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Dear Parents and Carers,

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We were proud to support our local coffee morning today. Year Six, along with Mrs Jackson and Mrs Orland enjoyed a sunny walk followed by tea, cake and a go on the raffle. As always our children were a credit to our school and a pleasure to take out.

KS1 Multi-skills

Last Friday afternoon, children in years 1 and 2 went to Caedmon College in Whitby to take part in a multi skills event along with many other schools from the local area. During the afternoon they took part in a variety of activities including throwing, jumping and running. The children had a lovely time and enjoyed the experience.

York Chocolate Story

On Tuesday, the whole school went to York Chocolate Story for an educational visit to enhance this term's topic 'Chocolate'. Throughout the trip the children took part in a workshop based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory where they learnt about the characters and then made their own edible chocolate wallpaper. They also took part in a chocolate story tour where they learnt all about the history of chocolate and how chocolate is made. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

Harvest Festival

Next Thursday, we will be having our Harvest Festival Service at St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale starting at 9.15am. A separate letter has been emailed out with details but I have included a copy [here](#) for your information. We are once again collecting donations for the Whitby Food Bank this year and this will form the basis for our Harvest Display in Church. If you feel you are able to donate a small offering, please bring it into school at any time from now until the Harvest Festival. A complete list of items which are needed by the foodbank can be found [HERE](#).

We have been asked to share the following information with you:

Whitby Music Centre will be holding an Open morning this Saturday (30th). We run a number of musical groups every Saturday morning catering for woodwind, brass and strings. We have

groups for beginners (if a child can play just five notes they can join us) and then all levels up to very advanced. Adults are very welcome and many already come.

- 9.30 -10.45am: Whitby Training Band (beginner Brass & Woodwind)
- 9.30 -10.45am: Esk Valley Concert Band (advanced Brass & Wind)
- 9.30 -10am: Starter Strings (for beginners)
- 10.00 -10.30am: Improver Strings (all ages welcome)
- 11.00 -12.15 pm: Whitby Area Band (more experienced players)
- 11.00 -12.15 pm: Jazz Collective (playing jazz and big band music)
- 10.45 -12pm: String Ensemble (all ages and abilities welcome)

Free Violin Lessons from Whitby Music Centre

Whitby Music Centre is offering violin lessons for a year for any pupil in years 3,4,5 or 6.

FREE tuition

FREE instrument hire

FREE music

Lessons are at 9.30 - 10.00 on Saturdays at Caedmon 6th Form every week during school term time.

Lessons are in small groups, and spaces are limited.

If you are interested, contact Bob.Butterfield@northyorks.gov.uk to secure your place.

Bag2School Collection - Tuesday 17th October

Bag2School will be collecting from Danby School playground on Tuesday 17th October at 9.00am. Thank you so much in advance for your support.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Please just use a bin bag or other large bag and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Children In Distress 'Love in a Box' Appeal 2023

We will once again be supporting the above appeal for this charity this November. Leaflets have been sent home. If you would like to take part, please send in your filled shoebox/drawstring cloth bag, in a sealed carrier bag with the £2 delivery donation into school NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER. The boxes/bags will be collected by a Children In Distress representative on Thursday 16th November. Thank you for your support with this worthy project.

Sunshine After School Club

We have been delighted with how our new Sunshine After School Club has been going since we came back. Please note that sessions are charged as follows:

3.30pm - 4.30pm £2.50

4.30pm - 5.30pm £3.00

3.30pm - 5.30pm £5.50 (including Wednesdays)

If children are collected anytime within the second hour, the full second hour will be charged. If children are collected later than 5.30pm, a late charge of £30 will be applied.

Stay and Play sessions - Spread the word!

Our next Stay and Play sessions for prospective new starters September 2024 will be on **Tuesday 17th October between 10.30am - 11.30am and Wednesday 15th November 2.00pm-3.00pm**. During the session, children will be able to take part in a variety of activities in our Infant and Early Years class and outdoor area. We will serve refreshments part way through the session so please let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements.

If you would like any more information, please don't hesitate to give us a ring on 01287 660345 and ask for Sarah or Mrs Motteu. For Safeguarding reasons, all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a nursery member of staff.

Parentpay

Thank you to everyone who has set up their Parentpay account. School dinners and clubs are now being charged via your account. Additional payment items such as voluntary contributions for trips can be made in the 'pay for other items' area. Please let Sarah know if you are having any problems. If you haven't managed to do so already, please set up your account as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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.

Half Term	30/10 - 3/11 Children return on Monday 6th November
Swimming	5/10, 19/10, 9/11, 23/11, 7/12, 21/12
Forest School - Juniors	12/10, 16/11, 14/12
Forest School - Infants	26/10, 30/11
Harvest Festival	5th October 9.15am St Hilda's Church Danby
Year 5 and 6 Bikeability	Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October
Stay and Play sessions for new starters	Tuesday 17th October 10.30-11.30am Wednesday 15th November 2.00-3.00pm

Love in a Box shoebox collection	Thursday 16th November
Children in Need appeal day	Friday 17th November
Friday 8th December	School photos - individual/sibling
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough 'Beauty and the Beast'
School play all day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall	Tuesday 19th December
School Christmas Play at Danby Village Hall	Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Last day of term	Friday 22nd December

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



Liz Orland
Headteacher

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

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.**

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.