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## **Newsletter** **Friday 3rd February 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,



### **Power Down Pete**



On Wednesday afternoon, we had a visit from 'Power Down Pete' from the NYCC Energy & Sustainability Team. He started by holding a whole school assembly talking to the children about the importance of being aware how energy is used in our everyday lives. This was followed by a workshop with the infants learning about recycling and waste management through playing games, singing songs and activities. He then did a team building activity with the juniors by building an eco island for sustainable communities. The children loved the afternoon and have spent all day turning the lights off in school to save energy!



We've had a great day today raising money for the NSPCC by holding a Number Day. Children came to school in non uniform with an array of numbers on their clothes or face painted on. Throughout the day, there have been many maths based activities that I hope the children have enjoyed and learnt from. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the cake sale, we raised £72.65 for the NSPCC which is absolutely brilliant! Thank you as always for your support.

### **Storytelling competition**

This week we have been celebrating the power of sharing stories for National Storytelling Week. Some of the children have brought a book in from home that we have enjoyed reading in class. Our short story competition has been extended until early next week so if your child would like to write a short story over the weekend, they can bring it into school on Monday for judging.

### **Swimming**

Next week we will be going to Whitby swimming pool for our fortnightly swimming lessons.

### **Confirmation Year 5 and 6**

To enable us to know whether we need to plan a programme of summer confirmation classes and a confirmation service, **please could you let us know by email** if your child would like to be confirmed into the Church of England. Thank you.

Confirmation is the service at which children make for themselves the promises to God made on their behalf at their Baptism, usually by their parents and Godparents. It shows their desire to be committed as a Christian.

The minimum age for Confirmation is 9 years but there is no upper limit! Adults as well as children would be most welcome and we are able to pass on details of all interested parties.

### **Supporting Your Child with Year 6 Maths SATs**

Please see the advert below for a course being run by NYCC.

With Year 6 SATs just around the corner, this course will provide you with increased knowledge of SATs content and how you can support your child.

Please see attached [poster](#) for dates and how to book your place.

### **Job Vacancy - Danby**

We currently have a vacancy in our school for a part-time midday supervisor to help out during lunchtimes. The role involves supporting the children to serve out the school dinners, supervising during lunchtimes in the dinner hall, cleaning up after lunch and supervising the children during lunchtime play.

Hours are 12.00 midday until 1.00pm, sometimes these are slightly different to fit around sporting fixtures.

The vacancy is for 2 hours a week (Tuesday and Thursday) on a permanent contract - with the possibility of additional hours. Flexible working days may be negotiable. This role is available with immediate effect, subject to interview and safeguarding checks.

If you or anyone you know in the local area is interested in this post, please contact the school. Thank you.

### **Part-time Administrator Vacancy - Egton**

Egton School is recruiting for a new part-time administrator starting April 2023. Further details can be found [HERE](#) or pop in for an informal chat about the role if you would like to know more.

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

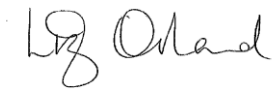
Forest School, Swimming dates and events will be kept up to date each term in the table below. Please could we ask for all items of clothing to be named in case of any mix ups. PE will continue every Friday afternoon and will take place outside whenever possible. Please could children have suitable outer clothing to keep them warm as the weather gets colder.

Please [click here](#) for the 2022-23 term dates.

<b>Forest School</b>	2/3, 16/3, 30/3
<b>Swimming</b>	9/2, 23/2, 9/3, 23/3
<b>NYCC Number Day 2023 - 'Dress up for Digits' non uniform day</b>	Friday 3rd February
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February

Next week I will be at Danby on Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday. On Monday I am at a meeting at another school.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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### **Adverse weather conditions**

[Click here to view the snow policy.](#)

### **Local Teacher Training**

The Esk Valley Alliance is pleased to announce that it is now taking applications for Initial Teacher Training for those that wish to become primary school teachers. Working in partnership with York St John University, the Esk Valley school-centred (School Direct ITT) primary programme is committed to delivering outstanding education and training that is current and relevant. With the Esk Valley Alliance you will work as part of the teaching team from day one, (similar to student medics in hospitals) learning from experienced, practising colleagues and immediately putting your new skills into practice.

### **Ukraine Resources**

Resources have been put out to enable school staff and families to support children with questions and discussions which you may find useful [HERE](#) and [Speaking with Children about the War in Ukraine | Schools of Sanctuary](#), [Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#), and in the additional resource added to the email.

### **Free School Meal Eligibility**

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 NYCC website - [Free school meals | North Yorkshire County Council](#).

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.

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC);  
or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit. Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

If you need any help or further clarification, please contact the school office.

### **Covid-19 Guidance**

For guidance of what to do if you test positive for Covid 19 or are a contact of someone who tests positive, please visit the link found [HERE](#)

### **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 CE VA Primary School.

It's a really easy way to raise money – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,300 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

FoDS would love to raise as much as possible for contributions towards travel costs, swimming lessons, residential trips and many more activities for the children.

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#)

and click 'join us'. Thank you.

### **Breakfast Club**

We run a breakfast club at Danby School that is available daily from 8.00am. Bookings are not always necessary but it would be helpful to know in advance if your child will be attending. The cost is £2.50 per child per day including breakfast.

### **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 County Council. However a watch and small stud earrings may be worn on a daily basis but must be removed for PE.’**

We have noticed a number of children wearing items such as bracelets and necklaces recently. Not only does this present a health and safety risk but also causes upset if these items get lost.

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.**

### **NYCC ‘Be Aware’ Campaign**

North Yorkshire County Council have asked us to publicise information about their ‘Be Aware’ campaign. Please click on the link below to access the document.

[Be Aware.docx](#)