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Newsletter **Friday 7th October 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultation Evening

This term's parents consultation evenings are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 18th October 3.40pm - 5.00pm and Thursday 20th October 3.40pm - 6.30pm. Appointments are made via a google form which can be accessed [here](#). Sarah in the school office will then confirm back to you directly via email the time slot that you have been allocated. Appointment times will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you have any trouble accessing the form, please let Sarah know. Many thanks.

Y5/6 Boys Football Tournament

On Wednesday afternoon, Edward (year 5) and Seth (year 6) joined together with the boys from Egton School to make a team in the Y5/6 boys football tournament at Eskdale School in Whitby. They all played very well, showing great teamwork and finished runners up which was brilliant! Well done to Seth who scored an amazing goal and well done to both him and Edward who showed fantastic football skills throughout the tournament. Fabulous boys!

Scarborough Castle Visit - Tuesday 4th October

On Tuesday, the whole school went on an educational visit to Scarborough Castle as part of their topic of 'Kings and Queen's'. It was an early start but everyone was very excited heading off on the coach! I asked 2 children from the infants and 2 from the juniors if they could recount what they had learnt. They were very animated about telling me and I would like to share this with you in their own words.....

Harvey and James - age 6

"The castle was built out of timber in the olden days but is now built out of bricks and the toilets were called 'Guardrobes'. Attackers who wanted to break into castles would dig a hole under the castle, put pigs in the hole, set fire to them and the walls would burn down. It was a very big castle and the windows were tall, flat at the bottom and curved at the top. The shields were made out of leather and wood. We went into the Kings Hall and held a goblet made out of

leather that they used to drink alcohol out of. There was a 'Buttery' where they used to make wine. It was called a Buttery because the barrels were called buttery barrels. One of the men dressed up as a Knight and had a helmet on with padding underneath. We did 3 smell tests and these were stinky poo, smoke and fire from the fireplace. There was a very deep well with salt water in it but we didn't go near it because it was dangerous and very deep!"

Lota age 10 and Elfriede age 9

"The attackers threw rotten fish at the castle and if it fell into the well, it would kill the water supply and put bacteria in it. The toilets were a pit and they would send little boys, some as young as 5, to clean them out which was horrible. They did sometimes find money though and were allowed to keep it. The well is 47 metres deep! King John used to go to Scarborough Castle for his holidays and there is a King John Hall and a King John Chamber at the castle named after him. In the hall there is a Buttery where they used to make wine. It is called a Buttery because the barrels are called Butts. The soldiers used to wear the same aprons if they were fighting on the same side so that they knew not to fight against them. They used 2 different arrows, one called a 'Bodkin' and a 'Broadhead'. Scarborough Castle was captured for 3 days and then they got it back. It was ruined in WW1 when Scarborough Coast was bombed and the castle crumbled"

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place at St Hilda's Church, Danby on Friday 14th October starting at 9.00am. Please see the [separate letter attached](#) to this email for further details.

Great North Run

I am delighted to let you know that Donna raised a magnificent £160 for the Friends of Danby School by taking part in the Great North Run! On behalf of FODS, thank you so much for your efforts Donna, the children will benefit greatly from your fundraising efforts.

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.

Forest School

On Thursday afternoon the children will be doing Forest School at school.

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.

Half Term	24/10 - 28/10 Children return on Monday 31st October
Forest School	13/10, 10/11, 24/11, 8/12
Swimming	20/10, 3/11, 17/11, 1/12, 15/12
Harvest Festival - St Hilda's Church, Danby Dale	9.00am Friday 14th October
Parent Consultation Evenings	Tuesday 18th October 3.40-5.00pm Thursday 29th October 3.40-6.30pm
Bag2School	Tuesday 18th October

Next week I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning (Harvest Festival) and Egton on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon (Harvest Festival).



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.

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](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.

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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](#)