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Newsletter - Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Red Nose Day

The final total that was donated from our dress up day and cake sale last Friday was a fantastic £101.54! Thank you so much for all your support. This money has now been paid into the Comic Relief fund. Thanks again, you're all brilliant!

Straws Cup

On Tuesday after school, our older children took part in the Straws Cup football tournament held on the new 3G pitch at Eskdale School. For those who are not aware, the Straws Cup has been long established as football's equivalent to the World Cup! Our Danby team played brilliantly and showed great team spirit and determination. They progressed through to the knockout stages but then sadly lost and were knocked out. Despite the disappointment, they were gracious in defeat making us very proud. Everyone gave their all and the year 6 children set a fantastic example to our year 4's by encouraging them to keep going and get more involved. By the end of the tournament, the year 4's improved in confidence and everyone enjoyed the experience. Thank you to parents for supporting the children and taking them to the event.

Parent Consultation Evenings - Spring Term

We will be holding our Spring Term parent consultation evenings on Tuesday 5th April and Thursday 7th April. These will take place face to face in school from 3.40pm until 6.00pm on Tuesday and 3.40pm until 5.00pm on Thursday. To enable us to allocate 10 minute time slots, please [click here](#) to access the online booking form.

This form must be completed by **Wednesday 30th March** to allow us time to allocate time slots and these will then be emailed out to you on Friday 1st April. Thank you.

Covid Vaccinations for Children.

We have been asked to share the following information with you. Please see [attached leaflet](#) and a hyperlink below. The leaflet states appointments will be available from April, over the Easter holidays, and further slots will become available later. .

- [Covid-19 Guide for Parents of 5-11 year olds](#)

Village Jubilee Party - Update

Danby village are holding a Queens Jubilee party for anyone to attend on Friday 3rd June 2022, starting at 1pm in the village hall, car park and green. Food stalls will be available.

They will be holding a “best Victoria Sponge” cake competition for everyone to enter and a drawing and poetry competition for the children which we will be contributing to as a school.

FRIENDS OF DANBY SCHOOL

Film Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the film night on yesterday, I hope your children enjoyed the evening. We raised a fabulous £70.05 for The Friends of Danby School. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Easter Bingo

We are pleased to say that we are busy organising our **Easter Bingo fundraiser at 6pm on Wednesday 6th April** to be held at school. Tickets will be £3 adults/ £2 children and will include a Bingo card, Hot dog supper and a drink. Further Bingo cards will be available on the night.

We will be having an **Easter Themed Tombola** on the night and would like to ask for prize donations. This time we are trying something new to (hopefully) make it easier for you all and save you using precious fuel going to the shops! We have created a ‘wish list’ for our Easter themed tombola prizes on our Amazon account. [Please click here to access the list](#). If you would be willing to buy something on the list, please follow these instructions:

- select items from the wish list and add to basket,
- proceed to checkout
- select the delivery address ‘Sarah Buckworth’s Gift Registry Address’,
- check them out and then they will be delivered directly to school.

We are hoping that this is a much more convenient way for you to shop for this event. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated on this way of working.

If you would like to buy tickets for the bingo, please email Sarah at admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk with how many tickets you would like. Any questions, please just ask!

Free School Meals

Following a recent review, NYCC have noticed that a number of eligible children are not taking up the offer of a free school meal. We know there are a variety of reasons for this and we’d like to continue to work in partnership with you to increase the numbers of children benefiting from a hot school meal.

Free school meals could save families up to £450 a year per child; a much needed financial boost due to the cost of living increasing.

If anyone is unsure if they are eligible, or if you need any help to apply, please contact Sarah in the school office who would be happy to help.

COVID Update

We have had 0 confirmed cases in school this week which is fantastic news. Please remain vigilant and follow the advice sent to you in previous emails. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Swimming	Thursdays 24/3, 28/4, 12/5, 26/5,
Forest School	Thursdays 31/3, 5/5, 19/5,
Easter holidays	11th April - 22nd April

Next week, I will be at Danby on Monday and Wednesday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday. I am attending a training course on Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,



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.

Federation Jubilee Arrangements

As the Jubilee celebrations fall during the half term holiday we are making a special plan for our own Jubilee celebration with both schools within our federation. A shared lunch is planned for both schools on Friday 27th May at Danby Village Hall. We very much hope to be in a position to invite parents to join us, so please do save the date and further details will follow in due course!

Castleton Cricket Club

Castleton CC will be running Dynamos and All Stars cricket programmes for primary school children again this year. The programmes are accredited by the English Cricket Board and are delivered by trained coaches. Dynamos is a 7-week programme starting in May and is for children approx aged 8-11 (juniors). All Stars is an 8-week programme for children approx aged 5-7 (infants). Sessions are on Thursdays evenings at Castleton cricket pitch. All abilities welcome. If you would like to find out more or book a place, please visit:

Dynamos:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/5bc82e88-03be-487d-a6db-4da62ee15b9c>

All Stars: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/bdf3b2e8-d953-43e4-aa3c-41560b1a49d0>

If you have any questions, please contact castletoncricketclub@gmail.com

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.’

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.**

Village Jubilee Event

We have been asked to let you know that there is a Danby village and children’s event being planned to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd June - Save the date and further details will be shared in due course.

Reminder of Snow policy and arrangements

Please find our current [snow policy](#).

Please watch your emails and school facebook page on icy and snowy mornings for any key messages. Thank you.

Covid-19 rules on self isolation

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead NHS Test and Trace will make contact and advise that a PCR test is taken.

Therefore, children are allowed to come to school even if someone in their household has tested positive but only if they have no symptoms themselves.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club is available daily from 8am. Bookings are not always necessary. £2.50 per child including breakfast.

Easy fundraising

We are registered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.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.

Coop Community Fund

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to support Danby School in the Co-op Community Fund. If you have a co-op membership card, just log onto your account and select our cause then swipe or scan your membership card every time you shop. [Click here](#) for more information about our cause. Thank you in advance for your support to our children and our school.