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Newsletter Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for being patient and supportive this week whilst we have been coping with the snow and ice. We hope that the new texting service has worked well for everyone. If you have not received the texts over the last few days then please do get in touch and update your contact details with us.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7th December

On Thursday, we will be holding Christmas Jumper Day, so the children may wear their favourite Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. Other uniform garments are still to be worn. Donations are welcome for Save the Children to help kids in the UK and around the world get the best future ever. There's more to Christmas Jumper Day than wearing a silly jumper. You'll be helping children facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty. And this year, with so many children having a really tough time, getting involved matters more than ever. Thank you.

KS2 Basketball and Athletics

The year 5 and 6 children took part in a basketball tournament last Friday at Whitby Sixth Form. They all tried very hard and learnt a lot of new ball skills, well done everyone. On Monday, the postponed KS2 athletics tournament took place in the sportshall at Caedmon College. The children took part in a number of different events and finished a very respectable 5th place. Well done everyone!

Mrs Lillie Music Lessons

For children who have music lessons with Mrs Lillie, please bring your instruments and music to school on MONDAY instead of Wednesday next week.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday morning at school. All children will be photographed individually and then together with siblings if they have them in school. If you would like any older/younger children to be photographed with your child, please let Sarah know as we can arrange for this to happen first.

FODS AGM

We had a successful AGM on Thursday afternoon despite the weather and we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the meeting.

FODS Hunt the Elf

The 'Hunt the Elf' fundraiser commences today. Hunt sheets have been sent home with children today if you would like to take part. If you bought a sheet at the festive fair, please note that the date on the back has been changed as we have extended the hunt deadline to cover the Christmas holidays. You do not need a new sheet but completed sheets don't have to be returned to school until 12 noon on Wednesday 10th January.

FODS Film Night

The FODS Christmas movie night is planned for next Thursday 7th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm at school. The children have chosen the following films:

Infants - The Grinch (U)

Juniors - Christmas on Mistletoe Farm (U)

The cost of film night is £4.50 per child to include juice, popcorn, hot dog and chips and ice lolly for pudding.

If your child would like to reserve a place, please complete the google form [here](#) no later than Tuesday 5th December so that we can make sure we cater for the correct number of children. Payment may be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer. We cannot set up FODS payments on Parentpay so I'm afraid it cannot be paid this way.

Christmas Raffle

We have raffle tickets for sale for this year's Christmas raffle - £1.00 per ticket/£5.00 per book. Your child will be bringing a book home tonight, if you are able to sell these to family and friends that would be great. Please return any money and ticket stubs to the school office and if you would like any more books, please see Sarah in the school office.

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 2023-24 term dates.

Swimming	7/12
Forest School - Juniors	14/12

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and FODS Christmas Film Night	Thursday 7th December 3.30-5.30pm
School photos - individual/sibling	Friday 8th December School photos - individual/sibling
Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough 'Beauty and the Beast'	Wednesday 13th December
School play all day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall	Tuesday 19th December
School Christmas Play at Danby Village Hall - children to arrive at 6.00pm	Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Christmas crafts, Christmas dinner and Christmas party day	Thursday 21st December <i>Children may come to school in party clothes for the day</i>
Last day of term	Friday 22nd December

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



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.

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.**

Easy fundraising

A reminder about ‘easyfundraising’ now that we are coming up to Christmas. 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.

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

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