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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Theatre Trip

The children had a wonderful time at the Stephen Joseph Theatre on Tuesday watching this years' production 'Beauty and the Beast' and the children's behaviour and participation was fantastic. Thank you to everyone for getting the children to school so promptly in the morning.

Mrs Lillie Music Lessons

Mrs Lillie's music lessons have now finished for this term and she will be in touch directly via email with next term's dates and invoice.

Christmas Performance Arrangements

Dress Rehearsal - Tuesday 19th December

There will be a full day dress rehearsal on Tuesday 19th December at Danby Village Hall. Please bring children to school as normal in the morning with their costumes (if you have been asked to supply one), we will be going to the village hall around 10.00am. The school cook will provide a packed lunch for children who usually have a school dinner. **Please could we ask that children are collected from Danby Village Hall at 3.30pm NOT school.**

Sunshine Club will be running as normal and any children who are staying will be taken back to school by staff. If your child is staying for Sunshine Club, please let us know so that we know how many we need to bring back. Thank you.

Performance - Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Our Christmas Performance at Danby Village Hall will take place on Wednesday 20th December. There will be an afternoon performance commencing at 2.00pm. Children will walk down to the village hall after they have had their lunch. If you are able to attend this performance, you may take your child home as soon as it has finished. If you are not able to come to the afternoon performance, **please collect your child from the village hall at 3.30pm NOT school.** Thank you.

Sunshine Club will be running as normal and any children who are staying will be taken back to school by staff. If your child is staying for Sunshine Club, please let us know so that we know

how many we need to bring back. Due to the tight turnaround time for staff, please could children be collected promptly. Thank you.

The evening performance will commence at 6.30pm, you are very welcome to come to either or both performances. Please could children be at the village hall between 6.00pm and 6.15pm to get ready for a 6.30pm start.

FODS will be serving mulled wine, non-alcoholic spiced apple juice and mince pies at both performances before the show.

FODS Christmas Raffle

We are collecting prizes in school for the FODS Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas play on Wednesday 20th. If you have any prizes you can donate, please bring them into school - we would like to make up a small hamper as a prize so if you have any items you can donate to this, please bring into school. If you know of any local businesses that you think may donate a prize, please ask Sarah in the school office for a letter to give them. Please check first before you approach them in case they have already been asked. Thank you.

Christmas Day at school - Thursday 21st December

On Thursday we will be having an 'all things Christmassy' day in school! In the morning the children will be doing Christmas crafts followed by a cooked Christmas Dinner. After lunch, there will be a Christmas party for the afternoon. Children may come to school dressed in party clothes for the day. There will be no swimming or forest school this Thursday.

Last day of Term

We break up at 3.30pm on Friday 22nd December for the Christmas holidays. There will be no PE on the last day of term as the children will be watching a Christmas movie in the afternoon.

Sunshine club is running as usual until 5.30pm this day.

FODS Logo Competition

The FODS committee would like some help with designing a logo that will be used on our letterhead and to advertise events. We are running a competition amongst Danby School children to create the perfect logo so if you would like to take part, get your pens at the ready. The logo should be happy and colourful and represent our school. Please can all entries be returned to school by Wednesday 10th January. The winning logo will be independently judged and the winner will receive a small prize.

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.

School play all day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall	Tuesday 19th December
School Christmas Play at Danby Village Hall - children to arrive at 6.00pm	Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Christmas crafts, Christmas dinner and Christmas party day	Thursday 21st December <i>Children may come to school in party clothes for the day</i>
Last day of term	Friday 22nd December

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

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.**

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.