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Dear Parents and Carers,

Governor Information

We are delighted to welcome Matthew White as our new Chair of Governors following our Federation Governing Body Meeting this week. Matt is a Foundation Governor, but is also a parent at Egton School. A huge thank you and farewell to Paul Gilchrist, our outgoing Chairperson. Paul and his wife Judith are moving to Lincoln to be nearer family as they have welcomed a new grandchild to the family. As well as being Chair of Governors, Paul and Judith also ran JaM (Jesus and Me) club in both schools and will be very much missed by staff and children. We wish them well in their new adventures.

Storytelling competition

Thank you to all the entrants of our storytelling competition last week. We had some lovely, creative and interesting stories that I thoroughly enjoyed reading. I am delighted to announce that the winners were Ben (Y2), Alice (Y4) and Jack (Y4). Well done everyone!



Bag2School Collection - Tuesday 4th March

We are pleased to announce that the Friends of Danby School has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for additional resources to enhance the children's school experience. **Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.** Last year we raised a fantastic £178 for the FoDS that helped to pay for additional things for your children such as the theatre trip at Christmas.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for FoDS, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid

waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Please just use a bin bag or other large bag and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from Danby School playground on Tuesday 14th March at 9.00am. Thank you so much in advance for your support.

Coming Up - World Book Day!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March this year. You may want to put your thinking caps on over half term if your child would like to come dressed as a book character on that day! Further details to follow after half term.

Half Term

We break up for half term today and return to school on Monday 20th February. The children will be swimming on the first Thursday back after half term, Thursday 23rd February.

Confirmation Year 5 and 6

To enable us to know whether we need to plan a programme of summer confirmation classes and a confirmation service, **please could you let us know by email** if your child would like to be confirmed into the Church of England. Thank you.

Confirmation is the service at which children make for themselves the promises to God made on their behalf at their Baptism, usually by their parents and Godparents. It shows their desire to be committed as a Christian.

The minimum age for Confirmation is 9 years but there is no upper limit! Adults as well as children would be most welcome and we are able to pass on details of all interested parties.

Supporting Your Child with Year 6 Maths SATs

Please see the advert below for a course being run by NYCC.

With Year 6 SATs just around the corner, this course will provide you with increased knowledge of SATs content and how you can support your child.

Please see attached [poster](#) for dates and how to book your place.

Job Vacancy - Danby

We currently have a vacancy in our school for a part-time midday supervisor to help out during lunchtimes. The role involves supporting the children to serve out the school dinners,

supervising during lunchtimes in the dinner hall, cleaning up after lunch and supervising the children during lunchtime play.

Hours are 12.00 midday until 1.00pm, sometimes these are slightly different to fit around sporting fixtures.

The vacancy is for 2 hours a week (Tuesday and Thursday) on a permanent contract - with the possibility of additional hours. Flexible working days may be negotiable. This role is available with immediate effect, subject to interview and safeguarding checks.

If you or anyone you know in the local area is interested in this post, please contact the school. Thank you.

Job Vacancy at Esklets Nursery

We have been asked to share an [advert with you for a job vacancy](#) at Esklets Nursery in Danby.

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.

Forest School	2/3, 16/3, 30/3
Swimming	23/2, 9/3, 23/3
Half Term	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February
World Book Day - dress up day	Thursday 2nd March
Bag2School Collection	Tuesday 14th March

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

Best wishes for a lovely half term,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Adverse weather conditions

[Click here to view the snow policy.](#)

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

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 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.

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](#)