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Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Peat Rigg

Our Y5/6 and I have had a smashing week at Peat Rigg in Cropton Forest. I am really proud of our Year 5 and 6 children who have been great fun to be away with and have shown terrific resilience, perseverance and determination in some really challenging activities. The highlights have included caving, orienteering, zip lining, abseiling, kayaking, archery and bush crafting but I have especially enjoyed seeing the children grow in independence and confidence over the week. Well done to everyone for a terrific week.

Y3/4 Quadkids

On Tuesday afternoon, children in years 3 and 4 went to Whitby Sixth Form to take part in a Quadkids event. This event is always very well attended and it was a busy, tiring but very enjoyable afternoon and we finished in a very respectable fourth place. Well done everyone!

Exciting Job Opportunities

Midday Supervisor - Do you have limited time but would like a lunchtime job? This is the role for you!

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated person who can come into school for one hour a day between 12.00pm and 1.00pm and provide midday supervisory support during the children's dinner time. This job is term time only.

If you are unable to commit to the full 5 days, we are happy to consider a job share.

Please contact Sarah in the school office for further details.

School Cook - Do you love cooking? Hours fit around the school day - term time only!

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](#)

FODS News

We have set a date for the annual FODS summer fayre so please save it in your diaries! We are going to hold it on a Saturday this year so that we can open it up to the local community as well. The date is the afternoon of Saturday 8th July, time to be confirmed.

Planning meeting: Thursday 8th June at 2.30pm at Danby School. Please come along if you can and help us plan our summer fayre! Thank you.

Mini Arts Festival - Glaisdale

We have been asked to share the following information with you about a mini arts festival being held in Glaisdale:

We are very pleased to invite you to our Mini Arts Festival in Glaisdale on Saturday 3 June (12 noon until 7pm), which we think local families and school children especially will enjoy. The events are to be held inside The Robinson Institute and outside (in gazebos). Of particular interest to families . . .

- * at 12 noon - musical performances by children from local Esk Valley schools, led by Alix Lillie
- * funny prize-winning short dramas, including 'Behold We are Here to Destroy the World...' (including mini aliens!) and 'Sunflowers' (featuring Van Gogh, Alice in Wonderland and the White Rabbit...)
- * Rosie Barrett from Ryedale Folk Museum and Timothy Edwards, story-tellers who will be telling interactive stories in the 'story-telling tent' ... suitable for adults and children
- * An Art Table - where Ian McCulley, artist, will inspire you to draw and colour a tiny picture on an artist card, which will become part of a huge collage created at the Festival
- * A Poetry Table - for writing down words which we can then all use to create Postcard Poems on the day, with the help of poets including Helen Searle and John Roberts
- * Musicians, Bands, Harmony singers, Clog Dancers, Poetry, Story-Telling, award winning 3-minute stories and plays, Fortune Telling, Jazz, folk, poetry and music mini workshops
- * And wonderful locally produced food in our Earth Cafe!

It is free to enter (donations to running costs appreciated). Your hosts are The 3-Minute Arts Group, Glaisdale, set up to promote Arts in the Esk Valley area and on the Esk Valley Railway, who are kindly sponsoring this event.

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	25/5, 8/6, 22/6, 6/7, 20/7
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Swimming	15/6, 29/6, 13/7
Half Term	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
FODS Summer Fayre Planning Meeting	2.30pm Thursday 8th June
School Photos	Tuesday 13th June
Sports Day afternoon	Friday 30th June
Last day of Summer Term	Friday 21st July

Next week I will be in Danby on Monday and Tuesday and Egton on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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](https://www.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](#)