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**Newsletter**  
**Friday 31st March 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodness, the end of term crept up on us quickly! What a really busy week we've all had. Thank you to everyone who joined us for parent's evenings and our lovely church service this morning. A huge thank you to Rev. Sally for leading the service.

We've also enjoyed our special Easter Dinner on Wednesday, Movie Night on Thursday, our Easter picnic lunch, an Easter Crafts session and a tuck shop today and the juniors were out and about at an amazing 'Maths Circus' in Whitby earlier in the week!

We are all ready for the Easter celebrations and a good rest!

**Homework Policy Consultation**

We are currently consulting on our [Homework Policy](#). Please find the form attached if you didn't get to complete one at Parent's evening. Thank you.

**Childcare Consultation**

The governors are holding a parent consultation on the need for After School Care Provision at Danby School. Again if you didn't get to complete a form at Parent's Evening, please find the form attached. Thank you.

**Breakfast Club**

Please could we respectfully remind you that Breakfast Club starts at 8am. Please do not drop your children off prior to 8am or leave them in the playground to walk in unsupervised as this is a safeguarding issue. Thank you.

**Farewell**

Today, we said farewell to Lorraine, our school cook, as she is transferring to a school nearer to her home. She was presented with a beautiful orchid and card. We have a relief cook in post for after Easter whilst this post is advertised. If you might be interested in this position (training offered) please do get in touch or see the advert [HERE](#).

**Summer Term Menu**

Please see our summer term dinner menu attached from North Yorkshire County Caterers. Please note this may be subject to last minute changes at times due to deliveries and availability.

**After School Clubs after Easter**

After school clubs will resume after the Easter holidays on a Wednesday night from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Children may choose between sports, art/crafts, games and gardening clubs. They can decide on the day and don't need to stick to the same one each week.

### **Note to Year 2 Parents**

We have been selected at random by the DfE and National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to trial national curriculum assessment materials for key stage 1. This is only for children in year 2. Please [click here for a parent information leaflet](#).

## **Looking for something for the kids to do this Easter?**

### **Castle Howard**

Looking for something to do in the Easter holidays? Please let your students and families know that this event is taking place. Plenty of places available. We are offering a Nature Rangers day for 5–11-year-olds to explore the environment, develop creative skills, working both inside and out. The theme is birds.

Some schools have added this information to newsletters, e- newsletters and websites. Please either use the poster attached or the link below:

[Nature Rangers Day — Yorkshire Arboretum](#)

### **East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre**

East Barnby Outdoor Education Centre, run by North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service, is running an Easter holiday club for kids between the age of 9 and 12. The club will run on Tuesday the 4th of April and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of April, and they are offering a pickup and drop off service from the Whitby Leisure Centre – picking up at 9am and returning at 4:45pm.

Led by full-time outdoor tutors who lead children of all ages and abilities on outdoor adventures all year, your child can look forward to an epic adventure that will make this Easter holiday one to remember! Activities include canoeing, rock climbing, river scrambling, and a seashore explore – tried and tested favourites for children this age. And don't worry, all specialist clothing and equipment will be provided.

The cost for the holiday club is £55 per child per day, which includes lunch. Your child can attend one day or both. The pickup and drop off service is at no additional charge.

To book, or if you have any questions, please give Wendy at East Barnby a call on 01947 893 333

### **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 and 2023-24 term dates.

<b>Easter holidays</b>	Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April
<b>Training Day</b>	Monday 17th April
<b>Children return to school for the summer term</b>	Tuesday 18th April

After Easter, I will be at Egton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Danby on Tuesday and Thursday. Please note that Monday is a staff training day and Danby staff will be at Egton School.

Best wishes,



Liz Orland

Headteacher

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

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### **Adverse weather conditions**

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

### **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.

### **Ukraine Resources**

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.

## **All Stars Cricket**

### **What is All Stars Cricket?**

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-7 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies. Your child's pack will include:

- Backpack
- Cricket bat
- Cricket ball
- Personalised t-shirt with your child's name

All children returning to All Stars will receive a kit bag, a set of stumps, a new ball and a personalised t-shirt.

[Further information can be found here](#)

### **What is Dynamos Cricket?**

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Complementing junior cricket, Dynamos provides children with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

[Further information can be found here](#)

All classes will be run at Castleton Cricket Club, where there are U9, U11, U13 cricket teams the children can be a part of.

## **Confirmation Year 5 and 6**

To enable us to know whether we need to plan a programme of summer confirmation classes and a confirmation service, **please could you let us know by email** if your child would like to be confirmed into the Church of England. Thank you.

Confirmation is the service at which children make for themselves the promises to God made on their behalf at their Baptism, usually by their parents and Godparents. It shows their desire to be committed as a Christian.

The minimum age for Confirmation is 9 years but there is no upper limit! Adults as well as children would be most welcome and we are able to pass on details of all interested parties.

## **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.

### **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](#)