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Newsletter - Friday 16th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is so lovely to have everyone back and raring to go after the Easter holiday, we are looking forward to the term ahead and, hopefully, the gentle easing of restrictions to allow us to do some of the activities and events that we have missed out on over the last year!

Parent Consultations

We will once again be holding parents consultations via Zoom or telephone call, please email Sarah at admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk to book your parent consultation time slot.

Appointments will begin at 3.40pm in 10 minute intervals. Please let me know your preferred day and time and whether you would like to speak to the teacher via Zoom or telephone call. We will then confirm back to you whether that time is available and if not we will book you on the next available one. The consultations will be taking place on the following days:

Reception, Y1 and Y2 (Mrs Motteu) Monday 26th April from 3.40pm - 6.00pm (last appointment) or Tuesday 27th April from 3.40pm - 5.20pm (last appointment).

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (Mrs Rose) Monday 26th April from 3.40pm - 6.00pm (last appointment) or Tuesday 27th April from 3.40pm - 5.20pm (last appointment)

Commemorative Collective Worship

Today we held a special commemorative Collective Worship for His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. This was a special worship issued to church schools by the church of England. We learned about his dedication to service and to the Queen.

After School Club

We will be starting after school clubs on Wednesdays from next week. 21st April. To ensure we keep within the current covid restrictions this will be slightly different this year. Children will remain in their class groups and the clubs will be led by the class staff. The clubs will centre on our children's well-being and be very much child-led activities including crafts, outdoor activities such as sport and gardening and giving some all important time to spend with friends.

Please email Sarah at admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk to let us know if your child will be staying for clubs on Wednesday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm after school. Thank you.

Learning and Growing Together with God

Federation Update

The Governors at Danby VC and Egton VA are pleased to announce that, following consultation, they have taken the decision to Federate from September. This is part of a longstanding relationship of close working between the schools and will see them both being governed by one Governing Body. Danby VC Governors have also decided, after consultation, to publish proposals on changing to also be a Voluntary Aided (VA School) rather than a Voluntary Controlled (VC School) from September. There will be a further period in which views can be expressed on this proposal before a decision will ultimately be made by North Yorkshire County Council.

Homework

Currently, we are trialling putting homework instructions for both classes on google classroom. This is for lots of reasons: to continue the children's engagement with google classroom at home; to enable us to limit items going to and from school where possible; to allow parental access to homework instructions and negate the 'forgotten my homework' issues! Homework may be completed either on google classroom or in their homework book, we are very happy to have some flexibility around this, so please do let us know if you are unable to access classroom or have any concerns. Thank you.

Pandemic Parent Consultation

If you haven't had a chance yet, we would value some feedback if you could please complete a short online form [HERE](#). Thank you.

PTFA News

Our fundraising has been very limited this year but here are two ways in which you can support us:

Bag2School

There will be a Bag2School collection at 9.00am on Wednesday 26th May to raise funds for the Danby School PTFA. [Click here](#) for more information on what items are accepted. Please use your own bags for this collection. There will be another collection in November so that you can have a good clear out before Christmas!

Easyfundraising.org.uk

A brilliant way to raise easy funds for the PTFA is via **easyfundraising.org.uk**. You can use **easyfundraising** every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us, including all the big names like Amazon, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! **This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.**


If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and **completely FREE**. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page [here](#).

Next week, I will be at Egton on Monday and Tuesday, working from home on Wednesday and at Danby School on Thursday and Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

REMINDER - Covid Guidance

We have updated our parent guidance which you can find [HERE](#).

We now have a [Face Covering Protocol](#) in place.

REMINDER - Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including child care and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test centre
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit on-line

This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

REMINDER- Covid testing

If your child starts to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test please let us know via the admin email, even at the weekend. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school and monitor our emails for covid notifications daily. Thank you.

REMINDER - Term Dates

Monday 3rd May - May Bank Holiday - School Closed for 1 day
Friday 28th May - Break up for Half Term

Monday 7th June - Children return to School at 9am
Friday 23rd July - Break up for Summer at 3.15pm

REMINDER - Whitby Food Bank

We continue to act as a local collection point for the village and immediate areas for Whitby Food Bank. There is a collection box at the front of school should you wish to make a donation of essential items to the food bank at any time. We are working to be Covid safe, the box is located beside our sanitising station and items will be quarantined before being exchanged with the bank. Do check out their website to see which items are greatly needed at the moment.

Thank you. www.foodbank4whitby.org.uk