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## **Newsletter** **Friday 30th September 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning**

I am delighted to let you know that Lizzi Snaith and her helpers raised a magnificent £555.80 at the coffee morning last Friday. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and well done Lizzi!

### **Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament**

On Tuesday afternoon, our year 5 girls joined together with the girls from Egton School to make a team in the Y5/6 girls football tournament at Eskdale School in Whitby. They all played very well, showing great teamwork, Mr Featherstone was very proud of them. Well done to Ivy, Lota, Elfiede and Ariadne!



### **Forest School**

The children had a great time at Forest School on Thursday afternoon. They stayed on site this week as there are currently cows in the field down to the woods. They were kept very busy peeling sticks to make flag poles, making forest jewellery and nature picture frames. They also had great fun building shelters to protect them from the elements. These were put to the test afterwards by pouring water on top of them to check they were water tight!



### **All the fun of the Fair - Change to Dinner Menu**

Next week County Caters are holding a promotional meal on Thursday 6th October. We will be having the following:

Hot Dog  
Chips  
Ketchup  
Sweetcorn  
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Dipping Dinky Doughnuts

There is no need to pre order, if your child would like to have school lunch on Thursday, they just need to let the teacher know at registration that morning. There will be a vegetarian hotdog option for those who require it.

### **Rugby Megafest**

Unfortunately, the rugby megafest that the juniors were meant to be going to this afternoon was cancelled due to the bad weather forecast. It has been rescheduled for next Friday afternoon so we will keep our fingers crossed for a dryer day and that it can go ahead!

### **Scarborough Castle Visit - Tuesday 4th October**

We are looking forward to the trip on Tuesday to Scarborough Castle. [Here is a link](#) to the letter emailed out this week for all the details. The coach is due to leave school at 8.15am so if children could be here just before that please, we can get away promptly. Thank you.

### **Octoberfest Run - Sunday 2nd October**

Just a little reminder that the Octoberfest Fun Run takes place at Caedmon College Whitby on Sunday with the first race starting at 2pm. This is organised by Whitby Rotary Club & Caedmon College. Entries taken on the day and it costs £2.50. All finishers will receive a ribboned medal.

### **Harvest Festival**

This is advance notice of our Harvest Festival that will take place at St Hilda's Church in Danby Dale at 9.00am on Friday 14th October. Parents/carers and families are very welcome to attend the service. We will be asking for 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. Please could we ask that only dry goods/non perishable items are brought in. Thank you in advance for anything you feel you can contribute.

### **Great North Run**

Just a reminder that we are collecting any sponsor money and donations from Donna's amazing Great North Run. Thank you.

### **Bag2School Collection**

A reminder that there will be a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 18th October to raise funds for the FODS. Please [click here](#) to read about the charity and also the items that are accepted. Please could bags be dropped off at school by 9.00am on the morning of the 18th. Thank you.

## **Swimming**

On Thursday afternoon the children will be going swimming at Whitby Leisure Centre.

## **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.

## **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 2022-23 term dates.

<b>Half Term</b>	24/10 - 28/10 Children return on Monday 31st October
<b>Forest School</b>	13/10, 10/11, 24/11, 8/12
<b>Swimming</b>	6/10, 20/10, 3/11, 17/11, 1/12, 15/12
<b>KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) Rugby Megafest</b>	Friday 4th October
<b>Harvest Festival - St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale</b>	9.00am Friday 14th October

Next week I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Danby on Thursday. On Tuesday I will be at York St John University in meetings all day.



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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## **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](http://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.

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### **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.

### **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.

### **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](#)

