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## **Newsletter Friday 17th November 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Children in Need Appeal 2023**



We've had a lovely morning today raising money for this year's BBC Children in Need appeal. The morning started with a brisk walk in the sunshine down to the Methodist Church in Danby to join together with our friends from Egton School for a very special St Hilda's Day Service. The service was led by Rev Sally Wilson and was really lovely. At the end of the service the children from Danby presented the children from Egton with two birthday cards to celebrate Egton's 150th birthday. After the service, we all went over to Danby Village Hall for some Pudsey colouring, cake sale and drinks. Thank you to everyone who took the time to bake for the cake sale, there was a gorgeous display of cakes! The children all looked splendid in their Children in Need outfits and everyone had made such an effort. We then waved goodbye to the Egton children and staff and tackled the hill back up to school to work off the cakes we'd all eaten just in time for lunch!! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part in this morning and for all your donations for this very special charity, we have raised a magnificent £112.65!

### **Staff News**

We will shortly be starting a recruitment process for a new KS2 teacher to start with us in January as Mrs Rose will sadly be leaving Danby School at the end of this term. Mrs Rose has been working with us for just over five years and both I and the governors thank her for all of her work and contributions to our school over this time. I'm sure that you will join with us in wishing her well for the future.

### **Christmas Cards Project**

Thank you to everyone who placed an order for Christmas cards and gifts that will be produced from the children's artwork. The orders have now been sent off and should be back with us in the next couple of weeks.

### **Stay and Play session**

We had a fabulous afternoon on Wednesday at our second Stay and Play session for prospective new starters to Danby School. We look forward to welcoming all our new Receptions next September. If you have not been able to make any of our sessions but would

like to come and have a look around our school and meet the staff, please do get in touch and arrange a time to visit.

### **Swimming**

The children will be swimming next Thursday, 23rd November in the afternoon. Please remember swimming kits.

### **Children In Distress 'Love in a Box' Appeal 2023**

Thank you to those who generously donated a shoebox for the Children in Distress 'Love in a Box' appeal. The representative that collected the shoeboxes was delighted with the amount of boxes and asked me to thank everyone.

### **FODS News**

#### ***Danby Village Festive Fair - Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th November***

Thank you to everyone who helped with our stall at the Danby Village Festive Fair last weekend. It was a great success and we raised a wonderful £152 from the tombola, colouring competition and guess the name of the teddy. We also sold £170 worth of raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle that will be drawn at the Christmas Performance which is wonderful! We have plenty of tickets left for this so if you didn't have the opportunity to buy any at the Festive Fair, they can be bought from the school office. Well done to our winners and thank you to everyone who took part..

#### ***Other Upcoming Events***



Christmas Film Night Thursday 7th December 3.30pm - 5.30pm



'Hunt the Elf'. We have printed the colouring sheets and the children will get busy colouring them in ready for distribution to willing houses in Danby and Ainthorpe.



Mince pies and mulled wine at the Christmas Play

#### **Easy fundraising**

A reminder about 'easyfundraising' now that we are coming up to Christmas. 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.

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#) and click 'join us'. 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 2023-24 term dates.

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| <b>Swimming</b>   | 23/11, 7/12  |
| <b>Forest School - Juniors</b>  | 14/12  |
| <b>One Snowy Night - Infant Trip</b>  | Tuesday 21st November  |
| <b>Forest School - Infants</b>  | 30/11  |
| <b>FODS AGM</b>   | Thursday 30th November 2.45pm  |
| <b>FODS Christmas Film Night</b>  | Thursday 7th December 3.30-5.30pm  |
| <b>School photos - individual/sibling</b>   | Friday 8th December<br>School photos - individual/sibling  |
| <b>Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough 'Beauty and the Beast'</b> | Wednesday 13th December  |
| <b>School play all day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall</b>                            | Tuesday 19th December  |
| <b>School Christmas Play at Danby Village Hall - children to arrive at 6.00pm</b>           | Wednesday 20th December<br>2.00pm and 6.30pm   |
| <b>Christmas crafts, Christmas dinner and Christmas party day</b>                           | Thursday 21st December<br><b><i>Children may come to school in party clothes for the day</i></b> |
| <b>Last day of term</b>   | Friday 22nd December   |

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



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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

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