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Newsletter - Friday 23rd October 2020

I can't believe that we have reached half term already! The governors and I would like to reiterate how proud we are of how our staff and our children have adapted to the new 'normal' within school and how they follow the rules and guidelines without any fuss at all. We would also like to say thank you to all of you for working with us once again and helping to keep our school family safe.

Harvest Celebrations

Thank you for all of your donations to Whitby Food Bank, we have had a terrific response this year. Thank you to Reverend Sally for leading our Harvest Worship this year and to those of you who joined us on Zoom. Well done to our readers ...who spoke so beautifully. Do remember that donations for the Food Bank can now be made regularly at Danby School via the Foodbank Wheelie bin on the playground.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who spoke to your child's class teacher this week for the parent consultations. Thank you also for adapting so well to the different format via telephone or Zoom. Both seemed to work well and I hope you found them useful. If you were unable to speak with us this week, please do get in contact after half term.

Governor News

Welcome and thank you to Anna Watson, who has joined the Governing Body as a Parent Governor. We have also welcomed Brian Cross to the Governor team as a Foundation Governor, Brian has previously been working with the school as a member of the Open the Book team with Sally. Mr John Pinkney remains our Chair of Governors this year.

OFSTED Letter

Today we have received a letter from OFSTED following our visit earlier this term. This visit was not an inspection but a fact finding exercise being carried out in a selection of schools across the country. Therefore, this letter does not give a judgement or make any evaluation of our school. However we have attached it to the email for your information.

Forest School and PE

When we come back after half term, infants will be doing forest school and juniors will be doing PE on Friday 6th November. Infants may come to school in their forest school clothes.

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 morning of 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

A reminder that there will be a Bag2School collection to raise funds for Danby School PTFA on Wednesday 11th November at 9.00am.

Children in Distress 'Love in a Box' Appeal 2020

We will once again be supporting the above appeal for this charity this November. A leaflet has been sent home with your child today that explains the charity and the appeal in more detail. If you would like to take part, please send in your filled shoebox/drawstring cloth bag, in a sealed carrier bag with the £2 delivery donation into school NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER. The boxes/bags will be collected by a Children in Distress representative on Tuesday 10th November and this will allow for the necessary 48 hours quarantine period. If you miss the deadline, please DO NOT send in your shoebox as we will be unable to accept it. You can, however, take it directly to any Children in Distress charity shop. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Liz Orland