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Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is the last week of this academic year! They say time flies when you are having fun and doing lots of learning of course! School will finish at 3.30pm on Friday 21st July. There will be a leavers service on Friday morning at 9.30am in school for families and friends of our year 6 leavers. To mark the last day of term, children may come to school in non uniform and will be treated to a lunchtime picnic. They can bring a small teddy into school for the picnic if they would like.

On Thursday, the cook is going to be preparing a special leavers lunch for all the children who order a school dinner of pizza, chips, strawberry mousse and biscuits. This has been specially requested by our leavers. For children who usually have a packed lunch but would like to have a school dinner that day, they can just let their class teacher know on Thursday morning.

Also on Thursday, the forest school leaders are hoping to have a slip and slide afternoon on the school field. This will be weather permitting but please can all children bring in waterproofs or old clothes that you don't mind getting wet and muddy. Thank you.

Record of Achievements

The children's Record of Achievements will be emailed home this afternoon. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the google form to let us know that you have received it and please feel free to add any comments. The link is in the main body of the covering email. Thank you.

New Starters and Move Up Mornings

On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, we welcomed our new starters into the infant class and current year 2 children moved into the juniors to experience being Year 3's for the first time. Our year 6 children have been on their secondary school transition days during the last couple of weeks. Everyone settled in very well and we look forward to them joining us in September.

FODS Summer Fair

The summer fair on Saturday afternoon was a great success despite the weather! It was so nice to see so many people here supporting the event and I am delighted to tell you that we

raised £506.67 for The Friends of Danby School fund. Thank you to everyone who was able to help and to make this happen.

Fiver Challenge

We have finally been able to total up the amount the children have raised from their Fiver Challenge projects and I am delighted to report that it amounts to £827.37!! A huge congratulations to everyone, we clearly have some budding entrepreneurs in our school!! This morning the children put forward suggestions for some charities and voted to support St Luke's Hospice and the NSPCC. The remainder of the money will go towards new play equipment for play times that the children will choose.

Parent Governor Election

Following our recent parent governor election and subsequent governing body meeting, we are pleased to welcome Mr Anthony Hunter to St Hilda's Moorland Federation Governing Body.

Parentpay

Following on from the information last week, we will be sending out account activation letters to you all via email next week. This is so that you can set up your parent account ready for September as we will be using this cashless system as soon as we return to school. If anyone needs any help, there is a lot of useful information for parents on the parentpay website.

School Cook and Midday Supervisor Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy at school for a permanent school cook if you or anyone you know are interested. We also have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor role for an hour a day 12.00noon - 1.00pm to help with the service of lunch to the children. Please get in touch if you are interested in either or both positions. These can work alongside each other to make hours up.

Please see below the link to the County Caterers vacancy for school cook at Danby School.

[Cook - Danby CE School - North Yorkshire | North Yorkshire Council](#)

After School Extended Provision

Thank you to everyone who returned the form to express an interest in a daily after school club. The Governing Body have agreed that there was enough interest to make the club viable. For the club to run we need to recruit an 'After School Club Supervisor'. [Click here to view the advert](#). If any parent/carer is interested in the role, we can offer free places for your children to attend. The details of the club and its commencement is dependent on recruitment of a suitable person and so at this stage, I can't confirm exact details of when the club will start. The intention is for the club to be available 5 days a week, term time only from 3.30pm until 5.30pm with an option to stay until 4.30pm if required. The cost of the club will be £2.50 per hour. Places will need to be pre-booked wherever possible but last minute additions may be available depending on numbers.

I will keep you informed of progress and send out further details as soon as I can.

Please note this is different to our Wednesday afternoon clubs which are currently running - this remains free of charge and is open to all children from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Get active with the Summer Reading Challenge 2023!

Children can once again sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library during the holidays. This year the theme is Ready Set Read! and is all about the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way – everyone who finishes will receive a limited-edition Ready Set Read! medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in and the challenge runs from Sat 15th July until Sat 9th Sept.

There will also be a fantastic programme of activities in libraries all summer, many of them free, to go with the challenge – look out for flyers with more details which will be sent to schools for children to bring home.

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 and 2023-24 term dates.

Years 5 and 6 Crucial Crew Event at Scarborough TEC	Tuesday 18th July
Forest School <ul style="list-style-type: none">Remember old clothes/waterproofs for slip and slide	Thursday 20th July
Leavers lunch	Thursday 20th July
Last day of Summer Term <ul style="list-style-type: none">Non uniform dayTeddy Bear's Picnic at dinner time (don't forget your small teddy)	Friday 21st July

Next week, I will be at Egton on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoon and at Danby on Tuesday and Friday morning. On Wednesday I will be at the York Diocese all day. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



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).

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Whitby Schools Amalgamation

We have been asked to share with you the Statutory Proposals for the Amalgamation of Caedmon College Whitby and Eskdale School, through the technical closure of Eskdale School as a separate entity, and an increase in the published admission number of Caedmon College Whitby.

Please follow the link for further information:

Snap Chat Warning

If your child has a phone and is a snap chat user, please be aware of the following:

There is a new feature on Snapchat called MY AI. It appears to be having general conversations with children. As part of the conversation, it may use the child's location. Although the conversation is with AI (artificial intelligence), rather than a real person, the children shouldn't be in specific danger, but the principle of it is concerning. Within the last 24 hours, there has been a roll out of this feature on all SnapChat apps, as previously it was a subscription service. It appears that if children have given location permission when using SnapChat, then MY AI can automatically use your child's location. It can only be deleted if a child has Snapchat+ (paid subscription). Although the minimum legal age permitted to use Snapchat is 13 years, many younger children do use it. To keep your child safe online it is recommended that you speak to your child about MY AI and disable the location settings in the Snapchat app.

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.

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 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](#)