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Newsletter - Friday 23 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've enjoyed a lovely last week together with fantastic weather and no bubble bursts! What a relief!

The infants enjoyed their annual outing to the Graham Meadow, huge thanks to Kate and John for hosting us once again. We thoroughly enjoyed looking at the orchids, wildflowers and butterflies.

The juniors enjoyed a water party at the request of Harry and Arran. Harry and Arran chose to walk to the bakery for their lunch and then celebrate their last week in Danby School with their friends in class. It was a very wet but fun afternoon! Today we have enjoyed a wonderful and memorable, if emotional, leavers service and a picnic lunch. We wish Harry and Arran lots of luck as they move on to their secondary schools.

Track and Trace and Covid arrangements in September

There is no expectation for schools to continue with Test and Trace during the summer holiday, so you do not need to notify us of any COVID symptoms or confirmed cases from the 23rd July onwards. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. From 16th August, no child under 18 will be required to isolate if identified as a close contact of a positive case by NHS Test and Trace. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

We will be in touch early September should there be any changes to Covid Arrangements for the start of the new term. We are keeping everything crossed that we are able to return to normal service and will keep you posted!

Summer School Resources

For those wishing to keep some learning ticking along during the summer holidays please find the link to the [Oak Academy Summer School Resources](#). Oak's academic and enrichment activities are free and ready-to-go and cover a range of subjects.

Our diocese have also signposted some resources for summer that you may find interesting:

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/children-of-light-festival/minipilgrimages/>

The Virtual Holiday Club from 4Front Theatre is an online resource featuring dramatised bible stories, crafts, songs, games and competitions. Streamed live on YouTube from Monday 9th – Friday 13th August, it's available to watch for free from home. [See the highlight reel from last year.](#) You can also find out more about Virtual Sunday School on [their YouTube channel](#)

Dinner Costs

Please note that from September we will be increasing the cost of a school meal from £2.40 to £2.60. We have been able to keep our dinner cost at £2.40 for many years but sadly we have seen an increase in the cost of school catering and so with some reluctance have been required to make an increase as the school operates school meals at a loss.

SEND Review

North Yorkshire County Council, Parent carer voice, and local Clinical Commissioning groups are developing a joint strategy for North Yorkshire that covers education, health and care, for children and young people with SEND up to the age of 25 years. They are asking for input from professionals, parent carers, children and young people, and anyone else who wants to share their experiences of SEND services in North Yorkshire. Information about how to share your views is here www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendreview There are a number of ways that you and interested parties can participate - the Council for Disabled Children is hosting online events starting w/c 28 June, there is an online survey, or you can email send@northyorks.gov.uk or call 01609 780780.

Read Wild Summer Library Challenge

Children can find out all about looking after the natural world this summer when North Yorkshire libraries and the Reading Agency invite them to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. The Challenge is aimed at children aged 4 to 11, encouraging them to read six library books over the summer holiday period. This year the theme is Wild World Heroes, and is all about what they can do to make a difference to the environment and stand up for the planet.

To take part and be a Wild World Hero, children just need to sign up at their nearest library. They'll be given a colourful fold out map of an imaginary place called Wilderville. As they read their chosen books, they will receive stickers (some scratch & sniff!) and can use the stickers to fix an environmental problem and make Wilderville a better, greener place to be. There are more free incentives to collect along the way and those who complete the Challenge will receive a medal and a certificate to celebrate their achievement.

The challenge is open to all children aged four to 11, and they can choose from a vast range of books at the library or download them as an eBook from the catalogue. There are loads of fantastic new books about protecting the planet and our wildlife but they don't have to stick to that theme – any library book they want to borrow will count. It's a great way to encourage children to keep up their reading skills during the long break.

A brilliant programme of online events for families will also support the Challenge, including a cartoon workshop, a story hunt, finding out why rubbish isn't rubbish and how to be a North Yorkshire Rotter! Look out for more details of the events and great reading recommendations on the [@nycclibraries](#) Facebook page and local library pages too.

The challenge starts in libraries on Sat 10th July and finishes on Sat 11th September.

Diary Dates

Training Day	Monday 6th September
Children Return to School	Tuesday 7th September

Have a lovely summer with lots of rest and relaxation and hopefully the sunshine will continue!
See you all in September.

With best wishes,



Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

REMINDER - Covid Guidance

We have updated our parent guidance which you can find [HERE](#).

We now have a [Face Covering Protocol](#) in place.

REMINDER - Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including child care and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test centre
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit on-line

This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

REMINDER- Covid testing

If your child starts to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test please let us know via the admin email, even at the weekend. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school and monitor our emails for covid notifications daily. Thank you.

REMINDER - Term Dates

Friday 23rd July - Break up for Summer at 3.30pm

REMINDER - Whitby Food Bank

We continue to act as a local collection point for the village and immediate areas for Whitby Food Bank. There is a collection box at the front of school should you wish to make a donation of essential items to the food bank at any time. We are working to be Covid safe, the box is located beside our sanitising station and items will be quarantined before being exchanged with the bank. Do check out their website to see which items are greatly needed at the moment. Thank you. www.foodbank4whitby.org.uk