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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 and 6 Rugby Megafest

The rearranged Year 5 and 6 rugby megafest was able to go ahead on Thursday afternoon despite the wind and the rain! The megafest was hosted by Whitby Rugby Club and there were over 200 children in attendance from schools in our local area. The children were all fantastic and had a lovely afternoon learning new skills.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone for the prompt replies to make appointments for the parents evenings next week. Everyone should have now received a confirmation email with the time and day of your appointment, if you have not, please contact Sarah. Sunshine Club is running on both evenings so if you would like to book your child in, please contact Sarah. As a reminder we offer the following sessions:

3.30pm - 4.30pm £2.50

3.30pm - 5.30pm £5.50

Children are very welcome to accompany you to parents evening appointments and there will be an opportunity to look through the children's books and have a cuppa and a biscuit either before or after you have seen your child's teacher.

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 of how it works.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



Poppy Appeal

We have a selection of items in school to help raise money for this year's Poppy Appeal. These include poppy's, wristbands, zip tags and keyrings. If you would like anything please bring a donation into school and add to the collection box. Suggested donation is £1 per item.

Forest School

Next week the infant children will be doing forest school on Thursday afternoon.

FODS AGM

This is advance notice of the FODS AGM which will take place at Danby School at 2.45pm on Thursday 30th November. It would be great if we could have as much support as possible for this meeting so if you are free please do come along. The AGM will be finished by 3.30pm.

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

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help at the Festive Fair over the weekend of 11th and 12th November. We still have some gaps so if you are able to help, please let Sarah know or fill out the [google form](#) here.

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 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.

Bag2School Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated bags for our Bag2School fundraiser this week. I will let you know how much we raised when the cheque arrives.

Stay and Play sessions

We had our first stay and play session for prospective new starters on Tuesday morning which was a great success. It was lovely to see so many little ones enjoying our school and we look forward to welcoming them next September if they choose Danby School. The second session is scheduled for **Wednesday 15th November 2.00pm-3.00pm**. If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to give us a ring on 01287 660345 and ask for Sarah or Mrs Motteu. For Safeguarding reasons, all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a nursery member of staff.

Whitby Secondary Partnership Open Evening

There is an open evening for children in years 5 and 6 to meet colleagues and children from Caedmon and Eskdale School on Wednesday 25 October 4.30pm - 6.30pm at the Caedmon site.

Children In Distress 'Love in a Box' Appeal 2023

We will once again be supporting the above appeal for this charity this November. Leaflets have been sent home. If you would like to take part, please send in your filled shoebox/drawstring cloth bag, in a sealed carrier bag with the £2 delivery donation into school **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**. The boxes/bags will be collected by a Children In Distress representative on Thursday 16th November. Thank you for your support with this worthy project.

Sunshine After School Club

We have been delighted with how our new Sunshine After School Club has been going since we came back. Please note that sessions are charged as follows:

3.30pm - 4.30pm £2.50

4.30pm - 5.30pm £3.00

3.30pm - 5.30pm £5.50 (including Wednesdays)

If children are collected anytime within the second hour, the full second hour will be charged. If children are collected later than 5.30pm, a late charge of £30 will be applied.

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.

Half Term	30/10 - 3/11 Children return on Monday 6th November
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Swimming	19/10, 9/11, 23/11, 7/12, 21/12
Forest School - Juniors	16/11, 14/12
Forest School - Infants	30/11
Stay and Play sessions for new starters	Tuesday 17th October 10.30-11.30am Wednesday 15th November 2.00-3.00pm
Non uniform day	Friday 20th October
FODS stall at Danby Village Festive Fair	Saturday 11th November & Sunday 12th November 10am - 3pm
Love in a Box shoebox collection	Thursday 16th November
Children in Need appeal day	Friday 17th November
FODS Christmas Film Night	Thursday 7th December 3.30-5.30pm
School photos - individual/sibling	Friday 8th December School photos - individual/sibling
Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough 'Beauty and the Beast'	Wednesday 13th December
School play all day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall	Tuesday 19th December
School Christmas Play at Danby Village Hall	Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Last day of term	Friday 22nd December

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



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).

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 . 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

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.**

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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.

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