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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Need Appeal 2023 - UPDATE

The donations have kept on coming in for the Children in Need Appeal and we have a new total of £152.48 which includes £15.00 from Esklets Nursery that they raised last Friday. Thanks again to everyone who donated.

One Snowy Day

On Tuesday the Infants went to Danby Moor Centre to take part in a wildlife-themed activity trail based on Nick Butterworth's popular Percy the Park Keeper story. We walked around the grounds of the Moor Centre to find all Percy's friends hiding around the woodland. Once we had found the animals our group leader Rob told us lots of interesting facts about each animal. The trail ended in Bluebell Wood where we had some delicious hot chocolate while Rob read us the story One Snowy Night.

After a yummy lunch we looked at a variety of different stuffed animals and compared their similarities and differences in small groups. To end the day, we played pass the parcel which was great fun. We all had a fantastic day and learnt lots of new and interesting facts about animals.

'Stars in our School' day

Today we had a special collective worship for all of our lovely support staff as part of a UK-wide celebration of the invaluable contribution they make to the education of pupils. UNISON has organised the 'Stars in Our Schools' event to promote the wonderful work school support staff do every day, and to make sure the world knows just how vital they are to every school.

It was a great opportunity for us to thank them for their outstanding contribution and we presented them with a special card each and some magic stars as a small token of our appreciation. School support staff are so often hidden behind the scenes but they are vital to the education of young people. Their roles are incredibly diverse, from cooks, cleaners and caretakers to teaching assistants and admin staff, we couldn't do it without them!

New School Cook

This week we have welcomed Charlotte to our school as our new school cook and midday supervisor. We are delighted to have at long last filled this vacancy and would like to say a big thank you to the staff who have been helping out over this period and to Kate our lovely peri cook who has kept everyone well fed. We look forward to working with Charlotte and getting to know her.

Infant Forest School

The infant children will be doing forest school on Thursday 30th November. Please make sure they have appropriate clothing that will keep them warm and dry when outside in the cold weather. Thank you.

FODS AGM

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting for the Friends of Danby School on Thursday 30th November at 2.45pm in school. This is a short but vital meeting which allows us to continue fundraising into the next year. Please come along if you are able to as a certain number of people are needed to attend to be able to proceed. Thank you.

Raffle tickets for our Christmas Draw are still available, please ask at the school office.

FODS Hunt the Elf

The 'Hunt the Elf' fundraiser will commence next Friday 1st December. Hunt sheets are £1.00 and can be collected from the school office.

Other Upcoming Events



Mince pies and mulled wine at the Christmas Play

Egton Christmas Market

Friends of Egton School annual Christmas Market is next Friday, 1st December, at Egton School 3:30-6pm. We have some amazing local stallholders, children's crafts, cakes, Games, tombola, raffle, 'No Parents Allowed' shop, Santa's Grotto and therefore a star guest appearance of the man himself, Father Christmas! Refreshments will be available including mince pies, teas and coffees, Christmas cake and non-alcoholic mulled wine!

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.

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.

Swimming	7/12
Forest School - Juniors	14/12
Forest School - Infants	30/11
FODS AGM	Thursday 30th November 2.45pm
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 - children to arrive at 6.00pm	Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Christmas crafts, Christmas dinner and Christmas party day	Thursday 21st December <i>Children may come to school in party clothes for the day</i>
Last day of term	Friday 22nd December

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



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.**