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Handwashing and Sanitising

Thank you to those of you who have alerted us to the fact that the children are starting to get sore hands from the additional handwashing they are doing at school. We are using a mild moisturising handwash and we have approximately three additional handwashes through the day on top of the children's usual toilet and lunchtime handwashing routine - depending on activities. We have talked to the children about the importance of rinsing the soap off properly and drying their hands properly which we think are the main contributing factors to those getting sore hands. We will be reinforcing the importance of doing this in school but would appreciate it if you could also have that conversation with your child. Thank you.

We have been advised by our NYCC Health and Safety advisor that children should not bring their own hand sanitiser or liquids into school. Hand sanitiser is not used by the children in school unless we are in a circumstance such as Forest School, where we have no access to soap and water. It is also a requirement that we hold the COSHH safety data sheet for every different liquid in school.

If your child is having significant issues due to a skin condition, please complete the Medication Form from our website to allow us to administer any necessary medication. Please find the form [HERE](#).

Parent Consultations

If you haven't already done so, please email Sarah at admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk to book your parent consultation time slot. Appointments will last no longer than 10 minutes and can be via zoom or telephone call. Please state your preference on your email. Thank you.

The consultations will be taking place on the following days:

Reception, Y1 and Y2 (Mrs Motteu) Monday 19th October or Tuesday 20th October from 3.40pm

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (Mrs Rose) Wednesday 21st October or Thursday 22nd October from 3.40pm

Forest School and PE

There will be NO forest school next Friday (23rd October) so all children will be doing PE. Please can children come to school in their uniform and bring their PE clothes. Please make sure they have PE kit suitable for indoor or outdoor activity. Thank you.

Harvest Festival Service and Food Bank Collection

Sadly, this year we will be unable to hold our family Harvest Festival Service in church so instead we will be having a children's harvest service, led by Rev Sally, in our collective worship. We will be collecting for Whitby Food Bank once again and are asking for donations of non-perishable dried and tinned foodstuffs. You can find a list of items currently urgently required below. Donation will be collected in the Whitby

Foodbank Wheelie Bin located at the front of school. Items will then be quarantined before being passed onto the foodbank.

PTFA AGM

A reminder that the annual Danby School PTFA AGM is scheduled to be held on Monday 2nd November at 2pm via Zoom. If you are able to virtually attend, please email admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk to confirm your attendance and the Zoom link will be sent to you the day before the meeting. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please let us know in your email. We currently have a vacancy for a chairperson but you can nominate yourself for any role. If you would like further information about the PTFA Committee, please speak to Sarah in the school office, Liz Orland or Anna Newham. Thank you.

Bag2School

We are pleased to announce that Danby School PTFA, has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school. Bags are to be dropped off before 9.00am on the morning of collection just inside the school playground. Please observe social distancing guidance at the school gate. This collection will be on Wednesday 11th November at 9.00am. **Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.**

As well as raising vitally needed funds for Danby School PTFA, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys (see below list). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

We will be sending home a donation bag in due course but if you fill the donation bag and still have more, then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Please observe social distancing rules when dropping of your bags.

Bag2School collect the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE (*Any unsuitable items will be refused*)

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

The following items **WILL NOT** be accepted:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

In the event of inclement weather please protect your Bag2School bags by making sure they are tied up securely and water tight. Thank you.

We have been asked to communicate to you the attached additional letter regarding construction work that will be commencing next week in Castleton High Street for your information.

Have a great weekend.

Liz Orland