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**Newsletter**  
**Friday 10th March 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what an end to the week! We hope that the children have had some fun in the snow today though!

**Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March**

Next Friday, 17th March we will be supporting the Comic Relief Red Nose Day fundraiser in school. Children may come to school dressed in non uniform and if they can make it a 'red' theme that would be great. As always, please don't feel that you have to go out and buy anything special. During the day we will be doing lots of fun activities such as a treasure hunt, puzzles, colouring competition and pin the red nose and we would also like to hold a bake sale. If you are able to donate any cakes for us to sell, please send them into school on Friday morning. Please send in a small monetary donation if you are able to for the charity. Thank you!

The children will still need their PE kits for the afternoon as normal.

**Mrs Lillie Music Lessons next week**

Due to the Eskdale Music festival next week, there is a slight change in Mrs Lillie's music lesson schedule. She will not be coming on Wednesday as normal but instead will come on Friday. Please make sure children bring their instruments into school on Friday.

**FODS Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who came to the FODS meeting yesterday. We had a very productive meeting and have scheduled an Easter movie night on Thursday 30th March straight after school and a bingo night on Thursday 27th April. More details to follow shortly. There will be a FODS meeting on Thursday 20th April at 2.45pm in school to finalise bingo plans and also look to future summer events.

**Bag2School Collection - Tuesday 14th March**

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

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!

### **KS2 Trip to Danby Moors Centre**

On Tuesday, the junior children went to Danby Lodge for a fantastic school trip. They did a river investigation at a small tributary near to the moors centre. The children observed river features and measured and recorded data. In the afternoon, they had a go at Geocaching which is a Hi-tech orienteering activity that was based in the grounds of the visitors centre. The children used maps and handheld GPS units to locate hidden boxes (geocaches). Once they found them, they had to solve puzzles and questions relating to the moorland environment. Thank you to the North Yorkshire National Parks Education Team for such an interesting trip.

### **Easter Bags**

Over the next few weeks, your child will bring home one of our Easter Bags for the night. Inside is a selection of Easter stories and a prayer to share. Children are invited to pop something in the Easter Book. Please return to school for Collective Worship the next morning. Thank you.

### **Teaching Union Action**

I can confirm that Danby School will remain open for 'business as usual' on the national strike action days next week.

### **Easter Service**

On Friday 31st March, there will be an Easter Service at St Hilda's Church in Danby Dale at 9.30am. All welcome to attend.

### **Forest School**

Next week the children will be doing Forest School on Thursday afternoon.

### **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.

### **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>Forest School</b>	16/3, 30/3
<b>Swimming</b>	23/3
<b>Bag2School Collection</b>	Tuesday 14th March
<b>Straws Cup Football Tournament @ Eskdale 3.30pm Players have been notified</b>	Tuesday 14th March
<b>KS1 trip to SeaLife Centre, Scarborough</b>	Wednesday 15th March
<b>KS2 Cross Country @ Whitby Sixth Form</b>	Wednesday 15th March
<b>Red Nose Day</b>	Friday 17th March
<b>Easter Service at St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale 9.30am</b>	Friday 31st March

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

Best wishes,



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.](#)

### **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.

### **All Stars Cricket**

#### **What is All Stars Cricket?**

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-7 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies. Your child's pack will include:

- Backpack
- Cricket bat
- Cricket ball
- Personalised t-shirt with your child's name

All children returning to All Stars will receive a kit bag, a set of stumps, a new ball and a personalised t-shirt.

[Further information can be found here](#)

### **What is Dynamos Cricket?**

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Complementing junior cricket, Dynamos provides children with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

[Further information can be found here](#)

All classes will be run at Castleton Cricket Club, where there are U9, U11, U13 cricket teams the children can be a part of.

### **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.

### **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](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.

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](#)