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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very long, very busy term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well deserved break! We have had a wonderful Christmassy week with play rehearsals that resulted in two fabulous performances on Wednesday at Danby Village Hall, we even had Egton come to visit to watch our dress rehearsal. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the children by watching the play, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We always ask the children to choose a charity to support and this year they chose 'The Brain Tumour Charity' in memory of Lizzi Snaith. I am delighted to say that we raised £219.26 for the charity from all your donations. At the request of the family, we have paid this amount into Steph Raw's Just Giving page.

Thank you to the staff for all their hard work and without whom, there would not have been a performance. Thank you also to the Friends of Danby School for providing delicious mulled wine and mince pies beforehand which raised £144.84 in donations. The Christmas raffle was a great success and raised a magnificent £618.00!

On Thursday, the children made some lovely Christmas crafts in the morning, enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner at lunchtime and had a fun party in the afternoon.

Today we said farewell to Mrs Rose and presented her with a gift card, a beautiful orchid and some lovely handmade cards from the children. We wish Mrs Rose all the best for the future and thank her for her work over the last five years.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff and volunteers in school this term for all of their hard work and thank you to you who have supported us this year. We are appreciative of all of the kind comments, cards and gifts and wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



FODS Logo Competition

The FODS committee would like some help with designing a logo that will be used on our letterhead and to advertise events. We are running a competition amongst Danby School children to create the perfect logo so if you would like to take part, get your pens at the ready. The logo should be happy and colourful and represent our school. Please can all entries be returned to school by Wednesday 10th January. The winning logo will be independently judged and the winner will receive a small prize.

A Gift in Memory

The family of Lizzi Snaith, a generous supporter and previous parent of our school, donated a selection box to every child in our school in her name this Christmas. Today, the children were gifted a small Cadbury's selection box as Lizzi would have wanted. Thank you to the family.

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.

Staff training day	Monday 8th January
School reopens for children	Tuesday 9th January
Forest School - Infants	Thursday 11th January

After Christmas, I will be at Danby on Monday, Tuesday morning, Wednesday and Friday and at Egton on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday. Wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Liz Orland

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

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.**

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.

