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## **Newsletter Friday 6th October 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Harvest Festival**

We were treated to a wonderful Harvest Festival service on Thursday morning at St Hilda's Church in Danby Dale. The children sang beautifully and the readings from the Juniors were really clear and delivered perfectly. A huge thank you to the children and staff for their hard work and also to all our parents and families who came along and supported the children. Thank you for all of the wonderful donations to Food Bank, these will be much appreciated by the Food Bank team and clients

### **Year 5 and 6 girls football**

Last Friday afternoon, the girls from years 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament at Eskdale School. They all played extremely well and showed great team spirit. They finished first in their pool which was a fantastic achievement. Well done to Ivy, Cara, Lily, Charlotte, Alice, Ariadne and Elfriede!

### **Music Lessons with Mrs Lillie**

Next week Mrs Lillie will be delivering her music lessons to those children who have them on Monday instead of Wednesday.

### **FODS Meeting**

There will be a FODS meeting at 2.45pm next Thursday afternoon at school. We will be organising the Christmas fundraising events that will pay for your child/children to have those extra things at Christmas that the school would otherwise not be able to put on. These include a Christmas Theatre Trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough which is always a lovely morning but does come at a significant cost. If you are able to come along and offer some help, it would be greatly appreciated.

### **Forest School**

Next week it is the turn of the Juniors for Forest School on Thursday afternoon. Please make sure children have suitable outer clothing and gloves. Thank you.

## **Whitby Secondary Partnership Open Evening**

There is an open evening for children in years 5 and 6 to meet colleagues and children from Caedmon and Eskdale School on Wednesday 25 October 4.30pm - 6.30pm at the Caedmon site.

## **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.

<b>Half Term</b>	30/10 - 3/11 Children return on Monday 6th November
<b>Swimming</b>	19/10, 9/11, 23/11, 7/12, 21/12
<b>Forest School - Juniors</b>	16/11, 14/12
<b>Forest School - Infants</b>	26/10, 30/11
<b>Year 5 and 6 Bikeability</b>	Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October
<b>Stay and Play sessions for new starters</b>	Tuesday 17th October 10.30-11.30am Wednesday 15th November 2.00-3.00pm
<b>Love in a Box shoebox collection</b>	Thursday 16th November
<b>Children in Need appeal day</b>	Friday 17th November
<b>Friday 8th December</b>	School photos - individual/sibling
<b>Wednesday 13th December</b>	Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough 'Beauty and the Beast'
<b>School play all day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall</b>	Tuesday 19th December
<b>School Christmas Play at Danby Village Hall</b>	Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
<b>Last day of term</b>	Friday 22nd December

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



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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

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### **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](http://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](mailto: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](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.