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## **Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Christmas Cards Project**

We are taking part in a Christmas Card fundraising project this year and today your child will be bringing home their masterpiece! All order forms and payments must be returned to school NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER to ensure the cards are printed and returned to school in time for Christmas. Thank you.

### **St Hilda's Day and Children in Need**

On Friday 17th November, we will be celebrating St Hilda's Day together with our friends from Egton School at Danby Methodist Chapel in Danby Village. The service will start at 9.30am and last for approximately 30 minutes. After the service, the children will walk over to the village hall to enjoy some Children in Need fun!

Children in Need - children may come to school dressed in non uniform for Children in Need, we suggest something yellow or spotty but please do not feel that you need to go and buy anything especially. We will be having a cake sale at the village hall after the St Hilda's Day service and would like to ask for donations of cakes please. These can be bought to school on the Friday morning or the day before if that is easier for you. There will be a donation bucket so if you can spare any change for this wonderful charity, please send in some money with your child. Thank you in advance.

Children will return to school in time for an early lunch at 11.45pm as the junior children are heading off to Caedmon College for a sports hall athletics event in the afternoon. The infants will be doing PE in the afternoon so will need their PE kits as normal.

### **Stay and Play session**

The second stay and play session is scheduled for **Wednesday 15th November 2.00pm-3.00pm**. If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to give us a ring on 01287 660345 and ask for Sarah or Mrs Motteu. For Safeguarding reasons, all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a nursery member of staff.

## **Forest school - Juniors 16th November**

The junior children will be doing forest school on Thursday 16th November. Please make sure they have appropriate clothing that will keep them warm and dry when outside in the cold weather. Thank you.

## **FODS News**

### ***Danby Village Festive Fair - Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November***

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help at the Festive Fair this weekend. Please do go along and support this event if you can, there are always some lovely local stalls there. It is on from 10am - 3pm on Saturday and Sunday at Danby Village Hall.

### ***Other Upcoming Events***



Christmas Film Night Thursday 7th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm



'Hunt the Elf'. We have printed the colouring sheets and the children will get busy colouring them in ready for distribution to willing houses in Danby and Ainthorpe.



Mince pies and mulled wine at the Christmas Play

### **Easy fundraising**

A reminder about 'easyfundraising' now that we are coming up to Christmas. We are registered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.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.

### **Children In Distress 'Love in a Box' Appeal 2023**

We will once again be supporting the above appeal for this charity this November. Leaflets have been sent home. If you would like to take part, please send in your filled shoebox/drawstring cloth bag, in a sealed carrier bag with the £2 delivery donation into school NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER. The boxes/bags will be collected by a Children In Distress representative on Thursday 16th November. Thank you for your support with this worthy project.

## 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.

<b>Swimming</b>	23/11, 7/12
<b>Forest School - Juniors</b>	16/11, 14/12
<b>Forest School - Infants</b>	30/11
<b>Stay and Play sessions for new starters</b>	Wednesday 15th November 2.00-3.00pm
<b>FODS stall at Danby Village Festive Fair</b>	Saturday 11th November & Sunday 12th November 10am - 3pm
<b>Love in a Box shoebox collection</b>	Thursday 16th November
<b>St Hilda's Day and Children in Need appeal day</b>	Friday 17th November
<b>FODS AGM</b>	Thursday 30th November 2.45pm
<b>FODS Christmas Film Night</b>	Thursday 7th December 3.30-5.30pm
<b>School photos - individual/sibling</b>	Friday 8th December School photos - individual/sibling
<b>Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough 'Beauty and the Beast'</b>	Wednesday 13th December
<b>School play all day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall</b>	Tuesday 19th December
<b>School Christmas Play at Danby Village Hall - children to arrive at 6.00pm</b>	Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
<b>Christmas crafts, Christmas dinner and Christmas party day</b>	Thursday 21st December <b>Children may come to school in party clothes for the day</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	Friday 22nd December

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



**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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### **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](http://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](mailto: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.**