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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

How can we be at the end of the first half term already! It's flown by but we've had a very successful and busy half term with thankfully, very little bad weather disruption despite its best efforts yesterday!

Year 1/2 Gymnastics session

Year 1 and Year 2 had a super time taking part in a gymnastics afternoon on Monday! We were able to practise our body management, floor exercises and vaulting skills. Thank you to the excellent Sports Leaders at Caedmon College Whitby who ran the event, everyone had a great time.

Reading Volunteers

We are part of a project to develop our love of reading.

We are looking to recruit some Community Book Volunteers in school as part of our project, to help us build up a community of readers. Please do get in touch if you would be interested in visiting us once in a while to share stories. Please note: subject to statutory safeguarding checks.

National Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was National Safer Internet Day, KS2 took part in a Live Lesson with the BBC to add to their extensive knowledge about staying safe online. They learned all about AI and how it is used in the world around us; they were also taught about some of the risks associated with AI and some strategies to lessen them.

Do you know someone interested in training to become a teacher?

The Esk Valley Initial Teacher Training is 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 Esk Valley ITT 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.

We serve Whitby, Scarborough and Ryedale and enable you to 'Live Local, Train Local and Teach Local'.

Requirements:

Undergraduate degree 2:2 upwards

GCSE Grade 4 or above (C) in English, Maths and Science

For more information:

[Esk Valley Teacher Training Course](#)

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

Or contact: Liz Orland, Headteacher, Danby CE School, Tel: 01947 895369

Early Warning for Costumes

Just an early warning that World Book day will be on Friday 8th March for Danby School. Children are welcome to come dressed as a book character but are equally welcome to come in their pyjamas ready for a 'bedtime story' or stay in their school uniform.

Swimming

All children will be swimming at Whitby Leisure Centre on Thursday 22nd February after the half term break.

Midday Supervisor

If anyone has an hour to spare at lunchtime on a Wednesday and/or Thursday, please could you get in touch with Sarah or Liz. This is to assist at lunchtimes and would include helping serve out school dinners and supervising the children between 12.00 and 1.00pm. This is a paid role and is permanent. Many thanks.

FODS Disco - save the date

FODS are excited to announce that they will be hosting a school disco on Friday 22nd March at Danby Village Hall from 4.00pm - 5.00pm. What a great way to finish off the Spring term! Further details to follow but we wanted to let you know so that you can put the date in your diary. Please note, all children will need to be accompanied by an adult for the hour for safeguarding reasons.

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 during the cold weather.

There are various sporting events throughout this term but as dates can change, we will let you know about these via email as and when they are happening.

Swimming	Feb 22nd, Mar 7th, 21st
Forest School Infants	Feb 8th, Mar 14th

Forest School Juniors	Feb 29th
Half Term	Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb
World Book Day - Book Fair and Dressing Up day	Friday 8th March
Bag2School	Wednesday 20th March
FODS School Disco	Friday 22nd March
Easter Holidays	Monday 25th Mar - Friday 5th April
Teacher Training Day	Monday 8th April
Children return to school for Summer Term	Tuesday 9th April

Please [click here](#) for the 2023-24 term dates.

After Half Term, I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at Danby on Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a lovely week.



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Safeguarding Children Telephone Number

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please note that from the 1st April 2023, the main customer service line for the new North Yorkshire Council will be changing. The new number will be **0300 131 2 131** and will replace the old 01609 780780 number. This will mean that all contacts for referrals for children within North Yorkshire need to go through the 0300 131 2 131 number. **This includes any contacts out of hours for the Emergency Duty Team.**

The contact number for the professionals line will remain the same 01609 535070.

The updated details regarding making a referral for a child in North Yorkshire have been updated on our website (www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/about-us/worried-about-a-child).

Attendance

Just a little reminder that if your child is ill and will be absent from school, we ask that you contact school to let us know on each day that they will be absent, by 9.30am. This can be by

telephone on **01287 660345** or by email to admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk . If we do not hear anything from you we will give you a call to check everything is okay as part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you

Tax Free Childcare

Danby School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school. Our wraparound service covers both breakfast club and sunshine club sessions as they are chargeable. Please on the link below for more information on how it works.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

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.

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 Primary School. You can also use easyfundraising when booking your holidays and raise big donations for us FOR FREE! Plus book with TUI in January for a chance to win back the value of your holiday!

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#) and click 'join us'. Thank you.

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.'

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.**