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Newsletter - Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Science Week next week

Next week is British Science Week and the children are going to be investigating 'Growth'. Please could we ask that each child brings in a photograph of themselves as a baby for an activity on Monday afternoon. This can be either a paper copy or a digital image. Digital images can be sent to the admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk email address and we can print them out here. Thank you.

Comic Relief 2022 - Friday 18th March

Next Friday is Comic Relief 2022. The year 6 children have been busy arranging activities for the other children at school and have a fun day planned! The children may come in non uniform that day and if they have anything red to wear, that would be great. Please don't feel like you have to go out and make any special purchases for this, anything will do. We will be holding a cake sale so would like to ask for donations of cakes please that can be brought to school in the morning. If the children have any spare change they can bring to buy a cake that would be fabulous and any donations to the charity greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Bag2School Collection

There will be a Bag2School collection on Friday 18th March - please feel free to have a good Spring clean clear out and help us to raise funds for the Friends of Danby School. We haven't been sent any bags this time so please just put things in black bin bags, tied at the top. For more information on what can be collected for recycling please [click here](#).

Federation Jubilee Arrangements

As the Jubilee celebrations fall during the half term holiday we are making a special plan for our own Jubilee celebration with both schools within our federation. A shared lunch is planned for both schools on Friday 27th May at Danby Village Hall. We very much hope to be in a position to invite parents to join us, so please do save the date and further details will follow in due course!

Eskdale Festival

On Monday 7th March, 3 of our junior children took part in the Eskdale Music Festival at Whitby Pavillion. It was the first time any of them had performed in front of a professional adjudicator

which can be a very nerve-wracking experience! We are so proud of them for taking part. Well done to Reuben (Y3) who received a certificate of participation, Alice (Y3) who came second in her recorder solo and to Edward (Y4) who came first with his piano solo. Fabulous results!

FoDS Meeting and Events

Thank you to everyone who came to the FoDS meeting last night. A couple of dates for your diary - we have arranged a film night for the children on Thursday 24th March 3.30pm - 5.30pm. We will send out an email and google form for you to complete once we know the films the children will be watching. There will also be a family Easter Bingo night on Wednesday 6th April at 6.00pm at school. Tickets will be £3 adults/ £2 children and will include a Bingo card, hot dog supper and a drink. Further Bingo cards will be available on the night.

We will also be having an Easter themed tombola for which we would like to ask for prize donations. FoDS will be setting up an Amazon wishlist which you can purchase prizes from and they will be sent directly to school. We will email out the link next week.

Castleton Cricket Club

Castleton CC will be running Dynamos and All Stars cricket programmes for primary school children again this year. The programmes are accredited by the English Cricket Board and are delivered by trained coaches. Dynamos is a 7-week programme starting in May and is for children approx aged 8-11 (juniors). All Stars is an 8-week programme for children approx aged 5-7 (infants). Sessions are on Thursdays evenings at Castleton cricket pitch. All abilities welcome. If you would like to find out more or book a place, please visit:

Dynamos:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/5bc82e88-03be-487d-a6db-4da62ee15b9c>

All Stars: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/bdf3b2e8-d953-43e4-aa3c-41560b1a49d0>

If you have any questions, please contact castletoncricketclub@gmail.com

COVID Update

We have had 0 confirmed cases in school this week which is fantastic news. Please remain vigilant and follow the advice sent to you in previous emails. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Swimming	Thursdays 24/3, 7/4
Forest School	Thursdays 17,3, 31/3
Easter holidays	11th April - 22nd April

Next week, I will be at Danby on Monday morning, Wednesday and Thursday all day and Egton on Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Friday all day.

Have a lovely week.

With best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

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.

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.**

Village Jubilee Event

We have been asked to let you know that there is a Danby village and children’s event being planned to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd June - Save the date and further details will be shared in due course.

Reminder of Snow policy and arrangements

Please find our current [snow policy](#).

Please watch your emails and school facebook page on icy and snowy mornings for any key messages. Thank you.

Covid-19 rules on self isolation

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead NHS Test and Trace will make contact and advise that a PCR test is taken.

Therefore, children are allowed to come to school even if someone in their household has tested positive but only if they have no symptoms themselves.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club is available daily from 8am. Bookings are not always necessary. £2.50 per child including breakfast.

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.

Coop Community Fund

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to support Danby School in the Co-op Community Fund. If you have a co-op membership card, just log onto your account and select our cause then swipe or scan your membership card every time you shop. [Click here](#) for more information about our cause. Thank you in advance for your support to our children and our school.

Computers for Sale

As both schools have shifted onto use of laptops and Chromebooks in our classrooms, we have a number of PC's, monitors and keyboards available for purchase from Danby School if anyone is interested. They have all been cleaned of any data and are ready to be collected immediately. All money raised will go into school funds. Payment can be made via bank transfer, cash or cheque and the full amount is payable on collection. Below is a list of available items:

PC

Dell Optiplex 380 Small Form Factor
Intel Pentium Dual-Core E5500 (2.8Ghz)
3GB RAM
DVD-ReWriter

120GB Hard Disk Drive

8x USBs (6-Rear 2-Front)

Inbuild Sound

Inbuild Graphics (Intel G41 Express Chipset)

Windows 7 SP1 Installed (Windows Licence Code on Case)

Drivers Installed

7 available £40 each

Monitors

21.5" Dell E2210Hc with Dell AX510PA Speakers - **7 available £45 each**

17" LG Flatron L17NS-7 - **1 available £15**

18.5" Dell E191Hc - **1 available £20**

19" Hanns-G Hs191D - **1 available £20**

Keyboard

Dell KB1421 Keyboard - **7 available £3 each**