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Newsletter - Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week. We hope that you were as delighted with your child's progress this term as we have been. Thank you to our lovely staff for all their hard work and thank you to you for your continued support this term, especially through our Ofsted inspection.

We have had a lovely last week of term with lots of activities and fun. On Tuesday we had our annual Easter Day filled with Easter themed crafts and edible Easter Gardens! Look out on our facebook page for some of the photos. We have also enjoyed an Easter dinner and an Easter Bunny Hunt. This week we have been listening to the Easter Story in our Collective Worship and this morning enjoyed a special Easter Worship led by Rev. Sally, thank you!

We are looking forward to the summer term ahead of us and have some exciting things planned.

Easter Bingo - Wednesday 6th April 6.00pm

Thank you to everyone who supported and came along to our Easter Bingo. We raised £187.69 for the Friends of Danby School. Particular thanks to Paul Gilchrist (our Chair of Governors) for being a super bingo caller, it was a great evening!

After School Clubs

A range of after school clubs will be starting on Wednesday 4th May. Further details will be communicated after Easter. Clubs will run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm.

Free Music Taster Sessions

Whitby Music Centre are running free music workshops on Saturday May 21st. These will be held at Caedmon College 6th Form. Please see the attached flyer for more details and for further information please email Bob Butterfield on Bob.Butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk

North Yorkshire Moors National Parks Easter Activities

Please see attached to this newsletter details of what's on at the NYM National Park Centres at Danby and Sutton Bank this Easter.

Covid Vaccinations for Children

We have been asked to share the following information with you. Please see [attached leaflet](#) and a hyperlink below. The leaflets state that appointments will be available from April, over the Easter holidays, and further slots will become available later.

- [Covid-19 Guide for Parents of 5-11 year olds](#)

COVID Update

We have had 0 confirmed cases in school this week. Please remain vigilant and follow the advice sent to you in previous emails. Thank you.

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April - **UPDATED information that we have been asked to share with you from NYCC.**

Updated general national guidance can be found here [People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#), which includes guidance on children and young people (aged 18 years and under) who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19.

Key points to note are:

Children and young people (aged 18 years and under) who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19

Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. Symptoms can be caused by several respiratory infections including the common cold, COVID-19 and RSV.

For most children and young people, these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids.

Very few children and young people with respiratory infections become seriously unwell. This is also true for children and young people with long-term conditions. Some children under 2, especially those born prematurely or with a heart condition, can be more seriously unwell from RSV.

Attending education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future.

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a **high temperature** should **stay at home** and **avoid contact with other people**, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissues when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

It can be difficult to know when to seek help if your child is unwell. If you are worried about your child, especially if they are aged under 2 years old, then you should seek medical help

Diary Dates

Swimming	Thursdays 7/4, 28/4, 12/5, 26/5, 16/6, 30/6, 14/7
Forest School	Thursdays 5/5, 19/5, 9/6, 23/6, 7/7, 21/7
Easter holidays	11th April - 22nd April
Teacher Training Day - school closed	Monday 25th April
School starts for the Summer Term	Tuesday 26th April
Peat Rigg Residential Y3/4	Wednesday 27th - Friday 29th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May
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.](#)

Please note that Monday 25th April is a training day. Children return to school on Tuesday 26th April. The first week back I will be at Danby on Tuesday morning and Egton on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I will be at Peat Rigg with Year 3 and 4.

Have a really lovely Easter Time, we hope that you enjoy the holiday.

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.