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## **Newsletter Friday 8th December 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day yesterday. The children looked wonderful and we raised £37 for the charity.

### **Film Night**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas film night last night. If you haven't yet paid, please could you bring the money into school on Monday (£4.50 per child). I hope everyone had a lovely time and as always, we thank you for your support.

### **Mrs Lillie Music Lessons**

For children who have music lessons with Mrs Lillie, please bring your instruments and music to school on MONDAY instead of Wednesday next week.

### **Christmas Theatre Trip**

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school are going to Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough to watch this year's Christmas performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'. The cost for the tickets is being funded by FOES and we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the coach of £3.50 per child. This may be paid via your child's Parentpay account.

We will have an early start leaving school at 8.15am - please can all children be at school no later than 8.05am to ensure a prompt departure. We regret that we will not be able to delay leaving if there are any latecomers. The show will finish at approximately 12.00pm and we will leave the theatre after we have had our packed lunches at approximately 13.00pm. Children should wear school uniform for the trip.

### **Forest School**

Next week the Juniors will be doing Forest School on Thursday afternoon. Please make sure they have plenty of warm clothes, wellies and waterproofs.

If anyone has any balls of wool they can donate to our Forest School box, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

### **FODS Christmas Raffle**

We are collecting prizes in school for the FODS Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas play on Wednesday 21st. If you have any prizes you can donate, please bring them into school. If you know of any local businesses that you think may donate a prize, please ask Sarah in the school office for a letter to give them. Please check first before you approach them in case they have already been asked. Thank you.

### **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>Forest School - Juniors</b>	14/12
<b>Christmas theatre trip to Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough 'Beauty and the Beast'</b>	Wednesday 13th December
<b>School play all day dress rehearsal at Danby Village Hall</b>	Tuesday 19th December
<b>School Christmas Play at Danby Village Hall - children to arrive at 6.00pm</b>	Wednesday 20th December 2.00pm and 6.30pm
<b>Christmas crafts, Christmas dinner and Christmas party day</b>	Thursday 21st December <b><i>Children may come to school in party clothes for the day</i></b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	Friday 22nd December

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



Liz Orland  
Headteacher

**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

### **Tax Free Childcare**

Danby School has registered to enable you to have access to Tax Free Childcare for wraparound care at school. Our wraparound service covers both breakfast club and sunshine club sessions as they are chargeable. Please on the link below for more information on how it works.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

### **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**

A reminder about 'easyfundraising' now that we are coming up to Christmas. 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.

Please visit our easyfundraising page at:

[Danby School Easyfundraising](#) and click 'join us'. Thank you.