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Newsletter - Friday 9th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sports Day

We had a fabulous sports day this afternoon and the children were amazing. We enjoyed all the usual races and a few extra and an ice cream! Once again, we are sorry that we had to take the decision not to allow parents to come along this year. Please be assured that we made this difficult decision based on guidance from North Yorkshire County Council and our specific school risk assessment. We do completely understand how unfair it seems especially after you are no doubt seeing the large crowds at sporting events on the television, we feel the same! There are a number of local schools who are currently adversely affected by Covid again and have had to close bubbles and in some cases, the whole school. We would be devastated if we didn't get to the end of another term due to Covid. Your children's welfare is our main priority and we are just delighted we were able to give them a sports day at all because at one point even this was in question! I do hope you understand and as always, thank you for your support.

We took lots of photos and we will share these to you as soon as we can.

School Reports

You will receive a second email this afternoon with your children's 'Record of Achievement' attached. If you don't receive it, please check your junk folder. If you still haven't received it, please let me know via the admin email and I will resend on Monday. Thank you.

PTFA Film Night - Wednesday 15th July

The PTFA are holding a film night after school next Wednesday 14th July instead of after school club. The juniors and infants will stay in their own bubbles and watch separate films in their classrooms. The infants are going to watch 'Hotel Transylvania 2' and the juniors will watch 'Despicable Me 3' - both films are classified as 'U'.

Children will have popcorn and juice at the start of the film and then a light tea will be served part way through the film which will consist of:

Hotdogs, chips and baked beans
Ice cream

Children can be collected from outside school at 5.30pm.

The cost of film night is £4.00 per child, payable by cash or cheque prior to the film night. Please send this into school in a sealed envelope with your child/children's name clearly marked.

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the online google form [here](#) and send the money into school with your child as soon as possible. Thank you.

Message from Esklets Nursery - Danby

As many of you will know, Kate Smith is retiring from Esklets at the end of this school year. She has dedicated the last 20+ years of her life to providing a safe and enabling early years setting for the local community. We want to make her a memory book filled with messages and photographs from past pupils, parents and staff to show her how much we appreciate her. Due to the current situation, passing a book around for people to sign is off limits, so if you would like to have a message put in the book, please send it to either Katie Thompson or Rachel Todd. You can send it in any format; Letter, Facebook Message, Email, Text, Etc. Any photographs are also much appreciated!

We are going to miss Kate (a lot!), but we wish her all the best in her retirement. She has definitely earned it.

Hidden Harm Campaign

The North Yorkshire's Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) is asking everyone in North Yorkshire to be alert to changes in children and young people that could suggest they are suffering "hidden harm" or abuse. As more meeting places, clubs and venues open up as further Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, they are asking you to be their eyes and ears in the community and report any concerns you might have for children. Pressures on families arising from periods of social isolation during the pandemic have increased the risk of mental and physical harm to children and young people, but these signs of harm have been harder to detect, due to the lack of usual face-to-face interaction.

Read more about how to spot the signs of hidden harm on the NYSCP website here:
www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/what-is-hidden-harm

NYSCP have also produced a podcast about Hidden Harm – listen [here](#).
You can report any concerns about a child or young person anonymously on 01609 780780.

NYSCP is a partnership between North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Diary Dates

Film Night PTFA fundraiser - Wednesday 14th July 3.30-5.15pm
Y6 Leavers Service - Friday 23rd July - 9.30am

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

With best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

REMINDER - Covid Guidance

We have updated our parent guidance which you can find [HERE](#).

We now have a [Face Covering Protocol](#) in place.

REMINDER - Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including child care and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test centre
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit on-line

This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

REMINDER - Covid testing

If your child starts to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test please let us know via the admin email, even at the weekend. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school and monitor our emails for covid notifications daily. Thank you.

REMINDER - Term Dates

Friday 23rd July - Break up for Summer at 3.30pm

REMINDER - Whitby Food Bank

We continue to act as a local collection point for the village and immediate areas for Whitby Food Bank. There is a collection box at the front of school should you wish to make a donation

of essential items to the food bank at any time. We are working to be Covid safe, the box is located beside our sanitising station and items will be quarantined before being exchanged with the bank. Do check out their website to see which items are greatly needed at the moment. Thank you. www.foodbank4whitby.org.uk