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Her Majesty the Queen

We will be closed on Monday 19th September due to the Bank Holiday for the Queen's Funeral. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and with our King and members of the royal family.

Newsletter **Friday 16th September 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Great North Run

Last Sunday, our teaching assistant, Donna Jackson, successfully completed the Great North Run in Newcastle. Donna was running to raise money for the Friends of Danby School charity. Thank you to everyone who sponsored her, if you haven't already done so and would like to, there is still time. If you have signed up on the sponsor form in school, you may bring your money into the school office and give it to Sarah. Well done Donna, we are very proud of you!

Friends of Danby School (FODS) meeting

There will be a FODS meeting on Thursday 22nd September at 3.30pm in school. This will be to have a chat about events for this term leading up to Christmas and to also set a date for the AGM. It would be lovely to see as many parents/carers as possible, and would be a lovely way to welcome our new families. Children are welcome to stay.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support over the last year and to welcome new faces. FODS (Friends of Danby School) is our PTA (Parent/Teacher Association) and we run

many events throughout the school year such as Christmas Fairs, Bingo Nights, Summer Fair and film nights for the children. These events raise money for the benefit of all the children in our school. Some examples of what we fund are as follows:

- FODS funds 1/3 of the cost of each child's place on the Peat Rigg Residential trip. This is usually around £90 per child.
- FODS funds the transport costs for school outings. This amounts to approximately £1000 a year.
- FODS funds the cost of the Year 6 leaver's trip and gifts every year before they leave us to go to Secondary School. The Year 6 children look forward to these trips every year.
- FODS funds little things throughout the year such as Christmas gifts for the children and prizes for the Christmas Party and refreshments for events such as Harvest Festival.

As you can see, FODS is very important for us to help enhance our children's school experience and we value the time and effort that is put in to making this successful.

Bag2School Collection

There will be a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 18th October. For our new parents, this is a collection of unwanted items that are then responsibly recycled. Please [click here](#) to read about the charity and also the items that are accepted. The school receives a percentage commission based on the weight of the collection that is paid into the FODS account. All items must be bagged in bin bags and tied securely. Any bags must be left in the school playground by 9.00am the morning of 18th. We are happy to store them in school the day before if you can not drop off by 9am. Many thanks for your support.

Secondary School Open Evenings

For children who are currently in Year 5 & 6 and their parents, there will be the opportunity to have a look around the local secondary schools at their open evenings later this month. These are as follows:

Eskdale Open Evening - Tuesday 27th September - 4.00pm until 6.30pm

Caedmon College Open Evening - Thursday 29th September - 4.30pm until 7.00pm

Y1/2 Multi Skills

On Wednesday afternoon, 21st September children in years 1 and 2 will be going to Caedmon College in Whitby to take part in a Multi Skills event together with children from other schools in the Esk Valley and Whitby area. This is a wonderful opportunity for the younger ones to experience a different environment and activities and in the past, they have thoroughly enjoyed it. Parents/Carers of children in Y1/2 will have received a separate email with information.

Swimming

Next Thursday afternoon, 22nd September the children will be going swimming at Whitby Leisure Centre. Please could you send swimsuit/swim shorts or trunks, goggles (if required) and a towel. Thank you.

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.**

School Dinner Menu

Please note that next week’s dinner choices may not necessarily be in the correct order as per the menu. This is due to the additional bank holiday on Monday and disruption to deliveries.

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](#)

After School Clubs resuming until October Half term

We will be running an after school club on Tuesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm until October half term. If you would like your child to attend, please could you let us know via email. The activities vary so your child will have a choice of things to take part in. There will always be multi skills sports option so if your child would like to take part in this, they would need their PE kit that day. There is no charge at present for this after school club.

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.

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 term dates.

Half Term	24/10 - 28/10 Children return on Monday 31st October
Forest School	29/9, 13/10, 10/11, 24/11, 8/12
Swimming	22/9, 6/10, 20/10, 3/11, 17/11, 1/12, 15/12

Next week I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at Egton on Tuesday and Thursday. Have a lovely weekend.



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

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.

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.

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.