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Newsletter **Friday 21st October 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of the first half of the Autumn Term! Where has the time gone!? What a busy and exciting 6 weeks we have had at Danby School. We've welcomed a number of new families into our school community, visited Scarborough Castle, taken part in many sporting events in Whitby, had a new shed and infant playhouse built and enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Festival at Danby Church!

Thank you to everyone who came to the parent consultation evenings this week. It was lovely to see you all and shows great support for our children.

FODS

A separate email has been sent out today detailing the events we have planned for next half term. We would be very grateful if you could volunteer to help out where you can. We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 4th November and instead of paying £1, we are asking for donations of prizes for the children's tombola.

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who donated bags to the Bag2School collection on Tuesday. We raised £44.00 for the FoDS account. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Poppy Collection

As always, we will be supporting The Royal British Legion by hosting a Poppy Box in school. If you or your child would like a poppy please send in a donation. The box is held in the front lobby.

Tag Rugby Tournament

Well done to our older children for taking part in the tag rugby tournament last Friday afternoon. They all tried their best and showed excellent team spirit.

Cross Country

On Wednesday afternoon, all our junior children went to Whitby Sixth Form to take part in a cross country run. They all did so well and ran amongst loads of other children from all the schools in the area. Well done everyone!

Half term events at Whitby Library

This half term at Whitby Library we are excited to have our Pumpkin Carving competition back! Open to ALL ages so please get the whole family involved and bring in your carved pumpkins on Thursday 27th or Friday 28th for judging on Saturday 29th at 10am. There will be prizes for each age category, so get creative and WOW us with your designs! On Saturday 29th 10:30am-12:30pm we are having a Halloween craft session £1 per crafter. Please book early as spaces are limited.

any pumpkins not picked up by 1pm Saturday 29th will be disposed of

Please [click here](#) to view further information about pumpkin carving.

Please [click here](#) to view further information about the craft session.

Swimming

We will be swimming the first Thursday back after half term.

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.

Christmas Performance

Our Christmas Performance at Danby Village Hall will take place on Tuesday 13th December. There will be an afternoon performance and an evening performance, you are very welcome to come to either or both. There will be a full day of dress rehearsal on Friday 9th December. Further details will follow after half term.

Please [click here](#) for the 2022-23 term dates.

Half Term	24/10 - 28/10 Children return on Monday 31st October
Forest School	10/11, 24/11, 8/12
Swimming	3/11, 17/11, 1/12, 15/12
Non uniform day - to collect children's tombola prizes	Friday 4th November
New starters party and FODS AGM	Thursday 10th November 3pm
Danby Festive Fair at Danby Village Hall	Saturday 12th November

St Hilda's Day Service @ St Hilda's, Egton	Thursday 17th November 10am
BBC Children in Need	Friday 18th November
School photos	Monday 5th December
Movie Night & Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' Charity	Thursday 8th December 3.30pm-5.30pm
Dress Rehearsal all day at Danby Village Hall	Friday 9th December
Theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough -	Monday 12th December - leave school at 8.15am
Christmas performance at Danby Village Hall	Tuesday 13th December - afternoon and evening

I hope that you have a lovely and relaxing half term week. On our return I will be at Egton on Tuesday and Thursday and Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Ukraine Resources

Obviously, the situation in the world has sadly changed over the last week or two. Some 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.

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.

After School Club

Our after school club is on Tuesdays from 3.30pm - 4.30pm until October half term. If you would like your child to attend, please could you let us know via email. The activities vary so your child will have a choice of things to take part in. There will always be multi skills sports option so if your child would like to take part in this, they would need their PE kit that day. There is no charge at present for this after school club.

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.

Coop Community Fund

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to support Danby School in the Co-op Community Fund. If you have a co-op membership card, just log onto your account and select our cause then swipe or scan your membership card every time you shop. [Click here](#) for more information about our cause. Thank you in advance for your support to our children and our school.

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](#)