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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful festive season, it is lovely to see everyone back in school after our break and we have had a great start back to school this week.

We have welcomed Miss Sarah Trafford to the junior class this term as temporary supply teacher. If you have not had a chance to introduce yourself do feel free to pop into school to touch base and say hi!

We have also welcomed Amelie to the junior class this week and look forward to her and her family joining our school family!

KS2 Dance Workshop

This morning, the juniors were treated to a dance workshop that was carried out by Fiona Alderson, a dance teacher who works across the Whitby Secondary School Partnership. The children had a very fun time learning some new dance moves and warm up/cool down routines. Thank you Fiona!

Midday Supervisor

If anyone has an hour to spare at lunchtime on a Wednesday and/or Thursday, please could you get in touch with Sarah or Liz. This is to assist at lunchtimes and would include helping serve out school dinners and supervising the children between 12.00 and 1.00pm. This is a paid role and is permanent. Many thanks.

Bag2School future dates

We have booked a Bag2School collection on the following dates:

Wednesday 20th March

Wednesday 16th October

For more information please visit the Bag2School website [here](#).

Friends of Danby School

Thank you to those who came to the FODS meeting yesterday afternoon. We will pass on further information about upcoming events as soon as we have firm dates and details.

Elf Hunt Winner

This morning in collective worship, Mrs Jackson picked the winner of the Christmas Elf Hunt at random from all the entries received. Well done to Charlotte H who won a lovely gift box of goodies. All other children who entered were given a small prize as a thank you for taking part. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and to Anna Watson for organising the Elves around the village.

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 Primary School. You can also use easyfundraising when booking your holidays and raise big donations for us FOR FREE! Plus book with TUI in January for a chance to win back the value of your holiday!

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#) and click 'join us'. 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 during the cold weather.

There are various sporting events throughout this term but as dates can change, we will let you know about these via email as and when they are happening.

Swimming	Jan 18th, Feb 1st, 22nd, Mar 7th, 21st
Forest School Infants	Jan 11th, Feb 8th, Mar 14th
Forest School Juniors	Jan 25th, Feb 29th
Half Term	Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb
Bag2School	Wednesday 20th March
Easter Holidays	Monday 25th Mar - Friday 5th April
Teacher Training Day	Monday 8th April
Children return to school for Summer Term	Tuesday 9th April

Please [click here](#) for the 2023-24 term dates.

Next week, I will be at Danby on Tuesday (*Please note I am on a training course in the afternoon*) and Thursday and at Egton on Monday and Friday. Wednesday I am at meetings with York St John University all day.



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.**