exploring the grounds. There will be hands-on activities, so bring a bag to take your creations home with you. We recommend bringing a packed lunch or plan to eat at the Arboretum Café.

Our Nature Rangers Day is suitable for children aged five to eleven. £15 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult who can attend free of charge. Please bring outdoor clothes and footwear

Booking essential by email on visit@yorkshirearboretum.org or by calling 01653 648598

Future Dates for your diary

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

Swimming	14/11, 28/11, 12/12
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Forest School Infants	7/11, 5/12
Forest School Juniors	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

After half term, I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Danby on Tuesday and Thursday.

We hope that you have a lovely half term, see you in November!

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).

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.

Come and find out more at our Open Morning on Saturday 19 October; drop in anytime from 9.30am -12.30pm to meet the staff and groups.

We are launching a pop choir on Monday 4 November, 6.30pm-7.45pm. This is more likely to appeal to your older pupils but if there is sufficient interest we may establish a children's choir for younger pupils too that would rehearse at an earlier time.

We have an exciting offer for FREE string lessons on Saturday mornings: there is limited availability and places will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis so please get in touch if you have children who would like free lessons from our string staff.

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. See the poster attachment for more information. 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!

