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Newsletter - Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

After two years of pandemic, covid finally caught up with me this week so apologies for my absence! I am hoping to be back with everyone next week. Nevertheless in my absence this week has been another busy one I understand! We enjoyed a visit from PC Pete from North Yorkshire Police who did some important CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection) training with the junior children. He talked to the infants about the role of the police in society and their importance for our safety and wellbeing. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to his stories and chatting to him about his job. On Wednesday, we had a visit from Mark Hollingworth who is a qualified cricket coach. Mark is the Chair of Glaisdale Cricket club and of the local junior cricket league. The aim of the coaching is to get kids interested in cricket and encourage them to go to junior courses run by their local cricket clubs, which would be either Glaisdale or Castleton. Links to further information about these clubs can be found below. Mark has kindly offered to deliver some free coaching sessions to the whole school this term but sadly the heavens opened half way through the session abandoning play! Mark will come back after half term to continue the coaching.

Next week our Year 6 children will be doing their SATs tests from Monday until Thursday. We wish them the best of luck and ask only that they try their very best, we have every confidence in them.

After School Clubs

We enjoyed our first After School Clubs of 2022 this week. We ran 3 clubs with a good mix of children in each club. Thank you to our club leaders who give their time to run these clubs for the children. A reminder that the clubs run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm on a **TUESDAY** afternoon and we are allowing the children to choose which club they would like to take part in from those on offer each week rather than assigning them to one club for the term.

Jubilee Dinner

We invite you to join us at our Jubilee celebrations on Friday 27th May at Danby Village Hall. This is a Federation event with Egton School. We are able to offer two adult places per family for parents/carers to join us for lunch. Lunch is a selection of sandwiches and savoury bites with a royal cupcake. If you would like to attend please complete the [online form](#) by **Friday 13th May** to allow our school cooks to order in advance. Thank you.

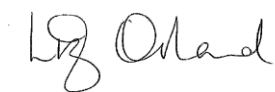
Diary Dates

Swimming	Thursdays 12/5, 26/5, 16/6, 30/6, 14/7
Forest School	Thursdays 19/5, 9/6, 23/6, 7/7, 21/7
Easter holidays	11th April - 22nd April
Jubilee Event - Village Hall 10am - 2pm	Friday 27th May
Half Term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Whole School Photos	Monday 20th June
School breaks up for Summer	Friday 22nd July

The term dates for this academic year and the next, including professional development days, are kept up to date on our school website. [Click here to access the page.](#)

Next week, I will be at Danby on Tuesday and Wednesday and Egton on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

With best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Village Jubilee Party

Danby village are holding a Queens Jubilee party for anyone to attend on Friday 3rd June 2022, starting at 1pm in the village hall, car park and green. Food stalls will be available.

They will be holding a “best Victoria Sponge” cake competition for everyone to enter and a drawing and poetry competition for the children which we will be contributing to as a school.

Ukraine Resources

Obviously, the situation in the world has sadly changed over the last week or two. Some 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.

Federation Jubilee Arrangements

As the Jubilee celebrations fall during the half term holiday we are making a special plan for our own Jubilee celebration with both schools within our federation. A shared lunch is planned for both schools on Friday 27th May at Danby Village Hall. We very much hope to be in a position to invite parents to join us, so please do save the date and further details will follow in due course!

Castleton Cricket Club

Castleton CC will be running Dynamos and All Stars cricket programmes for primary school children again this year. The programmes are accredited by the English Cricket Board and are delivered by trained coaches. Dynamos is a 7-week programme starting in May and is for children approx aged 8-11 (juniors). All Stars is an 8-week programme for children approx aged 5-7 (infants). Sessions are on Thursdays evenings at Castleton cricket pitch. All abilities welcome. If you would like to find out more or book a place, please visit:

Dynamos: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/5bc82e88-03be-487d-a6db-4da62ee15b9c>

All Stars: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/bdf3b2e8-d953-43e4-aa3c-41560b1a49d0>

If you have any questions, please contact castletoncricketclub@gmail.com

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.

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.**

Reminder of Snow policy and arrangements

Please find our current [snow policy](#).

Please watch your emails and school facebook page on icy and snowy mornings for any key messages. Thank you.

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](#)

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club is available daily from 8am. Bookings are not always necessary. £2.50 per child including breakfast.

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.

Coop Community Fund

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to support Danby School in the Co-op Community Fund. If you have a co-op membership card, just log onto your account and select our cause then swipe or scan your membership card every time you shop. [Click here](#) for more information about our cause. Thank you in advance for your support to our children and our school.