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Newsletter - Friday 25th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another super busy week which started with Y5/6 dangling from trees at Go Ape. We had a fabulous day in Dalby with the Go-Ape team and it was nice to see our friends from Egton there too! Everyone was very brave on the high ropes and they were a pleasure to take out for the day - well done guys!

Extended Restrictions and Events

Sports Day

After much consideration and after reviewing our risk assessments we have sadly come to the conclusion that we will not be able to invite parents to spectate at Sports Day this year. Even with limiting households to two spectators per child we do not consider that we can safely operate following the 2 metre distance rule, keeping separate bubbles and considering the access and available facilities. We are also mindful that several schools in our locality have had recent bubble closures and we would like to keep everyone as safe as possible in the hope that we can make it all the way to the end of term!

However, I would like to reassure you that we will still be having a sports day with the children. We will take lots of photos and share these with you at the earliest opportunity.

Leavers Service

We will act in accordance with the national guidance at that time. We are hopeful restrictions will be lifted by the 23rd July but would like to reassure the parents of children leaving Danby school this year that they will be invited to an event, whatever situation we find ourselves in and we have a couple of contingency plans just in case!

Thank a Teacher Day

Wednesday this week was national thank a teacher day but as headteacher I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to EVERYONE on the staff team. Each and every one of our staff have contributed to the last 15 months of 'school' in all its different forms. Everyone has helped in some way over the strangest and probably most stressful period of time that the education world has ever known. I am very proud of our staff team. THANK YOU!

Sun Hats & Sun Cream

Please can we ask that you supply your child/ren with sun tan cream and a sun hat, as the weather seems to have realised that it is Summer after all. Please ensure that both the bottle/tube of cream and the hat is marked with your child's name or alternatively please do apply an 8 hour lasting sun cream before school.

National Book Token Competition

A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.

National Book Tokens' big prize draw is back, giving you the chance to win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library – and if your entry is picked, you'll also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself! Please ask your friends and family to enter and nominate Danby CE VC School. The more nominations we receive , the more chances we have of winning.

Find out about other previous winners, and enter this year's competition, by following the link [HERE](#) . The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.

Diary Dates

Film Night PTFA fundraiser - Wednesday 14th July 3.30-5.15pm

Y6 Leavers Service - Friday 23rd July - 9.30am

Next week, I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Egton School on Tuesday and Thursday.

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 28th May - Break up for Half Term
Monday 7th June - Children return to School at 9am
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