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Newsletter **Friday 25th November 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Need

Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised a magnificent £97.50 for the BBC Children in Need Appeal 2022. We still have a couple of cake tins that haven't been claimed yet so if you are missing one, please let us know. Esklets Playgroup have asked us to include their fundraising money also with ours so the total I am sending to Children in Need is £104.10. Thank you to everyone.

Adverse weather conditions

The weather has turned this week and it is noticeably colder! As such, we are sending out a reminder of our school policy in the event of adverse weather conditions such as snow. We are also asking that everyone completes a 'Safe place' form so that we have an alternative place logged for your child to go to should the school need to close during the school day. Please complete this form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

[Click here to view the snow policy.](#)

Ainthorpe Educational Trust

We would like to thank Ainthorpe Educational Trust for their donation to enable us to buy a new picnic table for the school field for the children to use. Thanks also to Chris and Pam Butters for braving the cold and putting together the jigsaw!

Influenza Childhood Immunisation Programme 2022

The School Age Immunisation Service will be visiting Danby School on the morning of 30th November to deliver the Influenza Immunisation Programme. Only children whose parents have given consent via the online consent form will be included.

FODS News

Christmas Movie Night

There will be a Christmas movie night for the children on Thursday 8th December in school between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. The infants will be watching 'Nativity!' and the juniors will be watching 'The Christmas Chronicles'. Both of these films are classified as 'PG' so we do need your permission for them to attend. We will be serving popcorn and juice followed by pizza, chips and an ice lolly. The cost of movie night is £4.50 per child. Please complete the [google form here](#) to book a place for your child/children and send in the money to school. Thank you!

Christmas Raffle

We are continuing to sell raffle tickets and a book has been given to every child in school to bring home. If you are unable to sell these or have already bought some, please could you return the book to school - thank you. If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize, please could you bring it into school. This can be anything as it is not just a raffle for children. If you have links with any local businesses who may like to donate a prize, we would be grateful if you could ask them on our behalf. The raffle will be drawn at the school Christmas play on Tuesday 13th December. Thank you very much.

St Margaret's Church, Aislaby - Display of Nativity Scenes

We are delighted to be taking part in the above event at St Margaret's Church in Aislaby. The children are going to be creating a Nativity Scene in school that will be included in the display at the church. The exhibition commences with a Carol service and blessing of the cribs on Sunday 18th December at 3.00pm, and is open for viewing daily thereafter between 1.30-4.00pm up to and including Christmas Eve. Entrance is free and seasonal refreshments available throughout each afternoon. They would love to welcome any of our parents and children.

Local Teacher Training

The Esk Valley Alliance is pleased to announce that it is now taking applications for Initial Teacher Training for those that wish to become primary school teachers. Working in partnership with York St John University, the Esk Valley school-centred (School Direct ITT) primary programme is committed to delivering outstanding education and training that is current and relevant. With the Esk Valley Alliance you will work as part of the teaching team from day one, (similar to student medics in hospitals) learning from experienced, practising colleagues and immediately putting your new skills into practice.

Forthcoming Information Events:

Pickering Memorial Hall Beckett Room - 10am to 1pm on Saturday 19th November. Zoom drop in - 29th November - 5pm-6pm.

For more information and Zoom link please contact: Liz Orland, Headteacher, Egton CE School 01947 895369

headteacher@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Swimming

The children will be swimming next Thursday 1st December.

Mrs Lillie's Music Lessons

If your child would like to start music lessons in January with Mrs Lillie, please email her directly at alixhoste@hotmail.com. 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.

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.

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| Forest School | 8/12 |
| Swimming | 1/12, 15/12 |
| 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 |
| Christmas Dinner in school | Wednesday 14th December |
| Christmas Party in school | Thursday 15th December (no swimming) |
| Last day of term | Friday 15th December |

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



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.

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](#)