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Dear Parents and Carers,

Red Nose Day

We had a wonderful day today raising money for Red Nose Day. Everyone came to school in non uniform and looked great. The children took part in a treasure hunt, puzzles, a colouring competition and pin the red nose. We also held a bake sale, thank you for all your delicious cake donations. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised a magnificent £100 for Red Nose Day! Thank you so much!

Mothering Sunday Service - Sunday 19th March

Rev. Sally has asked us to let you know that you are all invited to join this year's community Mothering Sunday service which will take place at Danby Chapel at 10.30am on Sunday 19th March. Danby Chapel is located in the village of Danby near to the village hall.

Scholastic Book Club

A couple of weeks ago we sent out a Scholastic Book Club brochure with some lovely books available for sale at discounted prices. We have now set up an online ordering system directly with Scholastic so that you can take advantage of the great offers they have. All you need to do is click on the link below, browse the huge selection of books, place your order and pay online by 1.00pm next Friday 24th March. We will then send the full order and your books will be sent to school, hopefully before the Easter holidays. It really is worth a look, there are many great value offers to be had. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards which we can spend on resources for the children! It's a win win! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sarah in the school office who will be happy to help.

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/danby-ce/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by 1.00pm on March 24th, 2023. Thank you!

Eskdale Festival

Well done to all our musicians who took part in the Eskdale Music Festival at Whitby Pavilion earlier this week. They all performed wonderfully and were a credit to Mrs Lillie and her music lessons. Well done to Edward (Y5), Ivy (Y5), Alice (Y4), Charlotte (Y4), Cara (Y4), Harvey (Y2) and Eddie (Y1).

Infant trip to Sea Life

On Wednesday, the infants went to the Sea Life Centre in Scarborough with our friends from Egton School. They had such a wonderful day and enjoyed learning about marine life and seeing all the fish and sea creatures. Whilst they were there they took part in a workshop where they learnt about sea creature habitats.

Straws Cup

Some of our older children braved the baltic weather on Tuesday evening and took part in the Straws Cup football tournament at Eskdale School. They made a joint team with Egton School and showed great team work and football skills in all their matches resulting in a 4th place finish in their group. A very well done to Seth, Ariadne, Elfriede, Edward, Lota, Jack and Artem for taking part. A big thank you to parents for helping with transport so that the children could take part, it is very much appreciated.

Cross Country

On Thursday afternoon, the juniors went to Whitby Sixth Form to take part in a cross country tournament together with many other schools in the area. Despite it being very chilly, they all showed great enthusiasm and did their very best in their races. Well done to everyone!

Bag2School Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated bags for our Bag2School collection on Tuesday. We raised £67.50 for FODS funds which is fantastic!

Easter Bags

Over the next few weeks, your child will bring home one of our Easter Bags for the night. Inside is a selection of Easter stories and a prayer to share. Children are invited to pop something in the Easter Book. Please return to school for Collective Worship the next morning. Thank you.

Easter Service

On Friday 31st March, there will be an Easter Service at St Hilda's Church in Danby Dale at 9.30am. All welcome to attend.

Swimming

Next week the children will be swimming at Whitby Leisure Centre on Thursday afternoon.

Looking for something for the kids to do this Easter?

East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre, run by North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service, is running an Easter holiday club for kids between the age of 9 and 12. The club will run on Tuesday the 4th of April and Wednesday 5th of April, and they are offering a pickup and drop off service from the Whitby Leisure Centre – picking up at 9am and returning at 4:45pm.

Led by full-time outdoor tutors who lead children of all ages and abilities on outdoor adventures all year, your child can look forward to an epic adventure that will make this Easter holiday one to remember! Activities include canoeing, rock climbing, river scrambling, and a seashore explore – tried and tested favourites for children this age. And don't worry, all specialist clothing and equipment will be provided.

The cost for the holiday club is £55 per child per day, which includes lunch. Your child can attend one day or both. The pickup and drop off service is at no additional charge.

To book, or if you have any questions, please give Wendy at East Barnby a call on 01947 893 333

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.

Forest School	30/3
Swimming	23/3
Easter Service at St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale 9.30am	Friday 31st March
Easter holidays	Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April
Training Day	Monday 17th April
Children return to school for the summer term	Tuesday 18th April

Next week, I will be at Danby on Tuesday and Thursday, Egton on Monday and Friday and meetings at York Diocese on Wednesday.

Best wishes,



Liz Orland

Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

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](#)