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Newsletter Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evenings - FOR ACTION

We will be holding 2 parent consultation evenings before half term on the following dates:

Monday 23rd October 3.40pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 25th October 3.40pm - 6.30pm

Please complete the [google form](#) to book a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher indicating your preferred day and time. Sarah will then confirm your appointment via email. Appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Bikeability

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, children in years 5 and 6 completed a 2 day Bikeability course with qualified instructors. The National Standard for Cycle Training / Bikeability has been introduced by the DFT with the aim of helping more people cycle more safely, more often. Bikeability provides riders with the theoretical knowledge, practical skills, and confidence to cycle safely on today's roads. All the children completed the course successfully and were awarded a badge and certificate in today's Collective Worship. Well done everyone!



FODS Meeting and Events

Thank you to everyone who came to the FODS meeting yesterday afternoon. The following activities have been arranged:

Non uniform day - Friday 20th October

In preparation for our table at the festive fair (see below), we will be having a non uniform day next Friday, 20th October. Instead of asking for a monetary donation, we would like to ask for children to bring in a prize donation for the children's tombola table. Suggested prizes are a bag of sweets, a small toy, crafts, colouring books etc etc. Thank you.

Danby Village Festive Fair - we will once again be having a stall at the Festive Fair this year at Danby Village Hall. The Festive Fair is held on 2 days between 10.00am - 3.00pm on Saturday 11th November and Sunday 12th November. We will have a children's tombola, guess the

name of the Christmas teddy and will be selling raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle later in the term.

We would like to ask for help from our families to man the stall over the 2 days for a 2 hour slot. Danby School children are very welcome to help on the stall but they must be supervised by an adult at all times please. Please complete the [google form](#) letting us know what 2 hour slot you are available to cover. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Other Upcoming Events



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



'Hunt the Elf'. There will be a number of pictures of a Christmas Elf placed in various windows around Dandy and Ainthorpe villages from 1st December until Friday 15th December. Sheets will be available at the Festive Fair and from school.



Mince pies and mulled wine at the Christmas Play

Further details of the above events to follow.....

Easy fundraising

A reminder about 'easyfundraising' now that we are coming up to Christmas. 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.

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#)

and click 'join us'. Thank you.

Swimming

Next week the children will be swimming as normal at Whitby Leisure Centre on Thursday afternoon.

Bag2School Collection - Tuesday 17th October

Bag2School will be collecting from Danby School playground on Tuesday 17th October 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!

Stay and Play sessions - Spread the word!

It is our first Stay and Play session for prospective new starters September 2024 this **Tuesday 17th October between 10.30am - 11.30am**. During the session, children will be able to take part in a variety of activities in our Infant and Early Years class and outdoor area. We will serve refreshments part way through the session so please let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements. The second session is scheduled for **Wednesday 15th November 2.00pm-3.00pm**. During the session, children will be able to take part in a variety of activities in our Infant and Early Years class and outdoor area. We will serve refreshments part way through the session so please let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements.

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.

Free Parenting Course Available

Please find details below of the new session available to all North Yorkshire Families – through the Solihull Website.

[Solihull Approach | inourplace | Understanding your child](#)

Solihull Approach – online parenting course covers 0-19 and includes individual sections for babies/ Teenagers/ Additional needs/ understanding feelings & Emotions.

Access Code: NYFamilies

Code will give access to courses for free.

Whitby Secondary Partnership Open Evening

There is an open evening for children in years 5 and 6 to meet colleagues and children from Caedmon and Eskdale School on Wednesday 25 October 4.30pm - 6.30pm at the Caedmon site.

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.

Sunshine After School Club

We have been delighted with how our new Sunshine After School Club has been going since we came back. Please note that sessions are charged as follows:

3.30pm - 4.30pm £2.50

4.30pm - 5.30pm £3.00

3.30pm - 5.30pm £5.50 (including Wednesdays)

If children are collected anytime within the second hour, the full second hour will be charged. If children are collected later than 5.30pm, a late charge of £30 will be applied.

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.

Half Term	30/10 - 3/11 Children return on Monday 6th November
Swimming	19/10, 9/11, 23/11, 7/12, 21/12
Forest School - Juniors	16/11, 14/12
Forest School - Infants	30/11
Stay and Play sessions for new starters	Tuesday 17th October 10.30-11.30am Wednesday 15th November 2.00-3.00pm
Non uniform day	Friday 20th October
FODS stall at Danby Village Festive Fair	Saturday 11th November & Sunday 12th November 10am - 3pm
Love in a Box shoebox collection	Thursday 16th November
Children in Need appeal day	Friday 17th November
FODS Christmas Film Night	Thursday 7th December 3.30-5.30pm
School photos - individual/sibling	Friday 8th December School photos - individual/sibling
Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough 'Beauty and the Beast'	Wednesday 13th December
School play all day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall	Tuesday 19th December
School Christmas Play at Danby Village Hall	Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Last day of term	Friday 22nd December

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



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

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.**

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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.

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