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## **Newsletter - Friday 15th July 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the year 6 children have been visiting their chosen secondary schools for the transition days. We hope they have all enjoyed this taste of the next chapter in their school lives. At Danby, we welcomed Oliver and Fred into Reception on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and are looking forward to them joining us in September.

On Monday, we had a visit from a representative from Whitby Library who came to deliver an assembly about the Summer Reading Challenge they are running. Children were given details of various activities taking place at libraries in the area over the summer holidays.

Next week is the last week of this academic year which is hard to believe! We've had such a wonderful year and it has been so lovely to be able to take part in all the events that we weren't able to during the pandemic. Thursday afternoon is forest school as normal and Friday afternoon will be PE. School finishes at 3.30pm on Friday 22nd July and this day will be a non-uniform day for the children. Jen will be doing a teddy bears picnic for the children on Friday lunchtime and they may bring a small teddy into school for the occasion.

As you will be aware there is a weather warning for Monday for high temperatures, with Danby being around 27 degrees according to the met office forecast at the time of writing. Please could you make doubly sure that your child is well protected for school on Monday by applying sun cream in the morning and sending a sunhat. We will ensure that children are kept hydrated and protected from the sun throughout the day. Thank you.

### **Year 6 Leavers Service**

This year's leavers service will take place in school at 9.30am on Friday morning, 22nd July. Parents, families and friends of the year 6 leavers are very welcome to attend.

### **Covid-19**

We have had 4 positive tests for Covid-19 within our school community this week. Please follow the following government guidance if your child displays any symptoms or has a positive test result:

***What is the advice if pupils (aged 18 years and under) have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19?***

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to return.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

It can be difficult to know when to seek help if a child is unwell. If you are worried, especially if they are aged under 2 years old, then you should seek medical help.

### ***What is the advice for those aged under 18 years who have taken a test for COVID-19 and the result is positive?***

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. If after 3 days they feel well and do not have a high temperature then they can return to the setting. Whilst further testing during the same period of infection is not currently advised under national guidance, should individuals continue to test positive after 3 days (or 5 days if aged 18 or over) then return to setting should be risk-assessed.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

The government have produced an info graphic to provide advice on how to reduce the spread of infection with the people you live with if you have COVID-19.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1071703/Reducing\\_household\\_transmission\\_English.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1071703/Reducing_household_transmission_English.pdf)

### **Food Bank Collection**

The foodbank is very heavily used over the summer holidays by local families and school children and we will soon be making the last donation of the school year to Whitby Food Bank. If you are able to help us with donations please drop these into the school office before Wednesday 20th July. Further information about the food bank including a list of items needed can be found on their website: [Foodbank4Whitby](#)

### **FEAST Activities**

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for children and young people on benefits-related Free School Meals. There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what's on at <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast> or see the flyer attached.

## Items for Sale

We have the following items for sale. If anyone is interested, please contact Sarah in the school office.



£20



£30

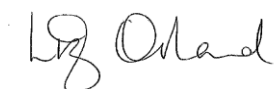
## Diary Dates

<b>Forest School</b>	Thursdays 21/7
<b>Year 6 leaver trip</b>	Monday 18th July
<b>Last day of term!</b> <b>Y6 Leavers Service at Danby School 9.30am</b> <b>Teddy Bears Picnic</b> <b>Non uniform day</b>	Friday 22nd July

The term dates for this academic year and the next, including professional development days, are kept up to date on our school website. [Click here to access the page.](#)

Next week, I will be on the Y6 Leavers Trip on Monday, Egton on Tuesday and Thursday and Danby on Wednesday and Friday.

With best wishes,



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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### **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.

### **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](mailto:castletoncricketclub@gmail.com)

### **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.**

### **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](#)

### **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](http://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.