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## **Newsletter** **Friday 9th December 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a lovely array of festive jumpers in school yesterday for our Save the Children Christmas jumper day. If you haven't yet donated and would like to, please bring the money into school on Tuesday. Many thanks.

We were disappointed to have to cancel film night on Thursday but will rearrange after Christmas as soon as we can. Thank you to everyone for your understanding.

### **Theatre Trip - Monday 12th December**

A reminder that it is our Christmas theatre trip on Monday 12th December at the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough. **Please can children arrive at school no later than 8.10am to enable the bus to leave on time.** We will not be able to wait for any latecomers. The children can be collected from school at the normal pick up time of 3.30pm.

**All children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink please for the trip.** Many thanks.

### **Christmas Performance**

Our Christmas Performance at Danby Village Hall will take place on Tuesday 13th December. There will be an afternoon performance commencing at 2.00pm and an evening performance commencing at 6.30pm, you are very welcome to come to either or both. Please could children be at the village hall between 6.00pm and 6.15pm to get ready for a 6.30pm start.

If anyone would like any more Christmas raffle tickets please let me know. If you have a raffle prize to donate, please bring into school. Thank you very much.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Lorraine will be serving us all a traditional Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 14th December.

## **Christmas Party**

We will be having a Christmas party in school on the afternoon of Thursday 15th December. Lorraine will be serving a party lunch and then an afternoon of fun and games will follow. Children may come in non-school uniform that day so that they are party ready! The party will be finished by the end of the school day so children can be collected at 3.30pm as normal. Please note that there is no swimming that day.

## **Mrs Lillie's Music Lessons**

If your child would like to start music lessons in January with Mrs Lillie, please email her directly at [alixhoste@hotmail.com](mailto:alixhoste@hotmail.com). Thank you.

## **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>Theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough</b>	Monday 12th December - leave school at 8.15am
<b>Christmas performance at Danby Village Hall</b>	Tuesday 13th December - 2pm and 6.30pm
<b>Christmas Dinner in school</b>	Wednesday 14th December
<b>Christmas Party in school - party clothes</b>	Thursday 15th December (no swimming)
<b>Last day of term</b>	Friday 16th December

Have a lovely weekend, next week I am in and out of both schools for all the Christmas events, please contact the school office if you wish to track me down!



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.](#)

## **St Margaret's Church, Aislaby - Display of Nativity Scenes**

We are delighted to be taking part in the above event at St Margaret's Church in Aislaby. The children are going to be creating a Nativity Scene in school that will be included in the display at the church. The exhibition commences with a Carol service and blessing of the cribs on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm, and is open for viewing daily thereafter between 1.30-4.00pm up to and including Christmas Eve. Entrance is free and seasonal refreshments available throughout each afternoon. They would love to welcome any of our parents and children.

## **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**

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.

## **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](http://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.

### **After School Club**

Our after school club is on Tuesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm until October half term. If you would like your child to attend, please could you let us know via email. The activities vary so your child will have a choice of things to take part in. There will always be multi skills sports option so if your child would like to take part in this, they would need their PE kit that day. There is no charge at present for this after school club.

### **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](#)