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### **Newsletter**

**Friday 19th January 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for bearing with us yesterday while the snow caused chaos as usual! Due to the conditions, we were unable to take the children swimming and this afternoon, the Key Stage One Gymnastics was cancelled by the venue due to icy conditions. This will be rearranged in the future so we will keep you informed.

### **Parenting Courses**

Please do have a look at the flyers attached to the newsletter email today. There are a number of parenting courses from Speech and Language, feeding and eating to Autism and ADHD which are being held in the near future relatively locally.

### **Whitby Music Centre Open Morning**

Whitby Music Centre Bands will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 20th January at Caedmon College (6th Form). There will be rehearsals with brass, woodwind and string ensembles, playing a wide variety of music - ranging from pop and rock to jazz, folk and classics. The bands are open to players of any age, with all abilities catered for by the expert team of County Music Service professionals. Everyone welcome to join in the bands - or just come and listen!

9.30 - 10.45am: Whitby Training Band (beginner Brass & Woodwind)

9.30 - 10.45am: Esk Valley Concert Band (advanced Brass & Wind)

9.30 - 10am: Starter Strings (for beginner violinists)

10.00 - 10.30am: Improver Strings ( all ages welcome)

10.45 - 12pm: String Ensemble (all ages and abilities welcome)

11.00 - 12.15pm: Whitby Area Band (more experienced players )

11.00 - 12.15pm: Jazz Collective (playing jazz and big band music)

For more information contact: [Bob.Butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Bob.Butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk) or just turn up!

### **Forest School**

It is the turn of the junior children to do forest school on Thursday 25th January. Please make sure they have plenty of warm layers and wellies/waterproofs for the cold weather. Thank you.

## **Midday Supervisor**

If anyone has an hour to spare at lunchtime on a Wednesday and/or Thursday, please could you get in touch with Sarah or Liz. This is to assist at lunchtimes and would include helping serve out school dinners and supervising the children between 12.00 and 1.00pm. This is a paid role and is permanent. Many thanks.

## **Easy fundraising**

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 Primary School. You can also use easyfundraising when booking your holidays and raise big donations for us FOR FREE! Plus book with TUI in January for a chance to win back the value of your holiday!

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 during the cold weather.

There are various sporting events throughout this term but as dates can change, we will let you know about these via email as and when they are happening.

Swimming	Feb 1st, 22nd, Mar 7th, 21st
Forest School Infants	Feb 8th, Mar 14th
Forest School Juniors	Jan 25th, Feb 29th
Half Term	Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb
Bag2School	Wednesday 20th March
Easter Holidays	Monday 25th Mar - Friday 5th April
Teacher Training Day	Monday 8th April
Children return to school for Summer Term	Tuesday 9th April

Please [click here](#) for the 2023-24 term dates.

Next week, I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at Egton on Tuesday and Thursday (*Please note I am on a training course in the afternoon*).



**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.**