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Newsletter - Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of another very busy, very brilliant week at Danby School! On Tuesday we were treated to, not one but two performances of this year's summer play, 'Hoodwinked'. The children's (and staff's) hard work during the many weeks of rehearsal paid off and they were all super confident and performed so well. We are so proud of them and they are a credit to you all. As I said before the show, this is the first time the children have been able to perform to you on the Danby Village Hall stage for over 21/2 years and it was an absolute pleasure to be a part of it. Thank you to you all for your support and preparation of the wonderful costumes. We're already looking forward to the next one!

We chose to support the 'Save the Children Ukraine Fund' and due to the generosity of both our lovely audiences, we raised a magnificent £316.60! This has already been sent off and will be very gratefully received. Thank you so much.

Covid-19

We have had one positive test for Covid-19 within our school community today. Please follow the following government guidance if your child displays any symptoms or has a positive test result:

What is the advice if pupils (aged 18 years and under) have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19?

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to return.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

It can be difficult to know when to seek help if a child is unwell. If you are worried, especially if they are aged under 2 years old, then you should seek medical help.

What is the advice for those aged under 18 years who have taken a test for COVID-19 and the result is positive?

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. If after 3 days they feel well and do not have a high temperature then they can return to the setting. Whilst further testing during the same period of infection is not currently advised under national guidance, should individuals continue to test positive after 3 days (or 5 days if aged 18 or over) then return to setting should be risk-assessed.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

The government have produced an info graphic to provide advice on how to reduce the spread of infection with the people you live with if you have COVID-19.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1071703/Reducing_household_transmission_English.pdf

FODS Summer Fayre

We had a great summer fayre last Friday and thank you all for coming along. It was a little chaotic due to the weather forcing us to set up inside the school, but we got there in the end and it was a very successful event. The total amount taken on the day was £346.25 before expenses, which is fabulous! A huge thank you to Danby Fire Service for kindly providing the Fire Engine for us to visit during the fair.

Rounders

On Wednesday afternoon, some of the junior children took part in a rounders competition at Caedmon College, Whitby. This was a Y5/6 event but as we were short of numbers, we asked some of the Y3/4 children to play and they bravely stepped up! Well done everyone for taking part and showing some great team spirit!

Meadow Walk

On Wednesday afternoon, the infants had a walk up to Kate and John Graham's beautiful, wild flower meadow. Thankfully the sun was shining and we learnt all about the wild flowers and grasses. Following the trip, the infants have been recreating the beautiful flowers by doing paintings in school.

Food Bank Collection

The foodbank is very heavily used over the summer holidays by local families and school children and we will soon be making the last donation of the school year to Whitby Food Bank. If you are able to help us with donations please drop these into the school office before Wednesday 20th July. Further information about the food bank including a list of items needed can be found on their website: [Foodbank4Whitby](https://www.foodbank4whitby.org/)

Transition Week

Next week, the year 6 children will be attending transition days at their chosen secondary schools. We will be welcoming our new reception children for a couple of taster mornings on Tuesday and Wednesday and all children will be 'moving up' into their new year groups for a few days.

FEAST Activities

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in. All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for children and young people on benefits-related Free School Meals. There is so much to choose from – come and take a look at what's on at <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast> or see the flyer attached.

Diary Dates

Swimming	Thursdays 14/7
Forest School	Thursdays 21/7
<u>Transition week:</u> Y6 Caedmon College & Eskdale School	Monday 11th - Friday 15th July
Y6 Stokesley School	Weds 13th, Thurs 14th, Fri 15th July
Y2 move up mornings and Reception 2022 new starters mornings at Danby School	Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th July
Year 6 leaver trip	Monday 18th July
Last day of term! Y6 Leavers Service at Danby School 9.30am Teddy Bears Picnic Non uniform day	Friday 22nd July

The term dates for this academic year and the next, including professional development days, are kept up to date on our school website. [Click here to access the page.](#)

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

With best wishes,



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.

Castleton Cricket Club

Castleton CC will be running Dynamos and All Stars cricket programmes for primary school children again this year. The programmes are accredited by the English Cricket Board and are delivered by trained coaches. Dynamos is a 7-week programme starting in May and is for children approx aged 8-11 (juniors). All Stars is an 8-week programme for children approx aged 5-7 (infants). Sessions are on Thursdays evenings at Castleton cricket pitch. All abilities welcome. If you would like to find out more or book a place, please visit:

Dynamos:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/Course/5bc82e88-03be-487d-a6db-4da62ee15b9c>

All Stars: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/bdf3b2e8-d953-43e4-aa3c-41560b1a49d0>

If you have any questions, please contact castletoncricketclub@gmail.com

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.’

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.**

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](#)

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club is available daily from 8am. Bookings are not always necessary. £2.50 per child including breakfast.

Easy fundraising

We are registered with 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.

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.