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Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

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](#)

Mrs Lillie Music Lessons

Please can children who have music lessons with Mrs Lillie bring in their instruments on Monday next week instead of Wednesday. Thank you.

The Big Sing

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 21st June, the whole school will be taking part in a music workshop called 'The Big Sing' at Whitby Pavilion. They will leave school at 9.30am and return in time for the end of the school day. The school cook will be doing packed lunches for children who usually have a school dinner.

The Fiver Challenge!

Thank you to everyone who has returned the forms agreeing to take part in the fiver challenge at home. If your child didn't want to take part at home, there is plenty going on at school too, they won't miss out. We have had some great business ideas and enthusiasm from the children, well done everyone!

Archie Bishop Leadership Awards

The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award is a fully resourced leadership and character education programme established by Dr John Sentamu, the 97th Archbishop of York, in 2009. It is designed to empower young people to transform their lives and their local communities and to

be delivered within the classroom. It is being run alongside our Fiver Challenge project and the children in both classes are taking part in a range of learning experiences.

Year 3 and 4 tennis

On Tuesday afternoon, children in years 3 and 4 went to Whitby Sixth Form to take part in a tennis tournament. They all survived well in the heat and enjoyed the afternoon. Well done everyone!

Whitby Rotary Club Design & Build Competition

Over the last few weeks, children in years 5 and 6 have been busy designing and building a moving car following a specification given to them by Whitby Rotary Club. They then joined other schools in the area to present and test the vehicle at Hinderwell Village Hall to the judging panel. They did a fantastic job and were presented with certificates. Well done everyone for a great effort.

Local Speed and Health Campaign

We have been asked to share with you a local campaign to increase walking and cycling for children to and from school and a petition to apply pressure on North Yorkshire Council to reduce speed limits in Whitby and Esk Valley villages to 20 mph. Please see the documents attached for further information.

[Travel Letter to Schools](#)

[Petition 20mph](#)

School Photos

The proofs from the school photos taken on Tuesday morning are being sent home today with your child. Please return any orders to school by the deadline to make use of the free delivery.

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.

FODs Summer Fayre

A reminder of the upcoming summer fayre.....

Saturday 8th July 2pm - 4pm at Danby School

Stalls: BBQ, Children's tombola, adults bottle tombola, pre-loved clothes, toys and books, refreshments (tea, coffee, juice, cakes), crafts, guess how many teddies, plants, ice cream/lollies

Games: We will see how things go on the day as to how many games we fit in but provisional thoughts are pick a stick, wellie wanging, bean bag throw, lucky dip, sack race, egg and spoon race, dress up race, soak the teacher!

Please could you either email Sarah in the school office or complete the attached [google form](#) if you are available to help with anything on the day.

Donations for stalls - please could we ask for donations of cakes on the day, good quality pre-loved clothes, toys and books, tombola prizes for both the children's tombola and the adults bottle tombola (this does not have to be alcohol but can be olive oil for example! To help with the children's tombola, we will be having a non-uniform day for the children in school on Wednesday 28th June and instead of bringing in £1.00 please could we ask for a tombola prize for the children's tombola table. Thank you so much.

Sun Hats & Sun Cream

Now that the weather seems to have realised that we are heading to Summer after all, please can we ask that you make sure your child/ren is adequately equipped with sun protection including sun tan cream and a sun hat Please ensure that both the bottle/tube of cream and the hat is marked with your child's name. Alternatively, please apply a long lasting sun cream to your child/children before school in the morning. Thank you.

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.

Forest School	22/6, 6/7, 20/7
Swimming	29/6, 13/7
Year 5 and 6 Quadkids	Tuesday 20th June
The Big Sing - Whitby Pavilion 10.00am - 2.00pm	Wednesday 21st June

Sports Day afternoon	Friday 30th June
Last day of Summer Term	Friday 21st July

Next week, I will be in Egton on Monday and Wednesday and Danby on Thursday. On Tuesday I am at a meeting at York St John University and on Friday I am at the Diocesan Education Conference. Please contact me via email on those days or contact the school office who will pass a message on. Thank you. 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).

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:

[Proposal to amalgamate Caedmon College Whitby and Eskdale School | North Yorkshire Council](#)

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.

Adverse weather conditions

[Click here to view the snow policy.](#)

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.

All Stars Cricket

What is All Stars Cricket?

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-7 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies. Your child's pack will include:

- Backpack
- Cricket bat
- Cricket ball
- Personalised t-shirt with your child's name

All children returning to All Stars will receive a kit bag, a set of stumps, a new ball and a personalised t-shirt.

[Further information can be found here](#)

What is Dynamos Cricket?

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Complementing junior cricket, Dynamos provides children with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

[Further information can be found here](#)

All classes will be run at Castleton Cricket Club, where there are U9, U11, U13 cricket teams the children can be a part of.

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](#)